

## **Harrisburg Community Library**

### **Request for Reconsideration**

Your library serves people from all walks of life, with a variety of viewpoints and tastes, and we welcome your comments. Before completing this form, you may find it informative and helpful to read the following summary of the library's policy on library materials.

The Harrisburg Community Library chooses books and other materials to meet the diverse needs of our community. Selection is guided by the Collection Development Policy adopted by the Library Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and staff support the belief that the right to read and the right of free access to library collections for persons of all ages are essential to the individual's freedom of thought, which is fundamental to a democracy. The Board of Trustees also affirms the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read, and the Freedom to View Statements of the American Library Association, all of which represent the library's interpretation of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. In practice, this means that the library will resist efforts to remove or censor materials, to label "controversial" materials, or to distribute lists of "objectional" materials or authors.

If you would like copies of the collection development policy, the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read and the Freedom to View statements, please don't hesitate to ask.

If you have an objection to library material(s) or if you are concerned about items not available, please complete this form, indicating as clearly and legibly as possible the nature of your concern.

Requests for reconsideration shall be taken through a reconsideration process. The request will first be given to the Harrisburg Community Library Director, who will read the request and read, view, or listen to the material in question in full. The Director will then take their recommendation to the Harrisburg Community Library Board for review. The Harrisburg Community Board will determine what appropriate actions should be taken with the material.

If the complainant disagrees with the decision of the Library Board of Trustees and believes the matter or material is obscene, as defined by SDCL § 22-24-27, the complainant may appeal the decision of the Library Board to the Harrisburg City Council. The complainant may appeal a decision of the Harrisburg City Council to a court of competent jurisdiction for judicial review pursuant to SDCL § 2224-56. The Harrisburg Community Library falls under South Dakota's Second Judicial Circuit.

The challenged material shall continue to be used during the reconsideration process unless the Director Board suspends its use.

You will receive a written reply from the Director of the Harrisburg Community Library about the Board decision's results.

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Your Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

If you are acting as the official spokesperson for an organization or group, please note it:

Type of library material on which you are commenting:

- ☐ Book/CD Audiobook
- ☐ E-Book/e-Audiobook
- ☐ Video/DVD
- ☐ Library Program
- ☐ Other (please specify):

Title:

Author or Producer:

What brought this resource to your attention?

To what in this material do you object? Please cite pages or other specific location.

What do you feel might be the result of the others reading, hearing or seeing this material?

Did you read (view, listen to, etc.) this material in its entirety?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If not, what parts did you not read, view, or listen to?

What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?

Based on the definition of "obscene materials" provided in South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-27, do you believe this resource qualifies as obscene?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

What action are you requesting the Board to consider?

- ☐ Withdraw it from the collection.
- ☐ Place it in a different section of the collection (specify)
- ☐ Other (describe):

Please comment on this material as a whole.

Your Signature:

Date:

Date submitted:

