

APPENDIX G

SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

If you wish to request reconsideration of library materials or resources, please complete and return this form to the library director at Salem Public Library.

Confirm: Are you a resident of Dent County, Missouri? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Confirm: Do you have a library card in good standing? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Resource on which you are commenting:

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR/PRODUCER: \_\_\_\_\_

Book \_\_\_\_\_ CD Audiobook \_\_\_\_\_ DVD/Blu-Ray \_\_\_\_\_ Magazine \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_

Library Display \_\_\_\_\_ Library Program \_\_\_\_\_ Library Presentation \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What brought this resource to your attention?

Have you read, listened to, viewed, or examined the whole resource?

What concerns you about the resource? Please be specific, including page numbers.

What is valuable or meaningful in the work?

Are you aware of reviews of the work by critics?

What do you believe is the purpose or theme of this work?

What do you feel might be the result of reading, listening to, or viewing this work?

Are there other resources you could suggest that might provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Salem Public Library Challenge Policy as it appears within the Statement on Intellectual Freedom in the library's Bylaws:

The library has the responsibility of keeping on its shelves a representative selection of books on all subjects of interest to its readers, including books representing differing sides of controversial issues. The library does not endorse any idea or presentation contained in books and materials made available. The library does believe in the right of each individual to decide for himself/herself what s/he does or does not wish to read from a variety of offerings - not all may be universally popular. Responsibility for the choice of reading material of children rests with their parents and legal guardians.

No book or material shall be judged solely on a single passage taken out of context. Objections to, or criticism of books/materials, displays, presentations, or programs in the library shall be delivered to the director in writing. Printed forms provided by the library are to be completed in full. The complainant must be a registered borrower of Salem Public Library. Only one library material, display, presentation, or program is to be addressed per form.

The Salem Public Library Board of Trustees will review the complaint if the director has been unable to satisfy the complainant. The person making the complaint will be notified when the Library Board of Trustees will meet to consider the matter and should attend the meeting. Each matter in question will be reviewed one time. Decisions regarding all completed Request for Reconsideration forms will be publicly available. These forms are considered library records, thus, pursuant to RSMO 182.817, identifying information will be redacted from published results.

A copy of the library's Collection Development Policy is available online or upon request.

*Regarding children's access to materials, the library respects the right of parents and caregivers to determine what is or is not appropriate for their own child. Parents and caregivers are*

*therefore solely responsible for monitoring card use and applying any restrictions they deem appropriate on their own child's access to library materials.*