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03.03.05 Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources

The public has the right to access a range of ideas and experiences through the library. PCCLD provides resources for the interest, information and enlightenment of the community and strives to present diverse points of view. Individuals may disagree with resources that do not support their own views or values, or that are not compatible with their beliefs. PCCLD follows the standards and guidelines established by library law which governs the reconsideration of library resources and assigns responsibility to public libraries for challenging censorship in the fulfillment of its responsibility to provide information and enlightenment. Library staff is available to identify alternate resources that may be available and responsibility for resources accessed by minors rests with their parents or legal guardians. Library selection decisions are not influenced by the possibility that resources may be accessible to minors. A formal, written request for reconsideration of library resources may be submitted to the Executive Director. These forms are available at each library location and on PCCLD's website. A resident or property owner in Pueblo County may submit up to five requests for reconsideration in a calendar year.

PCCLD is not a judicial body. Laws governing obscenity, subversive materials, and other questionable matters are subject to interpretation by the courts. Therefore, no challenged resources will be removed or altered based solely on a complaint of obscenity or any other category covered by law unless a local court of competent jurisdiction has entered an order requiring its removal or alteration. No resources will be knowingly offered at the library that have previously been determined to be in noncompliance with the law.

PCCLD shall consider the perspectives of marginalized groups and shall prohibit discrimination based on age, background, political or religious views, origin, disability, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, or ancestry. PCCLD shall not proscribe or prohibit access to library resources because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval of the library resource.

The Executive Director and other library staff consider each formal request in terms of the criteria outlined in PCCLD's policies, principles of the ALA Library Bill of Rights and related statements, and other appropriate sources. Library resources will be evaluated for reconsideration only once in a two-year period. If an identical or substantially similar library resource has been reviewed in the last two years, PCCLD reserves the right to deny an additional review.

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The Executive Director will respond in a timely manner in writing to a customer's request for reconsideration and the response will indicate the action to be taken and reasons for or against the request. The final determination regarding requests for reconsideration of library resources shall be made available to the public on PCCLD's website. A written request for reconsideration of a library resource is not a library user record as described in Section 24-90-119 (1). A written request for reconsideration of library resources is an open record under the "Colorado Open Records Act," Part 2 of Article 72 of this Title 24

See Also:	*03.03.02*	*Material Selection*
	03.03.05 P1	*Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources Procedures*
	03.03.05 F1	*Request for Reconsideration of Library Resources Form*
	03.05.03	*Exhibits and Displays*
	03.07.01	*Library Programs and Events*