



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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1. Resource on which you are commenting:

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

2. Title Triangle

Author/Producer Ellen Hopkins

3. What brought this title to your attention?

Content violates RS 14:91.11, RS 17:100.7, RS 14:81.1 LA Children's Code (2), a (definition of mental abuse or neglect) failure to protect minors., Children's Code Preamble 101 - Parents recognized as supreme authority over their children, Oath of Office by Public Officials to uphold and defend the Constitution of Louisiana and of the United States for America.

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

Yes

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

Restrict access to minors via age verification. Book should be placed in an age restricted section of the library in order to protect children from graphic content while browsing.

Ellen Hopkins books should be removed from the STPL system. We should not be funding these types of books. Adults can purchase privately if desired.

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.

Strong sexual content involving minors, derogatory racial slurs, dysfunctional sexual behaviors involving manipulation, mind games, may trigger or entice adolescents with low self esteem, underage sexual discussion, externalizing self value through promiscuous sexual behavior. Alcohol and drug abuse and risky behavior associated with it.

Grossly demeaning sexual behavior , as well as drug and alcohol abuse that add no value to society.

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

Age appropriate guidance teaching self value from within, not validation from dysfunctional sexual behavior (external source).

Ellen Hopkins books should be removed from the STPL system. I disagree with public funds purchasing books with such psychological dysfunction especially to minors.

Materials that do not violate the existing laws and statutes.

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.