



Ina Pullen Smallwood Memorial Library
Challenged / Contested Material Form

Every person has the right to read.

This policy is made in accordance with the Library Bill of Rights - Articles III and VI.

[III. Libraries should challenge censorship in the fulfillment of their responsibility to provide information and enlightenment.

IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and free access to ideas.]

This policy defends the freedom to read, view, and hear. No material shall be removed from the library's collection except under the procedure given here.

Patrons who object to the presence of certain materials in the collection and who are unwilling to accept that the inclusion of these materials conforms to the goals, principles, and standards outlined in this policy may submit a Challenge of Library Materials Form to the Library Board and Library Director.

For a challenge to be considered, (1) the complaint must be properly identified on the form, (2) the complainant **must be a resident of the city of Chickasaw and hold a valid library card**, and (3) the form must be completed in full.

No action shall be taken before a challenge is brought before the Board and Director. Challenged material shall not be removed until a final decision is made by the Board and Director.

An item will be considered for removal only once in a twelve-month period.

The Board will consider the challenge, in consultation with the Director, at the meeting of the Board following the receipt of the challenge. The Board will read and examine the challenged material, consider the specific objections voiced by the complainant, weigh the values and faults of the material as a whole in itself and in relation to the collection.

The Board will issue a written report within ninety (90) days of the receipt of the challenge containing its decision and recommended action regarding the challenged material.

Approved by the Chickasaw Library Board on 06/06/2022



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Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Library Card Number: _____

Do you represent yourself? _____ Or an organization? _____

Name of Organization _____

1. Resource on which you are contesting:

___ Book (eBook) ___ Magazine ___ Digital Resource ___ Newspaper
___ Movie ___ Audio Recording ___ Game ___ Other

Title: _____

Author / Producer: _____

Date of Publication: _____

2. What brought this resource to your attention?

3. Have you read, viewed, or listened to this item in its entirety? If not, what portion have you read, viewed, or listened to? (List portions by page number, time into film/recording/, or other identification.)

4. To what specific aspects of the item do you object? Cite specific pages, passages, or scenes. (Feel free to use the back of this page if needed.)

5. Are there resource(s) you suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic?

6. What action are you requesting the library board consider?

