

To: William Bolin

President, Cromaine District Library Board of Trustees

PO Box 308

3688 N. Hartland Rd

Hartland, MI 48353

From: [REDACTED]

8/9/25

Re: Age-inappropriate library materials for minors.

Dear Board President Bolin,

I am thankful and appreciate our Library Board and all the hard work everyone does.

Please read the summary of the concern.

Initially, we ([REDACTED]) had a meeting with Sarah Neidert and presented 3 books that were a good representation of the materials we were concerned about. She did verbally say that she did not see any problem with the books.

Next, we were given a Request for Reconsideration form and decided to pursue and take action about our concern.

That brings us to the reason for this letter. We are on step F which is appeal to the board regarding our concern.

Twelve individuals submitted 222 Book Challenge forms on March 31, 2025. We are not a group but are concerned patrons.

The reason the books were challenged is because of the content. Each person agreed that the book content was age-inappropriate material for minors 18 years of age and under. Some parenting books located in the children's section are also concerning.

We were asking that the books be removed. Removal means from circulation or to another separate shelf or to another area/section of the library.

We used the old book challenge form for each and every book, and were in the process of having the Director evaluate our concern which could take up to 75 days. Then the Library Board became aware of issues which would leave the Board open to a lawsuit. It was decided to halt the evaluation process while a new form was developed and voted on for approval. During the meeting on June 19th, I heard Dawn Smith say the new form would protect the Library Board from a lawsuit. Thankfully, the new form was written and approved on June 19, 2025.

Unfortunately, The Director completed the Book Challenge forms that were originally submitted (old forms). She notified me a few days before completing her evaluation that she would complete the original request forms as written. She completed this work on 8/1/25. I asked for the new approved form twice before she completed the work. Once just after it was approved and the other time later in July. To date, the form has not been made available to me.

The summary of her work (letter included) is as follows: Of the 218 individual materials challenged, 10 were moved to other collections, 8 were removed (weeded), 13 were labeled. In addition, 3 were on order when challenged and were found to be on backorder and then canceled, 4 books were missing.

I and the other Book Challenge form signers are appealing to the board to consider our request for removal for each book for minors. We stand on our request because we believe that these books contain age-inappropriate materials for minors 18 and under. We also understand to move forward we need to use the new library book challenge form and update the language of #4. The original language for #4 is sexualization/exploitation of children. The new language for #4 is age-inappropriate content/material for minors.

Questions for the Library Board:

1. Where is the new book challenge form approved June 19th?
2. When will it be available?
3. Why is it not available?
4. Will we be allowed to fill out new Book Challenge forms for each of the 222 books we challenged?
5. Will the new form review by Sarah Neidert be exactly as the old form?
6. Will her review stand?
7. Did Sarah Neidert post the old form as a public record or will she post the new form?

Looking forward to hearing from the Library Board on this important matter.

Thank you,

Included

List of books that were challenged

Summary of her decision

Communication acknowledgement dated form

Sample of old form submission

My recent letter to Sarah Neidert emailed 7/31/25

	Title	Author	
1	My Own Way: Celebrating Gender Freedom for Kids	Estrela, Joana	Juv
2	Gender queer: A Memoir	Kobabe, Maia	✓ See all formats
3	Beyond the Gender Binary	Vaid-Menon, Alok	Ages 12 and up
4	Asexual	Quist, Jeremy	Teen
5	Gender Inequality in sports, from Title IX to World Titles	Cronn-Hills, Kirstin ok	Will have + read at Section to determine if it is an issue
6	She/he/they/ them	Stanborough, Rebecca	Teen
7	Being you a first conversation about gender	Madison, Megan	Please read this book to see if it is an issue
8	Gender identity for kids: a book about finding yourself understanding others, and respecting everybody	Passchier, Anay	

9 Free to be:
understanding
kids and gender
identity

Turban, Jack L

Parenting

10 Gender: your guide:
a gender-friendly
primer on what to
know, what to
say, and what
to do in the new
gender culture

Ainton, Lee

Parenting

11 It's perfectly normal:
Changing bodies,
growing up, sex,
gender, and sexual
health

Harri, Robie H

✓ See all formal
Juv

12 The Gender Identity
guide for parents:
Compassionate advice
to help your child
be their most authentic
self

Hawn, Tavi

Parenting

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| 13 | Fine: a comic about gender | Ewing, Rhea | Graphic Novel
Trans. |
| 14 | True You: A gender Journey | Agna, Green | Juv |
| 15 | Kisses for Jet | Bas Becker, Joris | Teen
Graphic
Novel |
| 16 | ABC of Gender Identity | Dalal, Devika | Juv |
| 17 | Seeing Gender: an illustrated guide to identity and expression | Gottlieb, Isis | Teen |
| 18 | Raising Kids beyond the binary: celebrating God's transgender and gender diverse children | Bruesehoff, Jamie | Parenting |

