

**MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS**

The Madison County Library System (MCLS) has established reconsideration procedures to address concerns about library resources. Completion of this form is the first step in those procedures.

Instructions

1. Before completing this form, read or view the disputed item in its entirety. Forms submitted without complete examination of the disputed item will not be considered.
2. All fields on this form must be completed in a full and meaningful way. Incomplete, cursory, or duplicated forms will not be considered.
3. A separate form must be completed for each disputed item/title. Forms containing multiple titles will not be considered.
4. The form asks you to frame your responses in the context of the following policies, statutes, and documents. Please review them:
 - [Library mission and materials selection policy](#)
 - [American Library Association Library Bill of Rights](#)
 - [American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement](#)
 - [American Library Association Freedom to View Statement](#)
 - [First Amendment of the United States Constitution](#)
5. Return completed form in person or by mail to the Library Branch Manager. Completed forms will be forwarded to the MCLS Director for review and you will receive a written response.

1. Date	
2. Name	
3. Address	
4. Email address	
5. Phone	6. Library Branch
7. What is your relationship to the library? <input type="radio"/> Current card holding patron <input type="radio"/> Parent of current card holding child <input type="radio"/> Other, <i>describe:</i> <i>Child's name:</i>	
8. Who do you represent? <input type="radio"/> Self <input type="radio"/> Organization, <i>please name:</i>	
9. What type of resource are you commenting on? <input type="radio"/> Book/ebook <input type="radio"/> Magazine <input type="radio"/> Audio-Visual Resource <input type="radio"/> Other, <i>describe:</i>	
10. What is the title of the item?	
11. Who is the author or producer of the item?	
12. Who is the publisher of the item?	
13. What is the item's copyright date?	
14. What brought this item to your attention?	
15. Have you personally read or viewed the <u>entire</u> item? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Some, <i>which section:</i> <input type="radio"/> No	
16. Explain the purpose and theme of this material as you understand it.	
17. What worthy qualities does this material contain?	

18. What are your concerns about the item?

19. Please cite page numbers or location and quote specific passages in the material that demonstrate your concerns.

20. How has this material been assessed by literary critics and professional reviewers? Please provide the text of a review and the citation from an objective, professional review source (e.g., Library Journal, School Library Journal, Kirkus, Booklist, Horn Book, Publisher's Weekly).

21. Please provide the text of a review and the citation from an objective, professional review source that supports your objection to the material.

22. In what ways does the material fail to comply with the MCLS mission and Materials Selection Policy?

23. In what ways does the material fail to support the library's commitment to intellectual freedom as expressed in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement, American Library Association Freedom to View Statement, the National Council of Teachers of English Students' Right to Read Statement, and the First Amendment of the United States Constitution?

24. How do you believe patrons would be affected by this material?

25. What is your evidence for that belief? Please provide the text of relevant research and its citation.

26. In place of the challenged material, what high-quality material do you recommend on this topic? Please provide title, author, publisher, and copyright date.

27. Please provide the text of a review and the citation from an objective, professional review source for the material you recommended above.

28. What action are you requesting MCLS consider?

The library selects materials to provide a broad, popular and relevant collection. Materials are selected representing different points of view, including political, social or religious views that might be controversial or objectionable to some. With regard to children, we trust families. We respect the right of families to make their own decisions regarding what materials their own children use. And we exist to help each family find what's appropriate for them.

29. Why do you believe you should be permitted to restrict the reading choices of other library patrons or children other than your own?

30. Do you authorize other patrons or community members to restrict your or your child's access to library materials based on their opinions?

Yes

No

Signature _____

Date _____

Forms not signed will be void

Submit completed form in person or by mail to the Library Branch Manager

- Camden Library
116 Parkside Avenue
Camden, MS 39045
- Canton Library
102 Priestley Street
Canton, MS 39046
- Flora Library
144 Clark Street
Flora, MS 39071
- Madison Library
994 Madison Avenue
Madison, MS 39110
- Ridgeland Library
397 Highway 51 North
Ridgeland, MS 39157

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