



Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Community Development Department
Library Material Review Score Card

Title:

Author:

Date:

Reviewer Name:

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance?
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons?
- Is the material factually accurate?
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source?
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community?
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source?
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit?

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals?
- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members?
- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?
- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Suitability for Minors under 16 (answer yes or no):

1. Does the material depict the following actual or simulated conduct?

- sexual penetration;
- the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast;
- masturbation;
- bestiality;
- the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast; or
- sexual masochism or sadism

Yes No

2. Would the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, find that the material, *taken as a whole*, appeals to the prurient interest in sex for persons under 16 years of age?

Yes No

3. Would a reasonable person find that the material, *taken as a whole*, lacks serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value for persons under 16 years of age?

(Note: Mark "Yes" only if the book lacks all of them)

Yes No

4. Does the material depict actual or simulated conduct in a way that is patently offensive to the prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for persons under 16 years of age?

Yes No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria):

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:

- Keep the book where it is
- Reshelve the book to the young adult section
- Reshelve the book to the adult section
- Remove the book from the library
- Other _____

COMMENTS/REASONS REGARDING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION (if any):