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| 19 | Pink, blue, and you:
questions for kids
about gender stereotypes | Gravel, Elise | Juv |
| 20 | Sissy: a coming of
gender story | Tobia, Jacob | Teen-I
think, Please
investigate |
| 21 | It Feels good to
be yourself: a book
about gender identity | Thorn, Theresa | Juv |
| 22 | The every body book: the
LGBTQ+ inclusive
guide for kids
about sex, gender,
bodies and families | Simon, Rachel E | Juv |
| 23 | How to they/them:
a visual guide to
binary pronouns and
the world of gender
fluidity | Getty, Stuart | Being Acquired
Teen or Adult? |
| 24 | The best gender-
neutral baby
name book: the
ultimate collection
of unisex names | Mannario, Melanie | Parenting |

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| 25 | Homebody | Parish, Theo | Teen
Graphic
Novel |
| 26 | Blake by
Virgo Moon | Woolf, Freja Nicole | Lesbian
Teen |
| 27 | Desert Queen | Gopal, Jyoti Rajan | Juv
Drag Queen |
| 28 | The Borrow a
Boyfriend Club | Powers, Page | Teen-Trans |
| 29 | The awesome autistic
Guide for Trans
Teens | Parkis, Venn | Teen |
| 30 | They, she, he, he:
free to be | Gonzalez, Mya
Christina | Juv |
| 31 | The song for
you and I | O'Neill, Kay | Juv Graphic
Novel |
| 32 | Sex education
for girls: practical
advice on puberty,
sex and relationships | Osage, Vanessa | Parenting |
| 33 | Sex is a funny word | Silverberg, Cory | Parenting |

34 The pronoun Book: She, he, they and I Me Corrigan, Cassandra Juu

35 Parenting 4 social justice: tips, tools, and inspiration for conversations with kids Backfield, Angela Parenting

36 Before I had words: on being a transgender adult Kergil, Skylar Teen

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| 37 | Sex Education for boys: a parent's guide: practical advice on puberty, sex and relationships | Todnem, Scott | Please read a sample for sexual identity content |
| 38 | Funng gyal: my fight against homophobia in Jamaica | Jackson, Angeline | Teen |
| 39 | The big questions book of SEX and consent | Freitas, Donna | Teen |
| 40 | The ultimate human body encyclopedia: the complete visual guide to how your body works | Richards, Jon | Juv |
| 41 | The birds, the bees, and the elephant in the room: talking to your kids and other sensitive topics | Mulholland, Rachel
Coler | Parenting |
| 42 | This book is feminist: an intersectional primer for Next-gen feminist | Wilson, Jamia | Juv -
Please check content for Gender Issues |

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| 43 | The ABC's of LGBT+:
beyond binary | Hardell, Ash | Teen |
| 44 | Glitch Girl | Oet, Rawie | Twelve-Trans |
| 45 | Like other girls | Lundin, Brita | Teen |
| 46 | The best liars in
Riverview | Thompson, Lin | non-binary
Tween |
| 47 | The House that
Whispers | Thompson Lin | Twelve-
Gender Identity |
| 48 | Area on the Edge | Sass, A.J | Twelve
non-binary |
| 49 | Baby making for
everybody: family
building and
fertility for
LGBTQ+ and
Solo Parents | Rachlin, Ray | Parenting |

50 Bi the way: the bisexual
guide to life Shearing, Lois Teen

51 ~~No one owns the
colors~~ Davy, Gianna Non-binary?

52 Can we talk about
consent? : a book
about freedom, choices
and agreement Hancock, Justin Teen

53 ~~No stopping us now~~ Bledsoe, Lucy Jane Teen

54 Raising the transgender
child: a complete guide
for parents, families
and caregivers Angello, Michele Parenting

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| 55 | The honey's | La Sala, Ryan | Teen |
| 56 | Trans ^t : love, sex, romance, and being you | Gonzales, Kathryn | Teen |
| 57 | Trans teen survival guide | Owl | Teen |
| 58 | Facing the facts the truth about sex and you | Jones, Stanton L
<u>ok</u> | Parenting Evaluate - Contact - Encourag... LGBT etc, ?? |
| 59 | Rachel Lauwe | Bunker, Lisa | Juv |
| 60 | TransMogrify: 14 fantastical tales of trans magic | Davis, G. Haron | Teen |
| 61 | Rick | Gins, Alex | Juv |
| 62 | Breathe: journeys to healthy binding | Kobabe, Ilia | Teen |
| 63 | Stories for boys who dare to be different: True tales of amazing boys who changed the world without killing dragons | Brooks, Roy | Juv -
Nonwearing Dresses?
<u>(Is ok)</u> |

