

# Niobrara County Library Materials Selection Policy

## Policy Statement

To enrich the educational, informational, and recreational quality of life for all citizens in Niobrara County, the Library will provide a broad and diverse collection of resources and materials. The library collection will encourage lifelong learning, self-improvement, and freedom of thought. The library collection will reflect the full spectrum of political, religious, and cultural beliefs and practices. The goal of the library is to maintain an overall balance within the collection and provide materials that respond to the present and future. To ensure the retention and preservation of materials with long-term value, the library will continually assess and evaluate the collection.

The Niobrara County Library offers varied collections (print materials, media and digital resources) of considerable scope, depth, and points of view to enable the citizens of Niobrara County to understand different issues, and formulate their own beliefs. The collection will offer patrons access to materials and resources that contribute to the free expression of ideas.

The Niobrara County Library believes in freedom of information for all, and does not practice censorship. The selection of library materials is predicated on the patron's right to read and freedom from censorship by others. Library materials may be controversial and any given item may offend some person. Selections for the library are made solely on the merits of the material in relation to the development of a collection that serves the needs and interests of a diverse population.

To accommodate all users, the collection of materials is offered in several formats to meet the needs of various ages, reading levels, languages, cultural, informational, and educational interests in the community.

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIAL**

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 Library? (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 Library 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?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_

The Niobrara County Library values the opinions of all members of the community. Please be advised that this completed form will appear in the Niobrara County Library Board of Trustees Report.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Library Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing: Self: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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