

Materials Challenge Policy

Censorship of the library's collection will not be tolerated. As a university library, we cultivate a collection of resources that are appropriate for the curriculum at Hollins and an adult audience. Our collection represents various viewpoints that stimulate intellectual inquiry and foster spirited debate. That said, legitimate complaints about library materials will be reviewed based on the guidelines endorsed by the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Manual.

Complaints will be handled on a case-by-case basis and can only be made by current students, faculty, and staff of Hollins University. The Wyndham Robertson Library has delegated the responsibility for the selection and evaluation of materials to four liaison librarians who specialize in different subject areas. Should a member of the Hollins community think that certain material is unsuitable for the library's collection, the first step is to discuss their concerns with the appropriate liaison librarian and/or the University Librarian.

Maryke Barber, Public Services & Fine Arts Liaison Librarian (mbarber@hollins.edu)

Art, Art History, Dance, Film, Photography, Music, Theater

James Miller, IT & Sciences Librarian (millerjc@hollins.edu)

Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Sciences, Mathematics, Physics, Psychology

Rebecca Seipp, Outreach and Humanities Liaison Librarian (seippri@hollins.edu)

Children's Literature, Classics, English, French, German, History, Japanese, Philosophy, Religion, Spanish

Luke Vilelle, University Librarian (lvilelle@hollins.edu)

Business, Communication, Economics, Education, Gender & Women's Studies, International Studies, Political Science, Sociology

If the issue is not resolved following an informal discussion about the mission of the library and how the material supports higher education learning, the library has established formal reconsideration procedures to address concerns about those resources. You must fill out this Challenge Form and return it to Luke Vilelle, University Librarian, to initiate formal proceedings. The challenge will then be reviewed by a Reconsideration Committee, comprised of the University Librarian, one faculty member, and one student. The committee will review the specific title, speak with the person making the challenge, and then determine if the title will remain in the library's collection.

Challenge Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Do you represent self? _____ Organization? _____

University affiliation (student, faculty, or staff) _____

**Only current students, faculty, or staff of Hollins University may challenge materials*

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

_____ Book Video _____ Display _____ Magazine _____ Library Program

_____ Audio Recording _____ Newspaper _____ Electronic information/network (please specify)

_____ Other _____

Title _____

Author/Producer _____

2. What brought this resource to your attention?

3. Have you examined the entire resource?

4. What concerns you about the resource? (use other side or additional pages if necessary)

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