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| 64 | The book of radical answers: real questions from real kids just like you | Taylor, Sonya Renee
(No idea) | Contents
Why are white people racist?
Trans should be removed from books | Juv-Please read + see if appropriate |
| 65 | One family | Shannon, George | | Board Book
Gender Orientation |
| 66 | Green | Gino, Alex | | Twelve-
Non-binary |
| 67 | All that it ever meant | Musariri, Blessing | | Teen-Gender Neutral |
| 68 | And they lived... | Salvatore, Steven | | Teen-Gay |
| 69 | We will always be here | Kalvaertis, Jenny | | Teen-LGBTQ+ |
| 70 | Sylvia and Marsha start a Revolution!: the story of the trans women of color who made LGBTQ+ history | Ellison, Joy Michael | | Juv |
| 71 | feminist AF: a guide to crushing girlhood | Cooper, Brittney C. | | Teen |
| 72 | This book is gay | Dawson, Juno | | Teen |

73 The fourteenth
Amendment and the
Fight for Equality

Bajramovic, Hana

Teen-New
LGBTQ+

74 King Bro

Jägerfeld, Jenny

Trans
Tween

75 The 57 bus

a true story
of two teenagers
and the crime
that changed
their lives

Slater, Rashika

Teen

76 ~~The teenage brain:
a neuroscientist's
survival guide
to raising adolescents
and young adults~~

Jurken, Frances E

Painting
Gender
Matters -
Please Read
Is it Normal
or LGBTQ+?

77 The beautiful
Something else

Van Otterloo, Ash

Tween
Nonbinary

78 Let's talk about
it: the teen's guide
to sex, relationships,
and being a human

Hoeh, Erika

teen
Graphic Novel

79 Say More:
Consent conversations
with teens Stryker, Kitty Teen

80 A kid's book
about being transgender Parr, Gia Juv

81 Girl: love, sex, romance, and
being you Rayne, Karen Teen

82 Declaration of
the rights of girls
and boys Biamini, Elisabeth Juv

83 Too bright
to see Lukoff, Kyle Trans
Teen

84 A queer history
of the United States
for young people Bronski, Michael Teen

85 Pride: an inspirational
history of the
LGBTQ+ movement Caldwell, Stella Teen

86 Beyond Magenta:
transgender teens
speak out Kuklin, Susan Teen

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| 87 | Our dreams at dusk = Shimanami tasogare, 2, Harpo Illustrance | Kamatani, Yuki | Teen
LGBTQ+ |
| 88 | Skating on Mars | Huntton, Caroline | Tween
Non-binary |
| 89 | What's the T | Dawson, Juno | Teen
Trans |
| 90 | Beyond Pronouns: the essential guide for parents of Trans children | Plunkett, Tanny | Parenting
Trans |
| 91 | Sir Callie and the dragon's roost | Symes-Smith, Esme | Tween
Nonbinary |
| 92 | Camp Quiltbag | Halleby, Nicole | Queer/Trans
Tween |
| 93 | Dotson's my journey growing up transgender | White, Grayson Lee | Juv
Trans |
| 94 | A kids book about non-binary | Chinn-Raicht, Hunter | Juv
non-binary |

95	Twelfth	Key, Janet	Tween Non binary
96	I'm not a girl: a transgender story	Lyons, Maddox	Juv Trans
97	Out there: into the queer new yonder	(18) Many authors/stories Agoawike, Uagchi M	Teen Queer LGBTQ+
98	Acting the Part	Eller, ER	Teen Lesbian
99	Bianca Torre is afraid of everything	Wimans, Justine Lucella	Teen Non binary
100	The many half-lived lives of Sam Sylvester	MacGregor, Maya	Teen LGBTQ+
101	Our dreams at dusk = Shimanami tasogare An unexpected visitor	Komatsu, Yuhki	Teen Gay
102	Dear Kothman	Gow, Robin	Tween LGBTQ+
103	Venom & Vow	McLuskey, Ann Marie	Teen Trans

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| 104 | Otherworldly | Lukens, F.T | Teen
LGBT |
| 105 | Arden Grey | Stoeve, Ray | Teen.
Lesbian,
Asexual |
| 106 | Magical Boy.
A graphic novel
Vol. 2 | Kao Studios | Teen
Trans |
| 107 | Between the Pipes | Ilse Lead, Albert | Teen Graphic
Novel, Queer |
| 108 | In the clear moonlit
dusk.1 | Yanahori, Mika | Teen-Queer |
| 109 | In the clear moonlit
dusk.2 | Yanahori, Mike | Teen-Queer |
| 110 | It doesn't have to
be awkward: dealing
with relationships, consent,
and other hard-to-talk
about stuff | Pinsky, Drew | Teen-
Consent, Sex |
| 111 | Bless the blood:
a cancer memoir | Nehanda, Walela | Teen
Queer |
| 112 | A quick and easy
guide to asexuality | Muldoon, Holly | Teen
Asexual |

