



Mediapolis Public Library  
Reconsideration of Materials Policy  
Adopted by the Mediapolis Public Library Board of Trustees  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Board of Trustees support and follow the principles of the Library Bill of Rights\*, Freedom to Read\* and the Freedom to View\* statements.

Because the library attempts to represent all sides of issues and ideas it is inevitable that some people in the community might find some of the materials objectionable. The library, however, has a responsibility to serve the minority, as well as the majority of the community and firmly believes that no one has the right to prevent another from reading or using specific materials.

The Director and Board welcome comments and complaints about the library's collection. Patrons are welcome to meet with the Director to discuss any problems with the collection.

If a formal complaint is made the complainant must fill out the REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS\* form. The Board of Trustees will review and consider the request. Materials will not be withdrawn from the collection as a result of a citizen's complaint without Library Board consideration.

The complaint will be forwarded to the Library Board and they will make every effort to settle the issue amicably, paying due attention to all sides of the debate. Under no circumstance will the challenged material be removed until a final decision has been reached neither shall the material be removed in response to any putative legal or extra-legal pressure. Materials will be removed only by Library Board decision or after an independent determination by a judicial officer in a court of competent jurisdiction after and adversary hearing, in accordance with well-established principles of law.

\*Appended