

Request for Reconsideration

The Library believes in the freedom of information and will not restrict a user's right to read, listen to, or view library materials. The Library strives to provide access to a wide range of materials representing varying points of view, without promoting a single perspective. We uphold the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights.

In some cases, patrons may take issue with specific library materials they find offensive or inappropriate for the collection.

Sudbury residents with concerns about materials in the Library's collections may direct their concerns to any staff member, who will address it with their supervisor. If the resident wishes for a more in-depth assessment, a formal Request for Reconsideration may be submitted. Requests for reconsideration are reviewed only when made by a Sudbury resident.

1. The patron should complete a [Request for Reconsideration](#) form and turn it in to the Library. The completed form will go to the Library Director and selecting librarian responsible for the development and selection of the item's area of the collection.
2. The Director will send acknowledgement of receipt of the Request for Reconsideration form to the patron within seven days of its receipt. Staff will evaluate journal reviews, selection criteria used to purchase the item, and materials submitted by the patron and staff. A written response will be made by the Library Director within 30 days of receiving the formal objection.
3. If the librarian's response does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the patron may request, in writing, that the matter be presented and reviewed by the Library Board. The patron should provide written and/or verbal arguments as to why the material in question should be removed or reclassified. A decision will be made by the Library Board at a regularly-scheduled meeting and, once a decision has been rendered, the patron will receive written notification from the Board.

The material in question will remain active in the collection during the review process.