

Challenges to Materials Policy

The Library does not automatically discard challenged materials.

Libraries are democratic institutions and are obligated to provide free choice of materials to all.

Libraries provide materials and information resources across the spectrum of political and social points of view and on a wide range of subjects.

Patrons are free to reject for themselves materials that they disapprove of, but they must not use self-censorship to restrict the freedom of others.

If a Rochester Public Library District resident wishes to comment on a library item for the purpose to have it removed from the library, a [‘Request for Reconsideration of a Library Material’ form](#) which is available online and at the circulation desk.

The procedure to challenge materials:

1. Patron should submit the completed form to the Library Director in person or mail it to him/her at Rochester Public Library, P.O. Box 617 Rochester, IL 62563
2. The Director will reconsider the material then present the request and his/her opinion to the Library Board of Trustees during a public meeting.
3. The patron will be notified of the date and time of that meeting and invited to comment.
4. The patron will be notified of any action taken as a result of the meeting.

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