

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

The Berwick Public Library subscribes to the provisions of the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement, as adopted by the American Library Association. We consider these documents part of our Collection Development Policy. All individuals have the right to choose which library materials they will use, and no one has the right to restrict the freedom of others to read whatever they wish. No book or other material in question is automatically removed from the collection because of an objection to it. Please review the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, Freedom to View Statement, and BPL Collection Development Policy prior to completing a request for reconsideration of library materials. If you believe an item in the collection is not in line with our Collection Development Policy or the ALA guidelines, please fill out the form below.

Submission Date: _____

Reconsideration Request Initiated By:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

In order to request a reconsideration of materials, you must be a Berwick Public Library patron with an active account. Do you have an active library account at BPL? _____

Item for Reconsideration:

Title: _____

Author: _____

Publisher: _____

Year of publication: _____ Medium (book/DVD/audiobook): _____

Call Number (located on spine of item): _____

Evaluation (attach extra pages as needed):

Individuals are asked to read/view items in their entirety prior to requesting a reconsideration for their inclusion in the library collection. Have you read/viewed the entire work? _____

Please provide a summary of the work in your own words:

What brought the work to your attention?

Do you find the inclusion of this title in the library collection to be in violation of the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, Freedom to View Statement, and/or BPL Collection Development Policy? Why or why not? Please be specific.

What are your specific concerns about the work? Please cite page numbers/provide time stamps.

What do you like or find positive about the work? Please be specific.

What action would you wish the library to take? Please describe and let us know why.

Are there resources you would recommend to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic? Please list the title, author, publisher, and publication date.

Procedure:

Please return this completed form to the library. Our Reconsideration Committee, which is comprised of the library director and two members of the Berwick Library Association, will review the Request for Reconsideration and complete their own evaluation of the item. This process can take up to six months from the time the reconsideration request is received. After the item has been evaluated by the Reconsideration Committee, a copy of their evaluation and recommendation will be sent to the individual who completed the reconsideration request.