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Reconsideration Policy

The Gooding Public Library District encourages and respects diversity within the library by upholding and promoting the American Library Association's position on intellectual freedom as set forth in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement. The library upholds the right to secure resources, even though the content may be controversial, unorthodox, or unacceptable to some. The library's varied collection is available to all; however, it is not expected that all of the collection will appeal to everyone. Requests for Reconsideration may only be made by patrons who hold an active Gooding Public Library District card. The following steps will be used to address concerns regarding withdrawal or reclassification of materials or other concerns about happenings in the library:

1. Patron may discuss their concern with the Library Director. If patron is not satisfied with the response, they will be provided with a form to request formal reconsideration of the issue at hand.
2. Patron is required to complete and submit a reconsideration form to the Library Director.
3. The director, with other professional staff, will review the reconsideration form and the material in question, to consider whether its selection follows the criteria stated in the collection policy. If the reconsideration form addresses issues other than materials in the collection, the director and the board will evaluate the issue.
4. Within 30 business days, the director will make a decision and send a letter to the concerned person who requested the reconsideration, stating the reasons for the decision.
5. If the individual is not satisfied with the decision, a written appeal may be submitted within 10 business days to the Board of Trustees.
6. The standard of review exercised by the board in reviewing any appeal is whether there is clear and convincing evidence that the director's decision was based upon substantial evidence that the decision complied with the library mission and policies. The board will determine to uphold, modify, or overturn the director's decision. The individual will receive written notification with the decision from the board.
7. If the board plans to address the appeal at their meeting, the individual will be notified of when and where the meeting will be held.
8. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to limit the length of public comments.
9. The decision of the board is final.

Adopted November 28, 2022

Request for Reconsideration

Please complete this form and return to: Cindy Bigler, Director at 306 5th Ave W, Gooding, ID 83330

Date: _____ Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Do you represent: Yourself Organization _____

What type of material or service are you commenting on?

- Book Movie Audio recording Magazine Program
 Display/Exhibit Internet Resource/Site Other (brief description)

If commenting on an item, what is the title and author/performer/producer?

If commenting on a program/display/exhibit what is the title and the date?

How did this title/event/ display/program/exhibit come to your attention?

- Staff member Review Friend's recommendation Found on the shelf
 Visited library Library calendar Publicity announcement Other (brief description)

Did you read or listen to the entire work, stay for the entire program, view the entire display? If not, which selection or part did you read or view?

What is it that you find objectionable? Please be specific; cite pages, excerpts, or scenes whenever possible.

Have you read or heard any reviews of the resource?

How would you like the library to respond to your request about the resource?

Signature _____

Thank you for your comments. Please use the back of this page for further comments if necessary.

Staff initials/Date received _____