

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
CHALLENGED eMATERIALS POLICY

White Pine Library Cooperative (WPLC) believes in freedom of information for all and does not practice censorship. The selection of eMaterials is predicated on the patron's right to read and freedom from censorship by others. Some eMaterials may be controversial, and any given item may offend some person. Selections are made solely on the merits of the eMaterial in relation to the development of a collection that serves the needs and interests of a diverse population of White Pine members in 13 counties in Michigan.

The White Pine Library Cooperative Board of Trustees recognizes that a collection of diverse eMaterials may result in some complaints or requests for reconsideration. White Pine Library Cooperative eMaterials Collection Development Policy guides the development and continuous evaluation of the collection to reflect White Pine Library Cooperative's mission to provide quality cost-effective services that will strengthen member libraries so they can meet changing patron and community needs.

Procedures

- A. WPLC holds the choice of reading and viewing materials as a purely individual matter. Patrons are free to reject books and other materials of which they do not approve. Patrons may not exercise censorship to restrict the freedom of others.
- B. Responsibility for eMaterials selected and read, heard or viewed by children and adolescents' rests with their parents or legal guardians. Selection decisions are not influenced by the possibility that eMaterials may be accessible to minors.
- C. No items are sequestered to control access.

A formal process for handling challenges will be followed to assure that challenges are handled in an attentive and consistent manner. A **Request for Reconsideration of eMaterials** form must be filled out completely and returned to the White Pine Library Cooperative Director. A recommendation will be forwarded to the White Pine Library Cooperative Board of Trustees. A written notification of the Board's decision will be mailed to the patron.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF eMATERIAL

Title of Material to be Reconsidered: _____

Author of Material to be Reconsidered: _____

Did you read or view the entire work? Yes: _____ No: _____ Amount: _____

What is objectionable about the material, and how do you expect it to affect the users of the collection?
(Be specific; cite page numbers or other particular references. Use back of form if necessary.)

Is there anything positive about the material as a whole? (Be specific; cite page numbers or other particular references. Use back of form if necessary.)

Have you consulted an evaluation of this work by experienced critics? No: _____ Yes: _____

(If "Yes", please cite): _____

What are your specific recommendations to the White Pine Library Collection regarding this work?

Would you recommend this material for a specific age group? _____

If you are suggesting removal of the item, what work of equal value do you recommend for replacement? _____

This completed form will be reviewed by the Cooperative Director and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Cooperative Board of Trustees. You will receive written notification of the Board's decision.

Home Library: _____ Library Card Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Representing: Self: _____ Organization (Name): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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