

## Appendix 3

### Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials

The Library is a resource where many points of view and modes of expression can be examined without hindrance. Oshawa Public Libraries recognizes the right of individuals to express opposition to items selected for the library. While people have the right to reject for themselves items of which they do not approve, they do not have the right to restrict the freedom of others.

The Oshawa Public Libraries complies with any law enacted at the federal, provincial or municipal level, and therefore does not collect or maintain items which have been judged illegal by the higher courts in Canada. The relevant sections of the Criminal Code of Canada (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-46/>) are: sedition, hate, propaganda, and obscenity.

The following will not cause an item to be automatically included or excluded from the collection:

- Race, religion, nationality or political views of an author
- Frankness or coarseness of language
- Controversial content
- Endorsement or disapproval of an individual or group
- Language in which the work is written or spoken

Some of the Library's digital content is provided using third-party vendors. The Library subscribes to services in which the third-party vendor, and not Library staff, determines the specific titles or materials made available through the service. In these circumstances, the Library is unable to reconsider specific materials that library customers object to but may inform the third-party vendor of customer concerns and/or take these concerns into consideration in determining whether to continue using the vendor.

If a member feels that an item in our collection falls outside the criteria outlined in this policy, they are invited to complete a Request for Reconsideration Form. Customers must acknowledge having read the Collection Development Policy and Intellectual Freedom statements prior to completing the form.

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## Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Form

Title of the item \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Type of material \_\_\_\_\_

Person making this request \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print name)

Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Library Barcode Number \_\_\_\_\_

I represent:

Myself (  ) OR A group/organization called: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible:

1. Have you reviewed the guidelines set out in the Library's Collection Development Policy? ([oshawalibrary.ca](http://oshawalibrary.ca)) Yes (  ) No (  )
2. Have you read/viewed/listened to the entire work you wish the Reconsideration Committee to review? Yes (  ) No (  )

If not, which part/s have you read/viewed/listened to?

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3. Please state why you believe customers should not have access to this work.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_