EXCLUSION OF MATERIALS

The Library will review decisions regarding specific titles upon written request from a Boise resident. The Director or designee will provide a Request for Reconsideration form (Exhibit 5.02a) for this purpose.

When a completed Request for Reconsideration form is filed, the Library will begin its reconsideration process. This process consists of the following steps:

1. Staff will review the materials under consideration. The staff will communicate its decision to the patron in writing within 20 business days.

2. Should the patron not be satisfied with the staff’s decision, the Director will review the material in question in consultation with appropriate staff. The Director will communicate his or her decision to the patron in writing within 20 business days.

3. The patron may appeal the Director's decision to the Board. The decision of the Board will be communicated to the patron and shall be final.

In considering Requests for Reconsideration, staff, the Director and the Board will consider each work as a whole, and individual passages will not be treated out of context. They will also consider the literary merit of works recognized as classics, even though classic works may contain words or sentiments which, today, are unacceptable.

No materials shall be excluded from the Library's collection solely because of coarse language or implicit or explicit treatment of certain situations, if a reasonably accurate picture of human experience is portrayed, if the work is deemed a significant artistic endeavor, or if the work meets criteria specified in The Nature and Quality of Materials (Regulation 5.01c).