

Statement of Concern about Library Resources

The Canton Public Library (hereinafter: Library) values the opinions of its community of patrons. Residents of the City Canton and Library cardholders are free to express opinions or concerns about specific Library materials and resources. Only parents/guardians of minor children, one of whom must be a cardholder, may file a challenge that specifically targets children's materials, events, displays, or presentations.

Only one item can be challenged per form. Form must be filled out in full to be considered.

Materials challenges require that the challenger have read the material in its entirety.

Please note that the presence of materials in the Library collection does not indicate that the Library endorses the content of the items. Materials are purchased using standard evaluation methods outlined in the Collection Development Policy. This policy is based on established national guidelines which support intellectual freedom, confidentiality, and privacy for all users.

The choice of Library materials accessed by a Library patron is an individual matter. While a patron may reject materials for personal use, one may not restrict access to those materials by other Library patrons. Responsibility for Library materials selected and accessed by children and adolescents rests with their parents or legal guardians.

Procedures have been developed by the Library to assure that requests for reconsideration of the presence or placement of materials in the collection are handled in an attentive, consistent, and timely manner. Once a decision has been made, the requester will be notified in writing. Challenged titles and results of challenges will be public record, and will be published on the Library website. However, personally identifying information will be redacted from the published results. The final decision on the challenge of a material, program, event, or display shall remain in effect for three years, after which said item may be challenged again.

Statement of Concern Form

Date: _____ Library card no.: _____

Full Name: _____ Email address: _____

Address: _____
_____ Phone number: _____

Requester represents:

☐ Self ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Organization: _____

Material challenged:

☐ Book ☐ Audiobook ☐ Video ☐ Electronic Resource
☐ Program ☐ Display ☐ Other: _____

Author (if applicable):

Title (if applicable):

Program (if applicable):

Display (if applicable):

Please answer the following questions on a separate page:

1. What brought this resource to your attention?
2. To what do you object? Please be as specific as possible.
3. Have you read, listened to, or viewed the entire content?
4. In its place, what material of equal or better quality would you recommend?
5. What action do you suggest be taken regarding the material in question?
6. Additional comments.

Signature: _____