

# Challenge of Library Material

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The Kinderhook Memorial Library will support the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read. Should any patron of the Kinderhook Memorial Library raise a question about any materials provided by the Library being in any way objectionable, the complainant must file a written complaint with the Library Director on a form provided for this purpose. The complainant must be properly identified before the request is considered. No action will be taken before the complaint is brought before the Board of Trustees. The written complaint will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

The Board shall assign a subcommittee to review the challenged material which will:

1. consider the specific objections to the material voiced by the complainant
2. weigh the values and faults of the material as a whole
3. where appropriate, solicit advice or opinion from the library director, the library staff, other library Directors, the Mid-Hudson Library System, the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom and the New York State Intellectual Freedom Committee. The subcommittee will also refer to the library's collection development policy.
4. issue a written report within ninety days to the Director containing its recommendations concerning any complaint.

The Director shall review the report of the Board and notify the complainant.

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