



Request for Reconsideration Policy

PURPOSE

Goshen Public Library recognizes that there may be concerns about specific titles and types of material selected for the Library's collection. This policy ensures a systematic approach for handling requests for removal of library materials while upholding the fundamental principles of intellectual freedom.

POLICY

1. Individuals or organizations who wish to request reconsideration of library materials must complete a Request for Reconsideration form, including date and signature(s).
2. Individuals requesting reconsideration of materials must be residents of Elkhart Township (Goshen Public Library's service area). Organizations wishing to request reconsideration of materials must be physically located within Elkhart Township.
3. The Head of Collection Development will appoint a committee to review each Request for Reconsideration. The committee will consult/consider the following in preparing its report and recommendation:
 - a. The Goshen Public Library Collection Development Policy
 - b. The American Library Bill of Rights
 - c. The Freedom to Read Statement
 - d. The Freedom to View Statement
 - e. Professional reviews
 - f. The literary, historical, cultural, and societal context in which the work was created
4. An item will be reconsidered only once in a twelve-month period.
5. Materials being reconsidered will remain in the collection for access while reconsideration takes place.
6. The initiator of a request may appeal the decision of the Collection Development Committee to the Library Board of Trustees.
7. The decision of the Board will be final and binding.