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Inappropriate for Any Age – Ban It Forever!

Listing of Challenges to Collections and Policies in Canadian Libraries in 2017

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A. Library Materials Challenged in 2017

Books, Graphic Novels, and Comics

Entire collection of books by Maxime Roussy (Challenged 2 times)
Art's Supplies, by Tougas, Chris
Barbarians: How Baby Boomers, Immigrants, and Islam Screwed My Generation, by Lauren Southern
The Biggest Poutine in the World, by Andrée Poulin
Bullied Kids Speak Out, by Jodee Blanco
Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore, by Walter Mosley
Falun fufa da yuan mun fa, by Li Hongzhi
Flowers of Evil Omnibus 1, by Shuzo Oshimi
Fox All Week, by Edward Marshall
Game Over [series], by Midam and Adam
Grade 3 BC Curriculum. [Complete Canadian Curriculum Grade 3], by Popular Book Company
Ghost Prison, by Joseph Delaney
The Incest Diary, Anonymous, by McClelland & Stewart
The Innocents (Quinn Colson series), by Ace Atkins
Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook, by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple
Jumanji, by Chris Van Allsberg
The Last Gang in Town: The Epic Story of the Vancouver Police vs. the Clark Park Gang, by Aaron Chapman, 2016
Lolita, by Vladimir Nabokov
Marvel's The Avengers Encyclopedia, by Matt Forbeck and Daniel Wallace (Challenged 2 times)
Medieval Heritage of the Prnjavor Region, by Slavoljub Lukić, Damir Kljajić, Bojan Vujinović, and Mladen Strugar
Mein Kampf, by Adolph Hitler
Nature of Nature, by Irv Dardik; *The Nature of Nature: The Discovery of SuperWaves and How It Changes Everything*, by Irv Dardik and Estee Dardik Lichter
Nanabosho and the Woodpecker, by Joseph McLellan
National and Ideology Conflicts as Factors of the Dissolution Complex State Communities, by Dragomir Drago Vuković
The Panama Papers: Breaking the Story of How the Rich and Powerful Hid Their Money, by Frederik Obermaier
The Penguin and the Pea, by Janet Perlman
Pitong Anghel (Seven Angels), by Genaro R. Gojo Cruz
Rabbit Ears, by Maggie de Vries
Rise to Greatness: The History of Canada, by Conrad Black
Roger Sudden, by Thomas H. Raddall. (Challenged 5 times including novels and papers in Archives)

Secret Diary, by Julien Neel
A Thousand Nights, by E.K. Johnston
Toilet Training in Less Than a Day, by Nathan Azrin and Richard Foxx
The Troop: A Novel of Terror, by Nick Cutter,
Trouble is a Friend of Mine, by Stephanie Tromly
Un cochon pour Léon, by Jacqueline du Fay
What the (Bleep) Just Happened?: The Happy Warrior's Guide to the Great American Comeback, by Monica Crowley

Magazines

The Bulletin: A Journal of Japanese Canadian Community, History and Culture

DVDs/Streaming videos

"Black's Game" DVD, Directed by Óskar Thór Axelsson
"Boy in striped pajamas," DVD dir. by Mark Herman
"Bratz: Passion 4 Fashion," DVD, Diamondz
"Eisenstein in Guanajuato," DVD, directed by Peter Greenaway
"The Handmaiden," DVD, directed by Park
"Little Miss Sunshine," DVD, Directed by Jonathan Dayton, Valerie Faris
"Looney Tunes Platinum Collection Vol. 2."
"The Love Witch," DVD, by Anna Biller
"Nymphomaniac," DVD, directed by Lars von Trier
"Peter Pan," DVD, Disney
"Starlet," DVD, directed by Sean Baker
"Staying Vertical," DVD, directed by Alain Guiraudie
"Walkabout," DVD, directed by Nicolas Roeg
"Wetlands," DVD, directed by David Wnendt

B. Library Access Policies Challenged in 2017

Library Collections

- The teacher who challenged *The Biggest Poutine in the World* by Andrée Poulin for offensive language requested it be removed from the Silver Birch reading list
- Two users asked for the removal of the entire collection of children's books by Maxime Roussy, who was accused of malfeasance
- Patrons requested the removal of *Roger Sudden*, by Thomas H. Raddall due to racism
- Patron requested the removal of *Jumanji*, by Chris Van Allsberg due to inappropriate images and themes.
- Patron requested the removal of *Fox All Week*, by Edward Marshall due to age inappropriateness.
- Patron who challenged *Lolita*, by Vladimir Nabokov requested it be removed because it allowed "To the drive by the paedophilia to have this practice normalized. The only thing this book has allowed for is a call name for adult male paedo preference=Lolita."
- Patron who challenged *The Incest Diary*, Anonymous requested it be removed because "I object to its implications of those who practice the exploitation/sexual of children to press for the normalization and acceptance of the practice as "normal"...This serves the paedophile, only."
- The patron who challenged *The Innocents* (Quinn Colson series), by Ace Atkins wanted it removed due to sexist themes and language.

