

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Cuyahoga Falls Library subscribes to the American Library Association's *Library Bill of Rights*, which states in part, that "Books and other library resources shall be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials shall not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation." The *Library Bill of Rights* continues by saying that "Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." It is the Cuyahoga Falls Library's responsibility to provide resources on many subjects, from multiple viewpoints, appealing to the public's diverse interests and tastes.

If you wish the Library to reconsider the purchase of a particular item you must complete and sign the *Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials* form. When the Library Director receives the form he or she will appoint a staff committee of three or five people, including the Director, a Coordinator and the librarian who initiated the order. The committee will examine the item in its entirety, taking into consideration the original reasons for purchase, and evaluate the item in light of the Library's selection policy, the *Library Bill of Rights*, and the item's critical reception. After the item has been thoroughly and objectively reviewed, taking into consideration the complainant's objections, the committee will respond in writing.

If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the staff committee he or she may do so to the Board of Trustees. The appeal must be submitted in writing and will then be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The complainant will be given the opportunity to state his or her case to the full Board, who will take the information under advice. The Board President will then appoint an ad hoc committee of three or five Board members and the Library Director to examine the item in question. The ad hoc committee will review the item and make a recommendation to the full Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The decision of the Board is final.