

# **MAT-1 Reconsideration Policy**

(The following sections from a draft collection development policy presented in 1996 that were okayed by the board at the first reading. The entire policy has not been adopted.)

## **1.0 Purpose**

Individuals have a right to question material now in the collection. They may register their thoughts by discussing the material with the library director or assistant director, and/or by completing the form "Request for Materials Review." The material in question shall not be removed from public use while it is being reconsidered. The library director or assistant director will examine the material in question and let the individual know his/her final decision within a reasonable time.

If a citizen is not satisfied with that decision, he/she may ask to present his/her case at the next scheduled board meeting. In the event of numerous requests concerning the same title, the board may choose to hold a special public hearing in accordance with its established policy and procedures. In either case, the board will make their decision at the subsequent meeting.

The board of trustees shall hear citizen requests for reconsideration of library materials in accordance with its established policy and procedures. The board's decision in such matters shall be considered final. [Agreement between city and board, 1990]

If a person charges that a particular item is not protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution or the Washington State Constitution, the burden of proof rests with the complainant.

If a court having jurisdiction over Camas Public Library decides that any material in the collection is unprotected by these constitutions, such material will be removed immediately.