

PATMOS LIBRARY
RESOLUTION TO DENY APPEAL OF RECONSIDERATION REQUEST
REGARDING SPINNING

At a meeting of the Library Board of the Patmos Library held in the Library on the 3rd day of October, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members Larry Walton, Marcia Frobish, Kathy VanZandbergen,
Angela Rodenhouse & Deb Fridsma
ABSENT: Members John Strick

The following resolution was offered by Member Marcia Frobish and supported by Member Angela Rodenhouse

WHEREAS, the Patmos Library was established under the provisions of the City, Village and Township Libraries Act, 1877 PA 164 (“PA 164”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 164, the Board is authorized to enact policies governing the use of the Library and has adopted a Material Selection Policy;

WHEREAS, pursuant to terms of the Policy, a requester filed a Request for Reconsideration for “Spinning”;

WHEREAS, the basis for reconsideration was stated more fully in the attached Exhibit 1 which provides the full explanation for the basis for reconsideration. However, the main objections were based on the LGBTQ+ themes and the stated need for parental involvement in the topics;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that policy, the requester filed an appeal with the Patmos Library Board (“Library Board”). The appeal request is attached as Exhibit 2 to this Resolution;

WHEREAS, the Library Board met on October 3, 2022, to consider the appeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: the Library Board of the Patmos Library has determined it is in the best interest of the Library to deny the appeal to remove “Spinning” (“Book”) from the Library collection for the following reasons:

1. Under the United States Constitution, the law recognizes a First Amendment “right to receive information” from a public library. *Kreimer v. Bureau of Police*, 958 F.2d 1242, 1255 (3d Cir.1992). A decision to remove a book from the Library impacts that “right to receive information” because patrons will no longer have access to the Book at the Library.
2. This request for reconsideration asks for the Library Board to censor information that would otherwise be available to other patrons because of the content and subject matter of the Book.

3. The First Amendment right to receive information cannot be denied to other patrons because people may dislike the ideas, content and subject matter contained in the Book.
4. This Book does not violate Michigan or federal law, so patrons who desire to read the Book are entitled to First Amendment protection against censorship.
5. In addition to following federal and state laws, the Library has enacted a Material Selection Policy to assist the Library with its mission of education, and with protecting the First Amendment Rights of its patrons.
6. Based on the United States Constitution, federal and Michigan law, and the Library Board's Material Selection and retention policy, the Library Board selection and retention of "Spinning" is consistent with Library Policy for the following reasons:
 - A. The Library is not in violation of federal or state law by maintaining a copy of the Books in the Library. In fact, the Library is upholding a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution.
 - B. Based on the Section V.A of the Policy, the Library has determined that the selection of material should not be made based on anticipated approval or disapproval by patrons or Library users, but solely on the merits of a work, without regard to the race, nationality, political or religious view of the writer. Thus, the Library may include books with themes or passages that will not be agreed upon by everyone.
 - C. The Library has determined there are no compelling governmental interests in this instance that would allow it to remove the Book or censor the Book on the basis of its content or the fact that some people disagree with the message.
 - D. Based on Section V.B of the Policy, parents or legal guardians shall be responsible for the selection of materials, and the Library cannot restrict material because one person may find it objectionable or that children can access the Book if their parents chose not to accompany them to the Library. Otherwise, the Library would be denying the rights of parents to select the Book for their child.
 - E. The Book meets the Principles for Selection and other standards of the Library's Material Selection Policy:
 - 1) There is contemporary significance and interest in checking out this material. The main character struggles with competitive skating and figuring out who she is.
 - 2) Selection of the title falls within the goal of material selection to provide a well-balanced and broad collection of materials and meets the selection criteria to show different points of view.

- 3) The reviews for the Book demonstrate that the material is positive as follows:
 - a) Kirkus "A quiet powerhouse of a memoir" star.
 - b) Publisher's Weekly (star) "A haunting and resonant coming-of-age story."
 - c) Booklist (star) "A stirring, gorgeously illustrated story of finding the strength to follow one's own path."
- 4) The author won several awards for the Book:
 - a) 2018 Eisner Award for Best Reality-Based Work
 - b) New York Public library Best Books for Kids
 - c) Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2017
 - d) 2018 YALSA Great Graphic Novel
 - e) 2017 Booklist Youth Editors' Choice
- 5) The text and drawings are easy to understand.

