

Statement of Concern about Library Resources



Intellectual freedom in a public library necessitates selecting some materials that may be considered controversial by some individuals or groups. Reasons often cited for materials considered offensive include use of profanity, divergent viewpoints, controversial authors, sexual content, and depictions of violence and criminal acts. The acquisition of such materials does not imply approval or endorsement of their contents. The selection criteria used by the St. Tammany Parish Library must remain broad and flexible in order to provide a collection that supports the broad range of interests and diverse backgrounds of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish.

Date _____

Name _____

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Representing (self) (organization _____)

How would you prefer to receive correspondence about this Statement of Concern?

Email Residence/Mailing Address

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

_____ Book	_____ Audiovisual	_____ Content of Library Program	_____ Other:
_____ Magazine	_____ Newspaper	_____ Electronic Resource	_____

2. Title _____

Author/Producer _____

3. At which branch library or in which electronic resource did you encounter this material or resource? _____

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4. What brought this item to your attention?

5. Did you review/read the entire item? If not, what sections did you review/read?

6. What course of action do you recommend in regard to this resource?

7. Please state your reasons for making this recommendation. To what in the resource do you object? Please be specific: cite pages, scenes or sections. Consider commenting on the resource as a whole, as well as being specific on the matters which concern you.

8. In its place, what materials would you recommend on this topic?

NOTE: This statement will be referred to a Library Resource Review Committee. You will be advised in writing of the committee's decision. Thank you for your concern and input.