123	Stem	Dufresne, Emilie	Juv LGBTQIA+
124	Different Kinds of Fruit	Lukoff, Kyle	Tween Trans Parent
125	Camp	Rosen, Lev AC	Teen Queer
126	Asking for a friend	Riley, Bonnie	Tween LGBTQ+
127	Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston	Symes-Smith, Esme	Tween Non-binary
128	Tiger Honor	Lee, Yoon Ha	Tween Non-binary
129	The dog Knight	Whitley, Tereng	Juv Graphic Novel, Non Binary
130	Dead End Girls	Heard, Wendy	Teen Lesbians
131	Constellations	Glasheen, Kate	Teen Graphic Novel, Queer

132	Galaxy: the prethest star	Axelrod, Jadzia	Teen Queer
133	Liberated: the radical art and life of Claude Cahun	Rowe, Kat	Teen Queer
134	Jamie	Lapiwski, L.D.	Twelve LGBTQ+
135	Escape from St. Hell: My trans teen life levels up	Harvey, Lewis	Teen Graphic Novel, Trans
136	Gooseberry	Gow, Robin	Twelve Bisexual
137	The art of being Normal	Williamson, Lisa	Teen Trans
138	The guy she was interested in wasn't a guy at all. 1	Arari, Suniko	Disorder Lesbian
139	Peanut goes for	Van Ness, Jonathan	Juv Queer
140	The Sunbearer Trails	Thomas, Aiden	Teen Trans

141	Ash's Cabin	Wang, Jen	Teen Queer
142	Deephaven	Aldridge, Ethan M	Twelve Non-binary
143	Lunar Boy	Wibowo, Jessica	Teen - Graphic Novel, Queer
144	Other ever after's	Gillman, Melanie	Teen Graphic Novel Queer
145	Splinter and Ash	Nijkamp, Margie	Twelve Gender Queer
146	The Wicked Bargain	Novoa, Gabe Cole	Teen LGBTQ, Trans
147	Camp Prodigy	Palmer, Caroline	Twelve Non-binary
148	What are your words? : a book about pronouns	Locke, Katherine	Teen - Pic Book Pronouns
149	Gallery in Full Color	Leahy, Elisa Stone	Twelve Lesbian

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| 150 | Upstaged | Easter, Robin | Out Order
Gender Queer |
| 151 | The Ribbon Skirt | Mukwa, Cameron | Juv-Graphic
Novel, Non-
Binary |
| 152 | Turning Twelve | Oimsbee, Kathryn | Juv-Lesbian |
| 153 | Being Ace: An
Anthology of Queer,
Trans, Femme, and
Disabled Stories
of Asexual love and
Connection | Miller, Linsey | TEEN
Asexual |
| 154 | I want to be a
Wall, Vol 2 | Shirono, Hanomi | TEEN
Asexual |
| 155 | Love letters for
Joy | See, Melissa | TEEN
LGBTQ |
| 156 | M is for monster | Dutton, Talia | Teen Graphic
Novel, LGBTQ |
| 157 | Planning
Perfect | Neil, Haley | TEEN
LGBTQ |

158	Dear Wendy	Zhang, Ann	Teen Asexual
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159	When Martin ruins it all	DeWitt, Amanda	Teen Asexual
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160	Just Lizzie	Wilfred, Karen	Teen Asexual
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161	Acres Wild: a heist	DeWitt, Amanda	Teen Asexual
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162	Is love the answer	Isaki, Uta	Teen Asexual
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163	I want to be a wall, Vol 1	Shirano, Honami	Teen Gay
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164	Loveless	Oseman, Alice	Teen Asexual
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165	Now, Conjurers	Kölsch, Freddie	Teen Queer
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166	Thanks For Listening	Horan, Molly	Teen Lesbian
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167	Small town pride	Stamper, Phil	Teen Gay
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168 Pauli Murray: the
Life of a pioneering
feminist and civil rights
Activist Stans-Holsby, Posita Juv
LGBTQT

