

**Lied Public Library Policy****Section: Collections, Computers, and Technology****Subject: Controversial Materials****Board****Approved:03/2005****Reviewed: 02/2020****Revised: 02/2022**

## Controversial Materials, Programs or Activities

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, person, publisher or group. On occasion, there can be diverse opinions by individuals or groups as to what is acceptable or appropriate for the Library. Library collections, programs and activities are not limited to only those ideas and information one person or group believes to be true, good and proper.

The Library does not endorse particular ideas, beliefs, or views. 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.

The Library Director and Board of Trustees are aware that customers may take issue with the inclusion of specific items, programs, or practices, and they welcome the expression of concern by customers. If your discussion with members of staff have not alleviated your concern please complete the *Statement of Concern About Library Resources* which can be obtained at the library. The professional staff and the Library Trustees will review challenge(s), Please note: the board meetings will be conducted in open session, as required by Iowa law, and the Statement of Concern will be made public. 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 02-18-2022

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

[<http://www.ala.org/vrt/professionalresources/vrtresources/freedomtoview>] accessed 02-18-2022

**Lied Public Library Policy**

**Section: Collection, Access, and Computers**

**Subject: Statement of Concern**

**Board**

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**Statement of Concern About Library Resources**

*Complete this form and return it to: Lied Public Library, Attn: Library Director, 100 East Garfield St., Clarinda, Iowa 51632. You may use the other side of this form or attach additional pages as necessary.*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you represent:** \_\_\_\_\_ **self** \_\_\_\_\_ **an organization (name)** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Resource on which you are commenting:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Book** \_\_\_\_\_ **Newspaper** \_\_\_\_\_ **AV Resource** \_\_\_\_\_ **Magazine**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Content of Library Program** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other**

**Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author/Producer** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What brought the issue (title, program, event) to your attention?**

**3. Have you read, viewed, or listened to the entire work?** \_\_\_\_\_ **yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **no**

**If not, with which parts are you familiar with?**

**3. Specifically, what are your objections? (Cite pages, instances, etc.)**

**4. What action do you seek as a result of this complaint?**

**5. Are there resource(s) you suggest that provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic? If so please provide your suggestions.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_