

Patron Request for Reconsideration of Materials

As a public institution, the East Morgan County Library District provides open access to all forms of educational, cultural and recreational information and supports the free expression of ideas and all points of view.

In keeping with this principle, the East Morgan County Library District supports access to materials and information in all subjects that serve the needs of its community, regardless of content of material. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for monitoring materials used by their children; selection decisions for the adult collection are not influenced by the possibility that materials may be accessible to minors.

Notwithstanding, a patron has the right to challenge the Library District to reconsider materials within its collection that they may find unsuitable. A challenge for reconsideration must be in writing; forms are available at the library's circulation desk upon request. In both selection and reconsideration of materials, the East Morgan County Library District supports the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read, and the Freedom to View statements of the American Library Association.

The East Morgan County Library District welcomes comments and suggestions regarding the continued appropriateness of materials in the collection, especially concerning outdated materials. Suggestions will be considered and utilized by the Library in the ongoing process of collection development.

Individuals may take issue with library materials that do not support their views. Staff is available to discuss concerns and identify alternate materials that maybe available. If a patron's concern is not satisfied through discussion with staff, a formal, written request for reconsideration of materials may be submitted to the Library Director. Copies of this form are available from the staff (see attachment).

For a request for reconsideration to be considered, the form must be completed in full. The patron submitting the request must be a resident of the East Morgan County Library District and have a library card at the East Morgan County Library. The director will respond in writing to acknowledge the receipt of the patron's request for reconsideration. The response will indicate the action to be taken and reasons for or against the request. No item will be evaluated for reconsideration more than once a year.

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Citizen's Request for Reconsideration of Work

This form is valid only when filled out completely and returned to the library staff.

Author: _____

Publisher: _____

Title: _____

Request Initiated

By: _____

Mailing

Address: _____

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Telephone

Number: _____

Complaint Represents:

Self: _____

Organization: _____

Contact

Information: _____

Did you read the entire work?

YES

NO

If not, what portion was read?

What is the theme or purpose of the work?

What value is there in this work?

How does this work compare with others that you know of on the same subject?

For what age group would you recommend this work?

To what in the work do you object?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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