



## **Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials** **(Effective May 24, 2023)**

A singular obligation of a public library is to reflect, within its collection, differing points of view on controversial or debatable subjects. The Ephraim Public Library does not declare particular beliefs or views, nor does the selection of an item express or imply an endorsement of the author's/creator's viewpoint. Library materials WILL NOT be marked or identified to show approval or disapproval of content.

Comments from members of the community about the collection or individual items in the collection frequently provide librarians with useful information about interests or needs that may not be adequately met by the collection. The Library welcomes expression of opinion by patrons but will be governed by the library's Collection Development/Materials Selection Policy in making additions to or deletions from the collection.

Patrons who request the reconsideration of library materials will be asked to put their request in writing by completing and signing the form entitled "Request for Reconsideration." The Director will inform the Board of all requests for reconsideration of library materials and their disposition.

Upon receipt of a formal, written request, the Board will review the request and submit a written recommendation to the Director regarding the item in question. The Director will then make the final decision and provide a timely written explanation of the decision to the person who submitted the request for reconsideration.

If the person who initiated the request is not satisfied with the decision of the Director, he/she may appeal for a hearing before the Board by making a written request to the Chair of the Board. The Board reserves the right to limit the length of the presentation and number of speakers at the hearing. The Board will determine whether the request for reconsideration has been handled in accordance with stated policies and procedures of the Library. Based on this determination, the Board may vote to uphold or override the decision of the Director. This determination will be final unless overturned by a court of competent authority.