

Public Library Policies

<https://mckinneytexas.org/1515/Library-Policies> This is a link to all McKinney PLS's policies. The collection development policy is #3. Comparing it to our CCPLS policy, this is short and sweet. Perhaps a good starting place for libraries without a policy. —GVS

<https://www.saintpetermn.gov/508/Library-Policies> This is a link to the Intellectual Freedom Policy at a library in Minnesota. I feel like have separate intellectual Freedom Policies instead of only including the info in a long collection development policy is the way to go. That's what Teton County did as well.

<https://tclib.org/205/Policies> – LT

As referenced by Lindsey (LT) above—yes, Teton County does a nice job organizing their policies on their website. I particularly like their newly revamped intellectual freedom policy and their Request for Reconsideration form (TL)

1. <https://tclib.org/DocumentCenter/View/2583/Intellectual-Freedom-and-Reconsideration-of-Materials-Policy>
2. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gOUiBUzG7UulyaTUYX1469CopCCDCLBPnZAvr33J-itUREdFNUdGTEJJUDBDR1RJM1Y5WlhSN1hGOC4u> This form in particular addresses items Campbell County wants to clarify in their upcoming policy/form revisions:
 - a. Are you representing yourself or an organization?
 - b. Are you a Teton County resident?
 - c. Have you read/heard the entire work - you must have read, viewed, or heard the entire work to have your challenge considered.
 - d. Are you aware of the reviews of this work by literary critics or subject matter specialists?

I found the simplicity of Denver Public Library's Reconsideration section of the Collection Development Policy to be interesting.

Appendix 5: Procedure for Request for Reconsideration Library customers requesting reconsideration and removal of items in the collection may submit a Request for Reconsideration of Library Material form, which is available at any Library location. Staff review the request in relation to the Library's mission and selection criteria. The City Librarian reviews the request and replies within thirty days of receipt of the request. The item in question will not be removed from the shelf during the reconsideration process.

(https://www.denverlibrary.org/sites/dplorg/files/2019/12/Collection%20Development%20Policy%20Final%202018_new%20mission.pdf) TL

Comment from Terri—I've read through many reconsideration policies that state the patron will receive a response within a certain amount of time. Our reconsideration form states there will be a response within 30 days. We were not able to honor our timeline due to the large number of challenges we received. —TL

School Library Policies (collected by Melissa)

[Folder of policies from a variety of WY districts](#) - a sampling of some Board policies from around the state, gathered by SLIG this fall.

[TX Association of School Boards](#) - I thought this was really interesting, and provided a good overview of how we could educate both School and Library Boards. One thing that is problematic to me is that districts put themselves in danger of lawsuits based on violating First Amendment rights if they *remove* something already in the library's collection, but it seems that there's a broad range of strategies that can be applied when it comes to keeping books out of collections in the first place.

Exemplar Requests for Reconsideration forms from [LibraryGirl's post](#) - require a little more information from the person objecting to the material than some standard policies- may be a good move for districts.

[Fairfax County Public Schools](#)

[South-Orange Maplewood](#)

[End of this SLJ article has excellent best practices ideas.](#)

Academic Library Policies

<https://www.pcc.edu/library/policies/intellectual-freedom-statement/> This is a link to Portland Community College's Intellectual Freedom Policy. It clearly defines patron rights and the reconsideration process –LT

ALA / AASL Resources

[ALA Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit \(Public, School & Academic\)](#)

[ALA OIF](#)

Additional Resources

[NCAC](#) / [Kids' Right to Read](#) / [Graphic Novels Suggestions](#)

[Library Girl](#) / [Padlet FULL of great resources](#)

PEN [Educational Gag Orders Index](#)

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