



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:

- x Book Newspaper Other
Magazine Content of Library Program
Audiovisual Electronic Resource

2. Title Burned

Author/Producer Ellen Hopkins

3. What brought this title to your attention?

The Cover.. content violates the state obscenity stateues
2021 La. Laws Revides Statutes
Title 14 Criminal La
NOT Suitable for minors

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

I checked out the book on August the 31. All these books by Ellen Hopkins are all about sex, drugs, nudity and some have child abuse in them. These books are not appropriate for young teens. They promote this bad behavior. Children like to experiment. They enjoy aspiring to be like adults. They want to do the things adults do. Teens do not have the experience to know how much is too much and all the

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

It needs to be placed in a restricted area where children and young teens cannot read it or check it out without parental consent. What is it a resource for?

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.

The book is clearly not for young readers or teens. It promotes a life style that is not healthy. In your library a 12 year old can read this book.

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

Books that inspire and help teenagers to do and make the right decisions in their young years!!!!

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.