169 What are your words?:
a book about pronouns Locke, Katherine Juv
He/Him etc.

170 Here and queer: a
queer girl's guide
to life Ellis, Iwan Teen
Practical
Lesbian

171 LGBT families:
Lesbian, Gay Bisexual
and Transgender Poole, Hillary W Juv
LGBT

172 The lesbian and
guide to Catholic
School Reyes, Sonora Teen
Lesbian

173 LGBTQ: the
survival guide for
Lesbian, gay,
bisexual, transgender
and questioning teens Madrone, Kelly Teen
Lesbian

174	We got the beat	Miller, Jenna	Teen Lesbian
175	For Larb	Cline-Ransome, Lesa	Teen Lesbian
176	Rainbow allies: the true story of kids who stood against hate	Churning, Nancy	Juv Lesbian
177	Pride: the celebration and the struggle	Stevenson, Robin	Juv Lesbian
178	Rana Toon and the one and only now	Ettart, Shideh	Teen Lesbian
179	Don't let it break your heart	Horne, Maggie	YA-Queer (Teen Sector) (on order)
180	One Summer in Vancouver	Correia, Tony	Teen (another on order) (Have one)
181	Cheer Up! Love and pompoms	Feasier, Crystal	Teen Graphic Novel Lesbian

182	All bodies are wonderful: Use science to celebrate everyone's body	Cox, Beth	Juv LGBT
183	Flavor	Curato	Teen Gay
184	Growing up Trans in our own words	Edited by Dr. Lindsay Harriot (Various authors)	Teen Trans (All formats and editions)
185	Rainbows, unicorns, and triangles: queer symbols throughout history	No author listed	Juv queer
186	Stonewall: a building an uprising, a revolution	Sanders, Rob	Juv LGBT
187	I Kissed Shara Wheeler	916 Austin, Wheeler	Teen Lesbian
188	Becoming a Queen	Clay, Dan	Teen Drag
189	Big Wing	Hillman, Jonathan	Juv Drag-Pic Book
190	Pumpkin	Murphy, Julie	Teen Drag

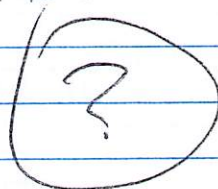
191 Harley Quinn
Breaking Glass:
a breaking novel

Tamaki
Mariko

Teen
Graphic
Novel
Drag

192 ~~Legendary
Children: The
First Decade
of De Paul's
Drag Race and
the last century
of queer life~~

Fitzgerald, Tom



Drag/Queer
*Adult or
teen?

Adult Book

193 Who is De Paul

Medwio, Nico

Juv
Drag

194 Transmission: my
quest to be a beard

Bertie, Alex

Teen
Trans

195 Trans children
in today's schools

Key, Aidan

Parenting
Trans

196 Escape From St. Hell:
My trans teen life
levels up

Hancock, Lewis

Teen
Trans

197 My child is trans,
Now what?: a joy-centered
approach to support

Greene, Ben V

Trans
Parenting

198	Welcome to St Hell My teen Misadventure: A graphic Novel	Hancox, Lewis	Teen Trans
199	Out of the Blue Comes green	Corey, H.E.	Teen Trans
200	Awakened	Osworthy, A.E.	On order - Trans Witches (Teen or Adult)
201	Magical boy, a graphic Novel //	Kao	Trans Teen
202	Just happy to be here	Kanakia, Naomi	Teen Trans
203	Neil Followed with us	White, Andrew Joseph	Teen Trans, Queer
204	Always the Almost	Underhill, Edward	Teens Trans
205	A World Worth Saving	Lukoff, Kyle	Tween Trans
206	Magical boy. a graphic novel / Vol. 2	Kao	Teen Graphic Novel Trans

207 IF I can give you
that Bulla, Michael Gray Teen
Trans

208 If you're a kid
like Gavin Grimm, Gavin Juv
Trans

209 ~~Dear Rothman~~ ~~Gow, Robin~~ Repeat Tween
Trans

210 Most Cute Diary Lee, Emory Teen
Trans

211 No One left but
you Il^{le} Adam, Tash Teen
Trans

212 Bad Dream: A
creator story Gaines, Nicole Teen
Trans

213 Night of the Living
Queers: 13 tales
of terror and
delight Vanessa Montalban
+ various Teen
Queer

214 This is our
rainbow: 16
stories of her,
him, them and
us None listed Tween
Trans

215 Dead Endia Vol 3
The divine order Steele, Homish Teen Graphic
Novel Trans

216	Ellie Engle Saves Herself	Johnson, Leah	Tween
217	To bright to see	Lukoff, Kyle	Tween Coming Out
218	The Insiders	Oshiro, Mark	Tween Queer
219	Every bird a Prince	Reese, Jenn	Tween Asexual
220	The Real Riley HAYS	Elliott, Rachel	Juv Queer, GN
221	Snapdragon	Leyh, Kat	Juv Queer, GN
222	Batcat(1)	Ramm, Meggie	Juv Nonbinary GN
223	Princess Princess Ever After	O'Neill, Kay	Juv Lesbian (not sure, if there anymore) ?
224	The Dog Knight	Knight, Jeremy	Juv GN Non-binary

