

Lyons Public Library
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Reconsideration Procedures

The choice of library materials by users is an individual matter. Responsibility for the reading of children and adolescents rest with their parents and legal guardians. While a person may reject materials for him/herself and their children, he/she cannot exercise censorship to restrict access to materials by others.

Lyons Public Library supports intellectual freedom and endorses the following intellectual freedom statements: “Freedom to Read” & “Bill of Rights” by the American Library Association, and “Freedom to View” by Educational Film Library Association. In addition, the “Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 357” states:

The State of Oregon recognizes that:

- 1) Libraries constitute a cultural, informational and educational resource essential to the people of this state.
- 2) Library services should be available widely throughout the state to bring within convenient reach of the people appropriate opportunities for reading, study, and free inquiry.
- 3) Providing and supporting adequate library services is a proper and necessary function of the government at all levels.

Reconsideration Procedures Cont.

Citizens wishing reconsideration of library materials should complete the “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials” form. If published reviews are available, they will be sent along with this form to the Librarian.

The Librarian will ask 3 Library Board Members to evaluate the material in light of the patron’s request, using published reviews and the above criteria. Evaluators will submit their recommendations to the Librarian, who will make a decision. The process will result in maintaining the current status, a change in location/reading level, or removal.

The Librarian will notify the patron originating the “Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials” of the decision. If the individual is not satisfied with the action taken, he/she may appeal to the Library Board.

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