

RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Library users have individual needs and expect libraries to offer diverse resources, services, and spaces. Recognizing that some library materials and/or programs are controversial and may offend some library users, no one person can exercise censorship to restrict access of material for others. Individuals are responsible for choosing their own materials.

The Gilford Public Library endorses the Intellectual Freedom Statements: "Freedom to Read Statement" and the Library Bill of Rights. (See GOV-8 and GOV-9)

It is the intent of this policy to provide a guideline for processing concerns library patrons may have regarding materials in the library's collection. The objective of the Gilford Public Library is to encourage as well as respect all library patrons' opinions and ideas.

A patron wishing for reconsideration of library materials should be referred immediately to the Library Director or the Assistant Library Director. The Library Director will explain to the patron that selections are made in accordance with the Materials Selection Policy of the Gilford Public Library. Consideration will be made to change the location of the item. If the patron is not satisfied, he/she/they may request a *Request For Reconsideration Library Material Form*. (See FRM -3)

The Request For Reconsideration will be presented at the next Library Board of Trustees meeting. The Trustees will reconsider the item in question using the Materials Selection Policy and reviews from recognized sources. The Trustees will respond in writing with the recommended actions.

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