

Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy

The Berwick Public Library subscribes to the provisions of the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, and the Freedom to View Statement, as adopted by the American Library Association. We consider these documents part of our Collection Development Policy. All individuals have the right to choose which library materials they will use, and no one has the right to restrict the freedom of others to read whatever they wish. No book or other material in question is automatically removed from the collection because of an objection to it. Please review the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read Statement, Freedom to View Statement, and BPL Collection Development Policy prior to completing a request for reconsideration of library materials.

If you believe an item in the collection is not in line with our Collection Development Policy or the ALA guidelines, please fill out a Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials form, which is available at the library and on the library website. Requests will only be accepted by individuals who are patrons of Berwick Public Library and have active accounts.

Procedure:

The Reconsideration Committee, which is comprised of the library director and two members of the Berwick Library Association, will review any Request for Reconsideration that is submitted to the library and complete their own evaluation of the material. This process can take up to six months from the time the reconsideration request is received. After the item has been evaluated by the Reconsideration Committee, a copy of their evaluation and recommendation will be sent to the individual who completed the reconsideration request.