

## Challenge of Library Materials Policy

The Catskill Public Library and Palenville Branch Library believe in freedom of information for all and do not practice censorship.

The selection of library materials is predicated upon the patron's right to read and freedom from censorship by others. Library materials may be controversial, and any given item may offend someone. Selections for the library are made solely on the merits of the material in relation to the development of a collection that serves the needs and interests of a diverse population. *See Collection Development Policy.*

The Catskill Public Library Board of Trustees recognizes that a collection of diverse materials may result in some complaints or requests for reconsideration. The Catskill Public Library's Collection Development Policy guides the development and continuous evaluation of the collection to reflect the Catskill Public Library's mission to provide access to resources and opportunities that impact individual lives and build community.

### Library Policy

1. The library holds the choice of reading and viewing materials as a purely individual matter. Patrons are free to reject books and other materials of which they disapprove. Patrons may not exercise censorship to restrict the freedom of others.
2. Responsibility for materials selected and read, heard, or viewed by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. Library selection decisions are not influenced by the possibility that materials may be accessible to minors.
3. The Library does not indicate through labels or other devices particular points of view or perspectives contained in library materials.
4. No items are sequestered to control access.
5. A formal process for handling challenges will be followed to ensure that challenges are addressed attentively and consistently.

### Request for Reconsideration

The Trustees of the Catskill Public Library have an established Collection Development Policy. Completing the "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials" is the first step in asking the Library Director and/or Board to reconsider an item in our Collection. If you wish to request reconsideration of a resource, please return the completed form to the Library Director.

**Resolution: Adopted on May 18, 2022 by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the Catskill Public Library.**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS**

Please complete the form below and return it to the attention of the Library Director at  
Catskill Public Library 1 Franklin St., Catskill, NY 12414

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Name

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Address

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City

State/Zip

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Phone

Email

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Do you represent self?  Or an organization?  Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

Book (e-book)

Magazine

Digital Resource

Newspaper

Movie

Audio Recording

Game

Other

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author/Producer:

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2. What brought this resource to your attention?

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3. Have you examined the entire resource? If not, what sections did you review?

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4. What concerns you about the resource?

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5. Are there resources (s) you would suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic?

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6. What action are you requesting the committee to consider?

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