

**Lied Public Library Policy****Section: Collections, Computers, and Technology****Subject: Controversial Materials****Board****Approved:03/2005****Reviewed: 07/2011****Revised:1/2009, 10/2015**

## Controversial Materials

The Board of the Lied Public Library endorses the Freedom to Read<sup>1</sup> and Freedom to View Statement<sup>2</sup> and their interpretations. Materials selected under the Collection Development Policy are considered protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Public libraries preserve and enhance the people's right to a broader range of ideas than those held by any one librarian, publisher or group. On occasion, there can be diverse opinions by individuals or groups as to what is acceptable or appropriate for the collection. Library collections are not limited to only those ideas and information one person or group believes to be true, good and proper.

The Board of Trustees believes that anyone is free to reject for himself/herself library materials of which he or she does not approve. The individual cannot restrict the freedom of others to read, view or hear.

Parents or legal guardians have the responsibility to guide and direct the reading, viewing or listening of their own minor children. The library does not take the place of the parent or guardian.

Any patron who objects to the presence or absence of a work may do so by completing the *Statement of Concern About Library Resources* which can be obtained at the library. The professional staff and the Library Trustees will review challenges. The customer will be informed of the Trustee's decision. Their decision will be final.

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<sup>1</sup> **American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement**

[<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/freedomreadstatement>] accessed 10-5-15

<sup>2</sup> **American Library Association Freedom to View Statement**

[<http://www.ala.org/vrt/professionalresources/vrtresources/freedomtoview>] accessed 10-5-15