

Subject: Request for Reconsideration of Materials/Programs

Purpose:

To provide a process for patrons to voice their concerns about materials in the collection or programs they may find objectionable or inappropriate.

Policy:

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library welcomes comments and suggestions regarding the continued appropriateness of materials in the collection or programs offered by the library. It is the obligation of any public library to offer differing points of view on any topic. MFRL does not promulgate particular beliefs or views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply endorsement of the viewpoint of the author. Library materials shall not be marked or identified to indicate approval or disapproval of the contents, nor will items be sequestered, except for the purpose of protecting them from damage or theft.

A formal, written request for reconsideration of materials/programs may be submitted to the Library Director. Copies of the “Request for Reconsideration of Materials/Programs” form are available at each branch library or from the administrative office.

For a request for reconsideration to be considered, the “Request for Reconsideration of Materials/Programs” form must be completed in full. The patron submitting the request must hold a valid borrower’s card. After consulting with the Reconsideration Committee, the Library Director will respond, in writing (either by email or regular mail) within thirty days of receipt, to the patron’s request for reconsideration. The response will indicate the action to be taken and reasons for or against the request.

The decision of the Library Director may be appealed by writing to the Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees. The Board will consider an appeal at their next regularly scheduled Board meeting to which the patron will be invited to share his/her views and concerns. The decision of the Board will be final.

The Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library is not a judicial body. Laws governing obscenity, subversive materials, and other questionable matters are subject to interpretation by the courts. Therefore, no challenged material will be removed solely for the complaint of obscenity or any other category covered by law until after a local court of competent jurisdiction has ruled against the material.

Attachments:

- Request for Reconsideration of Materials/Programs form

References: None

Approval:

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board of Trustees

August 15, 2001; Revised February 17, 2010, April 18, 2012, February 15, 2017, September 19, 2018.

September 19, 2018

Date

Cynthia Saunders, Chair



**Request for Reconsideration of Library
Material/Programs**

Name of individual initiating request: _____

Library Card Number: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Email Address: _____

Material or program to be reconsidered _____

Author _____

Format: Book ___ DVD ___ Audio Book ___ Music ___ Magazine ___ Program ___ Other _____

1. What exactly do you object to in this material or program? (Please be specific; i.e. cite pages where possible. Use back of form if necessary.)

2. For what age group would you recommend this material? _____

3. Did you read, listen to or view the entire work? _____ If not, what parts did you read, view or listen to _____

4. What other sources of information did you consult about this material or program?

5. Are there other titles you would recommend in place of this one? _____

6. Do you have any additional comments you would like to make about this material or program?

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for your comments. This request will be reviewed by the Library Director. You should receive a response within thirty days.

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