225	Lunar Boy	Wibowo, Jes And Cin	Juv Trans, GN
226	Grace Needs Space	Wilgus, Benjamin A	Juv Lesbian, GN
227	Plenty of Hugs	Manushkin, Fran	Juv Lesbian
228	Granddad's Pride	Reprint Woodgate, Harry	Juv Pride
229	Daddy and Dada	Brackington,	Juv Gay
230	Worm loves Worm	Austrian	Juv Gender \pm
231	The Perks of being a Wallflower	Chbosky	Teen X Rated
232	The family Book	Parr, Todd	Juv Gay
233	They, She, he: Easy as ABC	Godzalez, Moya Christina	Juv Pronouns
234	Love, Violet	Charlotte Sullivan	Juv Pic Book



To: [REDACTED]

Re: Materials Request for Reconsideration

Date: July 31, 2025

From: Sarah Neidert, Library Director

Thank you both for your patience during this long process. Library staff have been working to assess these materials over the past months. This process was interrupted and paused while the board re-evaluated and eventually updated policy #3010 Materials Selection and Reader Guidance (revised on June 18, 2025). After the changes and updates to that policy, I tasked staff with re-evaluation of each individual item, based on the changes to that policy.

Process of evaluation:

Each title has been considered and a letter has been issued for each item, including the specific complaint, the circulation statistics of the item, and reviews or other notes about the item. Of the 218 individual materials challenged, 10 were moved to other collections (either to Teen from Juvenile, or to Adult from Teen), 8 were removed (weeded) as part of continuous review, and 13 were labeled with non-prejudicial, viewpoint neutral labels. In addition, 3 books were on order when challenged, but have been placed on backorder and cancelled by our bookseller, and eventually cancelled at the end of the fiscal year, while 4 additional books were missing.

Per Policy #3010 Section IX. Challenges to Materials:

If a patron objects to material owned by the library, they may complete a Request for Reconsideration Form for submission to the Director. The patron submitting the request must be a resident of the Cromaine District Library service area and hold a preexisting patron card. No material shall be removed from the library's collection until all steps in the following process have been completed.

As I noted in each letter, "I understand that a group of individuals helped you fill out these forms. We discussed at our second meeting that while each person filling out the forms selected that they represent themselves as an "individual" rather than "organization" because you are not a formal group, but a group of like-minded friends with similar concerns. You indicated that you may speak for the group and that I may communicate directly with you." Therefore, each letter is addressed to [REDACTED] who has been in communication with me during the process. I feel that this adjustment of the updated policy is only fair, as you indicated you'd be willing to submit them all in your name. Going forward I will follow the policy as written.

Part E. The Library Director shall send the decision in writing to the complainant within seventy-five (75) days of the receipt of each completed request for reconsideration form. The Director may request additional time from the Board to respond, in order to fully evaluate the material. **I sent the responses, via USPS, on Thursday, July 31, 2025 (43 days from June 18, 2025).**

If the decision is that the questioned material be removed from the collection, the Requestor will be notified in writing by the Library Director and all copies of the item will be withdrawn. If the material is to be retained, the Requestor will be notified in writing. If the Director determines the material may contain graphic violence or sexually explicit material (as defined in the Appendixes), the material may be: relocated within the collection, and/or labeled with "This book may contain graphic violence or sexually explicit material- Cromaine District Library."

Details:

Relocated to Adult:

Eight (8) titles that were originally located in the Teen collection were assessed to possibly contain sexually explicit or graphicly violent material, therefore were moved to the adult section. I chose NOT to label those books, as location in the adult section is meant to indicate potential adult content. One title which was located in the juvenile collection, along with one title which was in the Tween collection (located in the youth room) was moved to the Teen collection, as they may appeal to older children or teens.

Remain in Teen-labeled:

If a title remained in the Teen Collection, it was re-assessed for "graphic violence or sexually explicit material." If appropriate, labels were placed on the back of the item above the barcode, so that patrons would see the note before checking out the material.

Per the policy, those labels read:

"This book may contain graphic violence or sexually explicit material
– Cromaine District Library." One book received such a label.

"This book may contain graphic violence– Cromaine District Library." One book received such a label.

"This book may contain sexually explicit material – Cromaine District Library." Five (5) books received such a label.

"Social Issues" Genre in Juvenile Fiction

If a title in the juvenile fiction section was assessed as fitting the "social issues" genre (*Fiction in which a prevailing social problem, such as gender, race, or class prejudice, is dramatized through its effect on the characters of a novel. Similar to realistic fiction, but with a direct focus on activism or dismantling the social problem*), a spine label was attached. As stated in the definition, this label was not applied to any of our non-fiction collections. Six (6) received social issue spine labels.

