

Challenge of Library Resources Policy

The Olive Free Library believe in freedom of information for all and do not practice censorship.

The selection of library resources is predicated upon the patron's right to read and freedom from censorship by others. Library resources may be controversial, and any given item may offend some people. Selections for the library are made solely on the merits of the resource in relation to the development of a collection of materials, services, and programs that serve the needs and interests of a diverse population. See also the *Collection Development Policy* and *Program Policy*.

The Olive Free Library Board of Trustees recognizes that a collection of diverse resources may result in some complaints or requests for reconsideration. The Olive Free Library's *Collection Development Policy* and *Program Policy* guide the development and continuous evaluation of the collection to reflect the Olive Free Library's mission to provide access to resources and opportunities that impact individual lives and build community.

Library Policy

1. The library holds the choice of reading and viewing materials or resources as a purely individual matter. Patrons are free to reject books and other resources of which they do not approve. Patrons may not exercise censorship to restrict the freedom of others.
2. Responsibility for items either selected or read, heard or viewed by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians. Library selection decisions are not influenced by the possibility that an item may be accessible to minors.
3. The Library does not indicate through the use of labels or other devices particular points of view or perspectives contained in library items.
4. No items are sequestered to control access.
5. A formal process for handling challenges will be followed to ensure that challenges are handled attentively and consistently.

Request for Reconsideration

Completing the "*Request for Reconsideration of Library Resource*" form is the first step in asking the Library Director and/or Board to reconsider a Library resource. If you wish to request reconsideration of a resource, please return the completed form to the Library Director.

Resolution: Adopted on April 2, 2024, by unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees of the Olive Free Library.