

CHALLENGE OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

This policy defends the freedom to read, view, and hear. No material shall be removed from the collection except under the procedure given here.

Patrons who object to the presence of certain materials in the collection and who are unwilling to accept that the inclusion of these materials conforms to the goals, principles, and standards outlined in this policy may submit a Challenge of Library Materials Form (See Appendix B) to the Library Board of Trustees.

For a challenge to be considered, (1) the complainant must be properly identified on the form, (2) the complainant must be a resident of the Library's chartered jurisdiction and hold a valid borrower's card, and (3) the form must be completed in full.

No action shall be taken before the challenge is brought before the Board. Challenged material shall not be removed until a final decision is made by the Board.

The Library will not consider the removal of an item on grounds of obscenity or for any other reason covered by law unless a court of competent jurisdiction has ruled against it. An item will be considered for removal only once in a twelve-month period.

The Board will consider the challenge, in consultation with the Director, at the meeting of the Board following the receipt of the form. The Board will read and examine the challenged material, consider the specific objections voiced by the complainant, weigh the values and faults of the material as a whole in itself and in relation to the collection, and if necessary or desired, solicit advice and opinion from other library directors and boards, the Mid-Hudson Library System, the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom, and the New York Intellectual Freedom Committee. The Board will issue a written report within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the challenge containing its decision and recommended action regarding the challenged material.

Approved: 8/26/2010

CHALLENGE OF MATERIALS IN THE ELTING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Date_____

Name of Complainant_____

Address_____

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City_____State_____Zip_____Code_____

_____ Phone Number_____Elting Card Number_____

_____ Are you making this challenge as an

Individual? (check here if yes)

Or as the representative of an organization?_____ (check here if yes)

If you are speaking on behalf of the organization, give the name and address of the organization:

Type of item you are challenging (fill out a separate form for each item challenged):

Book Audio Video Magazine Newspaper Computer Program Other

Title of Item_____

Author_____

Publisher/Distributor/Producer_____

Date of Publication_____

What brought this item to your attention?_____

Is your objection to this item based upon your own exposure and reaction to it, upon complaints about it made directly to you by others, or upon reports you have heard about it?

Have you read, viewed, or listened to this item in its entirety? If not, what portion have you read, viewed, or listened to? (List portions by page number, time into tape, or other identification.)

To what specific aspects of the item do you object? Cite specific pages, passages, or scenes. Can you suggest any materials to provide additional information or other view points on this topic? (Use back of page and additional page if necessary.)

Signature _____ Date _____

ALA OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM CHALLENGE DATABASE FORM

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OIF Record No.:	Date of Report:	File by:

1. CHALLENGED WORK

Title: _____

Author/Performer(s): _____
(last, first name)

Copyright/Issue Date: _____ **Publisher/Producer:** _____

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Origin:	Submitted*	Published In NIF:	Yes--date:

Comments/Reference Files: _____

2. TYPE OF WORK

Print: _____ Book _____ Textbk _____ Mag. _____ Nwsppr. _____ Pamph. _____ Play _____ Student Publ.
 Non-Print: _____ Artwork _____ Film _____ Photo _____ Sound Recording _____ Video _____ CD-ROM
 Other: _____ Collection _____ Exhibit _____ Performance _____ Speech _____ On-Line Resources
 _____ Other:

3. GROUNDS FOR CHALLENGE: (check all applicable)

Cultural <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Ethnic <input type="checkbox"/> Insensitivity <input type="checkbox"/> Racism <input type="checkbox"/> Sexism <input type="checkbox"/> Inaccurate <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____	Sexual <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality <input type="checkbox"/> Nudity <input type="checkbox"/> Sex Education <input type="checkbox"/> Sexually Explicit <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuitable to Age Group	Values <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-Family <input type="checkbox"/> Offensive Language <input type="checkbox"/> Political Viewpoint <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Viewpoint <input type="checkbox"/> Violence	Social Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Occult/Satanism <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide
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4. INITIATOR OF CHALLENGE:

Administrator Bd Member Clergy Parent Teacher Patron Elected Official
 Government Pressure Group Religious Orgn. Other Initiator

5. ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING CHALLENGE:

6. INSTITUTION BEING CHALLENGED:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

7. TYPE OF INSTITUTION BEING CHALLENGED:

School-Related: _____ School or _____ School Library: Grade Level Affected _____ to
Other Library: _____ Academic _____ Public _____ Prison _____ Special
_____ College/University _____ Community Group _____ Museum/Gallery _____ Publisher
_____ Student Group _____ Theater _____ Other: _____

8. CONTACT PERSON FOR INSTITUTION:

Name: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

9. STATUS OF MATERIAL

Unknown Material Retained Materials Removed Materials Stolen/Defaced

PLEASE NOTE: THIS INFORMATION IS FOR STATISTICAL USE ONLY NAMES OF
INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

Feel free to attach news clippings or other supporting material

Return to: Office for Intellectual Freedom, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611; FAX: 312-280-4227

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