- The patron who challenged Toilet Training in Less Than a Day, by Nathan Azrin and Richard Foxx requested it be removed due to out of date suggestion and practices as well as insensitive language. The book was removed from the library's collection.
- The patron who challenged The Troop: A Novel of Terror, by Nick Cutter requested it be removed due extreme violence and sexual themes.
- The patron who challenged Rise to Greatness: The History of Canada, by Conrad Black requested it be removed due to racism.
- The patron who challenged Nanabosho and the Woodpecker, by Joseph McLellan requested it be removed due to offensive illustrations.
- The staff member who challenged Barbarians: How Baby Boomers, Immigrants, and Islam Screwed My Generation, by Lauren Southern requested it be removed due to inaccuracy and insensitivity.
- The patron who challenged Art's Supplies, by Tougas, Chris requested it be removed due to insensitivity.
- The patron who challenged Falun fufa da yuan mun fa, by Li Hongzhi requested it be removed as it is banned in China.
- The patron who challenged National and Ideology Conflicts as Factors of the Dissolution Complex State Communities, Dragomir Drago Vuković, and Medieval Heritage of the Prnjavor Region, Slavoljub Lukić, Damir Kljajić, Bojan Vujinović, and Mladen Strugar requested the books be removed due to inaccuracy and insensitivity. These titles were withdrawn from collection and returned to vendor, because did not meet specifications as per Automatic Release Plan with vendor for popular reading material in the Bosnian language.
- The teacher who challenged Trouble is a Friend of Mine, by Stephanie Tromly requested it be removed from the Red Maple reading list due to age inappropriate themes
- The patron who challenged Pitong Anghel (Seven Angels), by Genaro R. Gojo Cruz requested it be removed due to racism. The title was removed.
- The patron who challenged What the (Bleep) Just Happened?: The Happy Warrior's Guide to the Great American Comeback, by Monica Crowley requested it be removed due to plagiarism.
- The patron who challenged Mein Kampf, Adolph Hitler requested it be removed due to racism.
- The patron who challenged Grade 3 BC Curriculum. [Complete Canadian Curriculum Grade 3, Popular Book Company requested it be removed due to inaccuracy and insensitivity. The title was removed
- The patrons who challenged Marvel's The Avengers Encyclopedia, by Matt Forbeck and Daniel Wallace wanted it removed due to sexist themes and images.
- The patrons who challenged The Penguin and the Pea, by Janet Perlman wanted it removed due to inappropriate gender stereotypes.
- The patron who challenged Un cochon pour Léon, Jacqueline du Fay requested it be removed due to racism. The title was removed
- The teacher who challenged Rabbit Ears, by Maggie de Vries, and A Thousand Nights, by E.K. Johnston for explicit sexuality requested it be removed from the White Pines reading list
- The patron who challenged "Peter Pan," DVD, Disney requested it be removed due to racism.
- The patron who challenged "Little Miss Sunshine," DVD, Directed by Jonathan Dayton, Valerie Faris requested it be removed due to "child porn disguised as comedy".
- The patron who challenged "Walkabout," DVD, directed by Nicolas Roeg requested it be removed due to child nudity.
- The patron who challenged "Staying Vertical," DVD, directed by Alain Guiraudie requested it be removed due to explicit sexuality. The film was reclassified as R.
- The patron who challenged "Nymphomaniac," DVD, directed by Lars von Trier requested it be removed due to explicit sexuality. One copy of the film was removed by a third party.

- The patron who challenged “Black’s Game” DVD, Directed by Óskar Thór Axelsson requested it be removed due to content including criminal elements.
- Patron challenged the library collection containing any of the following: children’s books containing nudity, children’s books with black people, children’s books written by authors accused of pedophilia.

Library Labelling

- The patron who challenged Debbie Doesn’t Do It Anymore, by Walter Mosley requested it be labeled as sexually explicit and have an 18+ checkout requirement.
- The patron who challenged “Wetlands,” DVD, directed by David Wnendt requested it be labeled as sexually explicit
- The patron who challenged “The Love Witch,” DVD, by Anna Biller requested it be labeled as R rating due to nudity.

