

### III.A.9 CENSORSHIP

The Chazy Public Library has adopted the Library Bill of Rights, the Freedom to Read, and the Freedom to View Statements as approved by the American Library Association. The Library recognizes that many materials are controversial and that any given may offend some patrons. Selections will not be made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval, but solely on the merits of the works in relation to the building of the collection and to serving the diverse interest of the users.

The Library recognizes that censorship is a purely individual matter and declares that while anyone is free to reject for him/herself any library material which he does not approve of, he/she cannot exercise this individual right of censorship to restrict from others the freedom to read or view.

The responsibility for the reading or use of library materials by children rests with their parents and legal guardians. Selection of library materials will not be inhibited by the possibility that books may inadvertently come into the possession of children.

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This topic is also addressed in the MATERIALS SELECTION/COLLECTION  
DEVELOPMENT policy *Adopted 5-26-10*

### III.A.8 CHALLENGED MATERIAL

Should any patron of the Chazy Public Library raise a question about any materials provided by the Library being in any way objectionable, the complainant must file a written complaint with the Library Director on a form provided for this purpose.

The complainant must be properly identified before the request is considered.

No action will be taken before the complaint is brought before the Board of Trustees.

The written complaint will be presented to the Board of Trustees. The Board shall read and examine the challenged material, consider the specific objections to the material voiced by the complainant, weigh the values and faults of the material as a whole.

The Board will, where appropriate, solicit advice or opinion from other library Directors, the CEF Library System, the American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom and the New York State Intellectual Freedom Committee.

The Board shall issue a written report within ninety days to the Director containing its recommendations concerning any complaint.

The Director shall review the report of the Board and notify the complainant.

(Challenge Form is Section V.C)

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