

Requests for Reconsideration Policy

The Rockwell Falls Public Library Authority Board believes reading is an individual, private matter. While anyone is free to select or reject materials for themselves, they cannot restrict the freedom of others to read or inquire.

No materials should ever be excluded because of the beliefs or characteristics of the writer nor be proscribed or removed from the Rockwell Falls Public Library because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

Censorship of books, urged or practiced by volunteer arbiters of morals or political opinions or by organizations that would establish a coercive concept of Americanism must be challenged by libraries in maintenance of their responsibility to provide public information and enlightenment.

Opinions may differ regarding the appropriateness of materials in any library. Resolution of conflicts between freedom of expression and information and the community's right to restrict certain materials' use is often a difficult task. The Rockwell Falls Public Library has established procedures for dealing with complaints for or against materials housed within the library.

The Rockwell Falls Public Library's staff selects materials for the collection on the basis of budgetary guidelines. These materials fully accommodate all of the people of the community. The Library has applied procedures for dealing with complaints in favor or against materials within the collection.

A request for reconsideration can be made by contacting the library. The consensus analysis of the item and a recommendation for action will be referred to the Director and an answer will be sent to the complainant. No items shall be removed from Rockwell Fall's collection if the Director deems it appropriate for the collection.

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