Library Shelf Location

- The patron who challenged Jewish Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook, by Jane Yolen and Heidi E. Y. Stemple requested it be reclassified as they felt they were not fairy tales.
- The patron who challenged Nature of Nature, by Irv Dardik; The Nature of Nature: The Discovery of SuperWaves and How It Changes Everything, by Irv Dardik and Estee Dardik Lichter requested it be reclassified as “The theories the author puts forth in the book are not physics or scientifically based and so should not be classified with other books on physics.”
- The patron who challenged The Last Gang in Town: The Epic Story of the Vancouver Police vs. the Clark Park Gang, by Aaron Chapman requested it be reclassified as “not non-fiction”.
- The patron who challenged The Panama Papers: Breaking the Story of How the Rich and Powerful Hid Their Money, by Frederik Obermaier requested it be reclassified as “not non-fiction”.
- The patron who challenged Bullied Kids Speak Out, by Jodee Blanco requested it be reclassified as teen nonfiction due to mature themes. The item was moved to the teen collection.
- The patron who challenged Ghost Prison, by Joseph Delaney requested it be reclassified for older children due to mature themes. The item was reclassified.
- The patron who challenged “Boy in striped pajamas,” DVD dir. by Mark Herman requested it be reclassified as an adult film due to violence and abusive scenes.
- The patron who challenged “Looney Tunes Platinum Collection Vol. 2.” requested it be reclassified as an adult film due to violence and sexually explicit scenes. The film was reclassified.
- The patron who challenged “Boy in striped pajamas,” DVD dir. by Mark Herman requested it be reclassified as an adult film due to violence and abusive scenes.

Restricted Access to Items

- The person who challenged “Eisenstein in Guanajuato,” DVD, directed by Peter Greenaway wanted access to it restricted by having to request it from staff
- The person who challenged “The Handmaiden,” DVD, directed by Park wanted access to it restricted

Library Displays

- An individual complained about our Daniel Arzola posters that have been displayed in the Adult Fiction area of the library for 9 years. She claimed they "pushed the homosexual agenda" and asked that they be removed because they are pornographic.

- A patron complained about the content of an art display in the Forest Lawn Library. The display was entitled "I'm so angry I made a sign" and it was organized by a community group. The exhibit was a display of posters made by teens as a part of a program run by the community group. They felt that the exhibit included offensive language and promoted political viewpoints.
- One customer was unhappy with the influence of the library's Pride month display on their children, and asked that the library remove it and focus on displays of "less controversial subject matter" that did not "push an agenda set forth by the municipality."
- The children's area had taken down its Father's Day book display, as the material had all been borrowed. In its place they had mounted a Pride Week display as the Pride parade was occurring in Newmarket. The patron objected to this saying it was "disrespectful to fathers everywhere". The Father's Day display was reinstated without removing the Pride display.
- The library distributes several free publications that contain both advertising and useful community content. The patron objected to the presence of literature from for-profit organizations, saying that the library should concentrate on not-for-profits as well as not appearing to compete with paid advertising elsewhere.

Library Programming

- "Read with a Queen" event received complaints that were concerned we were "pushing a homosexual agenda" and questioned why we didn't give equal attention to Christian issues, family, and "proper relationships".
- The Library was hosting an author event with Joseph Boyden. Patrons felt that it was disrespectful and inappropriate for the Library to host Joseph Boyden because of recent controversy over Mr. Boyden's Indigenous heritage.
- Customer objected to library renting a room to a religious group. Group's stated purpose was to use the room as a "reading room".
- Event was a memorial for Barbara Kulaszka, free speech lawyer and defender of such people as Marc Lemire and library received 100 challenges to cancel the event.
- Library speaker George Takei received over 100 requests to cancel event from social media globally after the Hollywood Reporter published a story containing allegations that Mr. Takei committed unwanted sexual advances on a male model in 1981.
- Library speaker Joseph Boyden has claimed Indigenous heritage; this claim is now questioned. Some customers were upset of our choice of speaker due to controversy surrounding Joseph Boyden, and his claims to Indigenous heritage. It was requested that the library cancel this event or replace this speaker with another author or speaker from the Indigenous community.
- Community group objected to rental of meeting room to screen what was viewed as a film promoting hate entitled "Killing Europe" produced by We Are 138 Productions. The booking was cancelled.
- The library held an Over the Rainbow Storytime session where Drag Queens helped to lead the children's story time. Generally, people who took to social media after the event to voice displeasure gave reasons such as religion, politics, dismay at the use of taxpayer dollars towards this type of event, and claims that this is child abuse, sexualizing children, or otherwise inappropriate for children.

Library Internet and Computer Access

- Parent objected to the fact that the library did not filter internet traffic on public pcs and wifi and therefore, customers could access and view pornography in the library. Library is now seeking a 3rd

party legal opinion on all policies that could be challenged based on the Charter rights or Human Rights code.

- Patron felt that children were spending too long on the computers playing games. Felt that all patrons should be restricted to 3 hours a week.

Library Noise

- Patron asked that we "remove the noisy iPads from the library or give the children headphones"