7. All resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are repealed.

YEAS: 4 - DEB FELDSMA, MARCIA FROBISH, ANGELA RODENTHOUSE, LARRY WALTON

NAYS: 1 - KATHY VAN ZAUBREIZGEN

Resolution declared Approved

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)
 COUNTY OF OTTAWA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Patmos Library, Ottawa County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Library Board at a regular meeting held on the 3rd day of October 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Deb Feldsma
 Secretary

Brought in May 12, 2022

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**Appendix 1:
Request for Reconsideration of Materials Form**

If you wish to recommend the removal of materials from the collection, please answer the following questions:

1. Author of the item Tillie Walden
2. Title of the item Spinning - Skating
3. How was the item brought to your attention? parents citizens concerned with childrens reading material
4. Do you know what literary critics/reviewers think of this item? Yes No
5. Have you read the entire book/listened to entire CD/ watched entire movie Yes No read 1-290 then just didnt want to fill my mind
6. Are you objecting to the entire item? I really am - it draws you in almost innocent to middle of book 2nd half goes downhill very subtle but suggests + demos sexuality without parents
7. What, in your opinion, is the theme of the item? I dont even know - "bringing out of feelings" that come out with kids left in situations + portrayed in graphic pictures lifetime of skating + practice
8. What is your objection to the item? (Be specific; cite pages/tracks) turn over page - very discreet writing - drawing you in with things that parents should be part of
9. In what section of the library is the item found? nothing found

Adult Young Adult Juvenile

10. What do you feel might be the result of reading this book/listening to this CD/watching this movie? just putting that + images + ideas into a child's mind - instilling material thru written graphics that is not age appropriate without parents knowledge or without their supervision.
11. If the item were removed from the library, what similar item would you recommend to replace it? The Tuttle Twins Series - help children develop critical thinking skills about real-world concepts.

Signature

Street Address

City

State

Telephone

Date



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- Book 4 of
Page 222
- pg 51 Go down there tillie - Jesus Christ, don't cry
- 70 - I ignored the fact that I was attracted to them, I had known I was gay since I was 5. Now I was almost 12.
- - - I still remember her hand on my shoulder - didn't know how to describe it - but I knew
- 74 Bullying
- 87 - Falling in love with Rosalind - 17yrs old so pretty 5yrs older
- 44 Yeah, Jesus Christ its not interview
- 117 - discussion: sleepovers - "experimentation" - "The girl I wanted to kiss never came to sleepovers"
- 155 - Tillie needed desperate for attention + first coach Barb gave it all to me
167. accident - something happened to me that nite (quitting, skating)
170. every time I thought about telling "someone how I was feeling - I felt like choking
- 173 Book "Breaking Dawn"
- 186 \$ — locked
- 193 Luckily - there was a reason to be strong waiting for me
- 197 - demonstrating how to make out
- 198 - a first love is imp to anyone. But when you're both 'gay' + in the closet, its something else entirely
- pg 202 : Grace made us take our clothes off + stuff while she watched - I had a notebook with all the stuff she was going to make use of"
- 217 Girls making out with girls at sleepovers
- 219 " Kissing
247. coming out + telling mom
- 248 - 249 - Boy tried to rape Tillie - pictures of fish +

Need Parents involved with this
+ movie

August 8, 2022

To each member of the Jamestown Township Library Board – Patmos Library

Re: Requests for 4 Books to be Reconsidered for removal or coding

Because of immoral material with visual sexual content, profanity, and a written intention of having “‘Amanda’ not only to come out of the closet but to keep exploring all sides of her sexually once she was out.”

(this is a direct quote from the author of Kiss 8 which is one of the books being asked by the board to address.)

4 Books were brought before the acting librarian director and denied any adjustment of removal or rating or coding.

Kiss 8

Spinning

Heartstopper

The Breakaways

Age Category: directed and put on open shelving for 4th-8th grade

Reason for Request: This material is not even fit for adult reading\viewing let alone children who are not of age and should be protected by parents, community and country.

Added Points to be considered: Public broadcasting on TV bleeps out profanity and nudity. Movie industry rates their movies according to content for children under age, or children needing parent supervision, or R ratings. Gaming Media is rated for E, everyone or Adult Material

advising and providing input for kids and parents to be aware of content. It is appalling that a librarian can put any material into a library without accountability so easily but making it nearly impossible to remove a book after in.

Another Factor: if this is only 2nd avenue to proceed, it should not only be a President that gets to decide..the Board members should be reading the questionable material, without bias, or threat of anything being involved with your FAITH., since our children. All of our children are at risk!

Resubmitted by

August 8, 2022