



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.

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Representing (self) _____ (organization)

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

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

2. Title Gender Queer

Author/Producer Maia Kobabe

3. What brought this title to your attention?

another concerned citizen

4. Did you review the entire item? If not, what sections did you review?

I have been trying to get the book, but I have seen pictures from reviews on Amazon and social media.

5. What course of action do you recommend in regard to this resource?
That this is book be taken out of public libraries.

6. 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.

This book is porn. This is a picture book (illustrations) catering to a much younger audience. This is a chapter book not written or presented as an adult book. There are sections in the book that are drawn pictures exposing genitalia and performing sexual acts, this is not appropriate in a public library. Does not matter the context, what matters is what is being appropriate for the public in the library.

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

A book written about the struggles dealing with this subject in an adult matter (not a cartoon). I self-help book of understanding. These subjects are things that are very difficult for the person going through them. This is now being glamorized and trendy when in actuality it is very painful and emotional.

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.