Take that book off the shelf!



Also known as...

- Reconsideration of Materials
- A Title Challenge

It's not "if"... It's WHEN!

We recommend being prepared and ready, rather than having a sudden need without policies in place.

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American Library Association

On the Wiki!

https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/respond



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On the Wiki!

Forms & Sample Policies

https://wiki.swkls.org/index.php?
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Reconsideration Packet:

*Samples on the Wiki!

- 1. Letter to the patron.*
- 2. Reconsideration form with procedures.*
- 3. The library's selection policy.*
- 4. The library's mission statement.
- 5. ALA brochure: Library Bill of Rights + Freedom to Read Statement.*



Procedures for the "Front Line"

Breathe.

A. Remain calm. Listen to the patron. Breathe.

E. Immediately **email** your director with the details.

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D. Reassure the patron s/he has been heard.

B. Keep the interaction short., maintain neutrality, and be unemotional.

> C. Offer the patron the Reconsideration Packet

Procedures for Directors

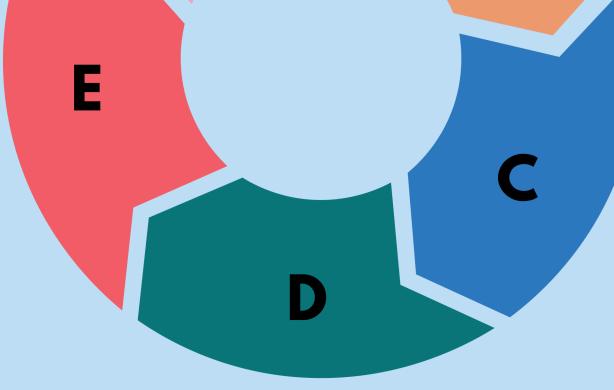
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A. Remain calm, listen, breathe, and document every step. Complete SWKLS Google Form.

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B. With the appropriate people, review the documents and material. Inform your community.

E. If necessary, make a **final** decision and update the community. Done.



B

C. Within 15 business days, make a decision about the resource in question. Send a letter to the patron via USPS.

D. Update your community. If an appeal is submitted, invite the patron to a BOD meeting.

Share with us...

Link to SWKLS Google Form

... and Others

Link to ALA Form
Link to Kansas ACLU

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