

Censorship / Challenge of Library Materials

The Jordanville Public Library will support the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read. Should any patron of the Jordanville Public Library raise a question about any materials provided by the Library being in any way objectionable, the complainant must file a written complaint form with the Library Director on a form provided for this purpose. The complainant must be properly identified before the request is considered. The written complaint will be presented to the Jordanville Library Board of Trustees and no action will be taken before the complaint is reviewed by the Board.

Any individual may reject materials for him/herself but may not restrict the freedom of others to read, view videos or listen to tapes.

Whenever library material is challenged, it will be re-examined by the Library Director and Board of Trustees; if the material meets the criteria of the materials selection policy, it shall not be removed from the collection except by court order.

When materials are challenged, the Board shall review the challenged material and:

1. Consider the specific objections voiced by the complainant
2. Weigh the values and faults of the material as a whole in relation to the Library's Materials Selection guidelines. If the material meets the criteria of the Materials Selection guidelines, it shall not be removed from the collection
3. Where appropriate, solicit advice or opinions from the Library Director, the Library staff, other Library Directors, the Mid-York Library System, the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom and the New York State Intellectual Freedom Committee.
4. Issue a written report within 90 (ninety) days to the Library Director containing its recommendations concerning the complaint.
5. The Library Director shall review the Board's report and notify the complainant.

The Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Complaint Form can be found in Appendix