

Library Policy Update
Article 3, Section 5
Collection Development, Potential Problems &
Challenged Materials

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Summary

- Question
 - **City Council is being asked to consider update Article 3, Section 5 of the Leon Valley Public Library.**
- Recommendation
 - Approve update

Purpose

Update the Leon Valley Public Library Policy Article 3, Section 5 Collection Development Policy: Potential Problems and Challenged Materials

1. Reallocate final decisions on challenged materials from the Library Director to the City Council.
2. Allow only citizens of Leon Valley to submit a Request for Reconsideration

Purpose / Background

- There is a significant increase in challenged books.
- Book challenges and book bans have become a political issue
- There have been targeted attacks on materials from groups around the state

<https://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2022/09/ala-releases-preliminary-data-2022-book-bans>

Fiscal Impact

- N/A

(Commission, Committee)
Recommendation If Applicable

- At the November 10, 2022 meeting the Library Board of Trustees voted to recommend the changes to Council for approval.

S.E.E. Statement

Social Equity – Keeps the decision on challenged materials within the community; provides a larger platform for citizens to comment on challenges

Economic Development- N/A

Environmental Stewardship – N/A

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