

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

The Mount Clemens Public Library attempts to serve our entire community by selecting materials from a wide point of view. Selection of books and other library materials is guided by community demand and interest, and is grounded in the Mount Clemens Public Library's Collection Development Policy and the foundational beliefs found in the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights. A copy of this policy and the Library Bill of Rights are available to you upon request.

Laws governing obscenity, subversive materials, and other questionable matters are subject to interpretation by the courts. Therefore, no challenged materials 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. No materials will be knowingly added to the library collection that have been previously determined to be in non-compliance with local laws.

Individuals may take issue with library materials that do not fit their views or taste. Library Staff is always available to discuss your concerns and to suggest alternative materials that may be available. If a patron's concern is not satisfied through discussion with staff, a formal, written request for reconsideration of materials may be submitted to the Library Director. This form is available at the circulation counter, and once filled out, can be presented to the librarian or mailed to:

Library Director

Mount Clemens Public Library

150 Cass Avenue

Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

Reconsideration of Library Materials Form

Procedure – Once you have filled out this form in total, please submit or mail it to the Library Director. Once received, the Librarian in charge of selecting materials for that part of the collection will gather reviews and other pertinent information regarding the material in question. Working with the Librarian, the Library Director will prepare a written response detailing the decision made. The Library Board of Trustees, upon request, hears appeals to the Library Director's written decision. Appeals must be presented in writing to the Library Board of Trustees at least ten days in advance of the next regularly scheduled Library Board Meeting that takes place after receipt of the Library Director's written decision. Decisions on appeals are based on careful review of the objection, the material and the policies of the Mount Clemens Public Library, including: The Materials Selection Policy, the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, the American Library Association's Freedom to Read statement, and the American Library Association's guidelines on intellectual freedom. The final decision of the appeals rests with the Library Board of Trustees.

What type of Material are you commenting on: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Publication Date: _____

1) Please summarize your reasons for requesting reconsideration of the work.

2) Have you read/listened to the work in it's entirety? Yes No
If not, what parts have you read/listened to?

3) What concerns you about the material?

4) Are your objections based on age of the potential viewer or to the point of view expressed?

5) What action would you like the library to take regarding this material?

Your Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Do you represent yourself: _____ or an Organization: _____

Name of Organization: _____

We appreciate your interest in the library, and the time you have taken to inform us of your concerns.
We value your input and will give your request serious consideration