Parenting Collection:

If a title would fit in the "Big concerns for Little People" section of the parenting collection, then the corresponding-colored dot was affixed to the spine of that title. Each letter indicated the label that was affixed to those books. Some of these titles were already in this section, but the labels are new- added to help parents find materials.

Removed ("weeded") items:

Policy #3010, Section VIII: Maintenance of the Collection notes that "The collection shall be periodically examined for the purpose of eliminating obsolete, damaged, duplicate, or unneeded materials, and for binding or repair of materials, in order to maintain a balanced, attractive and useful Library Materials collection." Cromaine uses Continuous Review, Evaluation, and Weeding methods to weed materials, and 8 items were removed for those reasons.

Next steps:

F. A written appeal of the Library Director's decision may be submitted by the Requester to the President of the Library Board within (10) business days of the written decision. The appeal must specify the library material being appealed and the reasons for requesting the reversal. The Library Board will review relevant documentation and decide within sixty (60) days of receiving the appeal, with the option to extend if necessary to fully evaluate the material.

Please direct any appeals, in writing, to:

**William Bolin
President, Cromaine District Library Board of Trustees
PO Box 308
3688 N. Hartland Rd.
Hartland, MI 48353**

You may choose to mail letters, or email President Bolin at [REDACTED]

The Library Board will review any documentation it deems necessary to decide within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal. The Library Board may issue an additional extension if necessary in order to fully evaluate the material.

Cromaine District Library Location Description (by Age)

Cromaine District Library has various materials locations in the Youth Department to help parents and guardians find material based on their children's continuously expanding ability to understand words, concepts, and plotlines.

The table below is a breakdown of what age range may be expected to use each collection, although any patron may check out any book. Please note that because books are purchased prior to their publication, heavy reliance is placed on the suggested age ranges provided by the publishers and noted in professional reviews.

Location Name	General Suggested Age Range
Adult Collection	Adults, people aged 18+
Parenting Collection	Adults and parents or guardians of children 18 and under. This section includes a section of books for co-reading with children about tough topics (i.e.: death, divorce) called "Big Concerns for Little People" that has a color-coded dot system to help parents locate topics.
Teen Books (Fiction and Non-Fiction)	Ages 12/13 - 18 (grades 7 – 12)
Teen Graphic Novels and Teen Manga	Ages 12/13 - 18 (grades 7 – 12)
Tween Books (only Fiction)	Ages 10-12 (grades 5 – 6)
Juvenile Non-Fiction	Ages 2 - 12 (this is our broadest age range, and is broken into subjects by the Dewey Decimal System so that readers may choose to look at only their preferred subject section(s). (i.e.: Tractors, Animals, Biographies, Poetry)
Juvenile Graphic Novels (Fiction and Non-Fiction)	Ages 6 – 12
Juvenile Fiction	Ages 6 – 10 (grades 1 – 4)
Juvenile Easy Reader	Ages 4 – 6 (grades Kindergarten – 2)
Juvenile Picture Books	Ages 0 – 5
Board Books	Ages 0 – 3

Communication Acknowledgment Form

I acknowledge receipt of the binder containing the original request for reconsideration forms, along with a written response to each form to and agree to follow the next steps outlined below:

Per Policy #3010 Section IX. Challenges to Materials:


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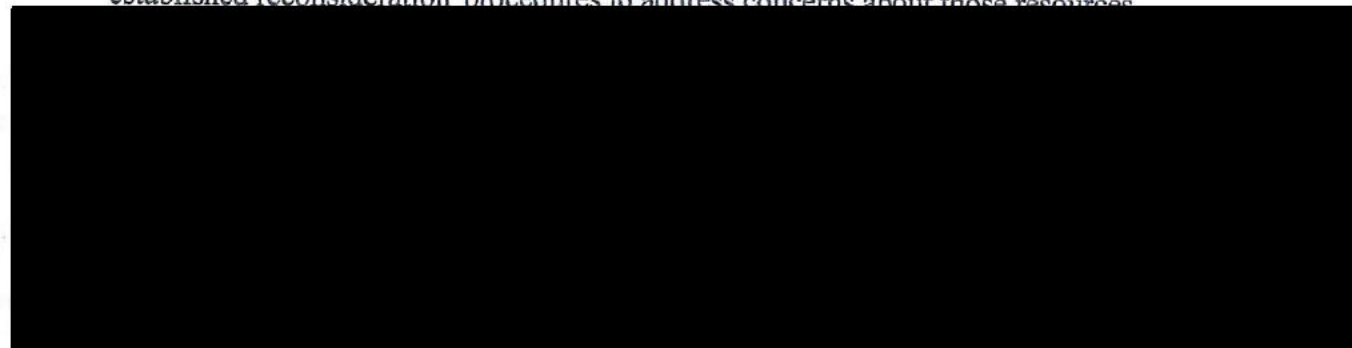
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Date:

8/1/25

Request for Reconsideration

The Library Board of Trustees has delegated the responsibility for selection and evaluation of collection materials and programming to the Library Director and has established reconsideration procedures to address concerns about these resources.



