

## **CHALLENGED MATERIALS PROCEDURES**

The library considers material objectionable only if the material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value. Selected passages or individual sentences or words do not constitute evidence or grounds for deletion from the collection.

In the event that an objection is raised, the following procedure will apply:

1. The objection will be heard first by the person responsible for the acquisition of the item.
2. If an understanding is not reached, the complainant shall be asked to fill out a form "Citizens Request for Reconsideration of a Book". These forms are available at the main circulation desk.
3. The completed form shall be submitted to a committee appointed by the Library Advisory Committee.
4. The Committee shall examine the material in question and check general acceptance of material by reading reviews, weighing values and faults, and form opinions based on the material as a whole and not passages or portions pulled out of context.
5. The Committee will meet to discuss individual findings and prepare a written report.
6. If the complaint cannot be resolved, assistance should be sought from professional organizations, such as the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the ALA (American Library Association.)