Do you represent yourself? Yes or an Organization? (please specify) : _____

1. Type of resource on which you are commenting:

☒ Book (e-book) ☒ Audio Recording _____ DVD _____ Game
_____ Magazine/Newspaper _____ Content of Library Program
_____ Other, please specify:

Title TWELFTH

Author/Producer/Presenter JANET KEE

2. What brought this resource to your attention?

PARENTAL CONCERN FOR CHILDREN

3. Have you examined the entire resource? If not, what sections did you review?

THE BOOK IS PUSHING A LIFESTYLE THAT I OBJECT TO. "THE GIRL IN THE CENTER WAS ACTUALLY THE BOY GRAHAM, WHO MAREN HAD SEEN AT DROP-OFF."

4. What concerns you about the resource?

SEXUALIZED/EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

5. What action are you requesting from the Library

REMOVAL

Process: As outlined in the Library's Materials Selection Policy #3020: No material shall be removed from the Library's collection until all steps in the following process have been completed.

- A. Patrons ("Requester") who object to Library Materials will be sent to the Director.
- B. The Director will discuss the Library Materials in question with the Requester, attempting to resolve the concern to both the Requester's and Library's satisfaction.
- C. If the Requester wishes to carry the request further, the Director will provide the Requester with a copy of the Materials Selection Policy, including the Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials ("Request for Reconsideration").
- D. Once a completed, signed copy of the Request for Reconsideration is received, the Library Director shall decide the Request for Reconsideration, taking into consideration the Library's Materials Selection Policy and any other relevant information to reach a decision. The Director may consult with any other staff or consultants when making this decision.
- E. The Library Director shall send the decision in writing to the complainant within seventy-five (75) days of the receipt of the completed Request for Reconsideration form. If the decision is that the questioned material should be removed from the collection, the Requester will be notified in writing by the Library Director and all copies of the item will be withdrawn. If the decision is that the questioned material is to be retained, the Requester will be notified in writing by the Library Director that the material will be retained.
- F. A written appeal of the Library Director's decision may be made by the Requester to the Chair of the Library Board within ten (10) business days after the written decision is made by the Library Director. The Library Board will review any documentation it deems necessary to decide within sixty (60) days of receipt of the appeal. The Library Board may issue an additional extension if necessary in order to fully evaluate the material.
- G. The Library Board serves as the final authority in cases involving retention or withdrawal of Library Materials.

sent by email
7/31/85

Hi Sarah,

We are having a wonderful summer. Michigan is beautiful place to live.

We have been working well together and hope to continue as we move forward.

Let's review a little about the books we have been talking about. First of all, we met and discussed the books that we were challenging. You verbally said you didn't have any objections to the books we presented. We also presented a few lists of books with the exact same concerns. You explained how the library has a flow of books coming in and out where some would be filtered out as that is the normal procedure of the library. Next, books were being challenged and forms were filled out for each book and submitted to you. You pulled the book and began the process of reviewing each of the 234.

At a board meeting, it came to everyone's attention that the library board could be open to a lawsuit. A pause was placed on the book review while other local library policies were reviewed and to consult legal counsel so that the Board would be in line with the Constitution and be protected from a lawsuit. While I initially thought to change the wording on #4 for each form and asked you to consider this, I realized after hearing Dawn Smith speak that all new forms would be needed. That new form was approved on June 19, 2025.

I asked for the form twice and you did say you would work on it towards the end of the month. It has now been about 6 weeks since approval. Without seeing the new form, I cannot say how it differs. However, since police were called in because of the near violent protests, one can conclude it must contain important content. However, in your last communication, you were saying the content is much the same.

So, we would like to see this form as soon as possible. As indicated in other board meetings, the issue with books for minors with inappropriate content has been dragging on for several years and other local libraries have successfully labeled their books without delay. It is a concern as patrons to see all these things as delay on the part of the library.

We believe it would be unwise to continue along this path (with the old form) when a new path that is better has opened with the new form. If your review and decisions apply to the new form and it stands, we will all fill out new forms for each and every book and we can all work together with you to finish this batch of books. Is the new form compliant with the old? If the new form changes your decisions, let's talk about it. We do not want to waste anyone's time, yours or ours.

We also do not want the old forms as a public record, for the same reason stated above.

Finally, restating our concerns:

1. Need the new form
2. We don't agree to having the old form as a public record
3. Will new form reviewed by you be exactly as the old form review? Will your review stand?

In the course of writing this, I did see a new email from you. Glanced at it and saw it said you were done.

Thank you and I'll look forward to hearing back from you.

