



Library Materials Committee Review Form

Title: _____

Author: _____

Copyright Date: _____

Purpose

What is the purpose, theme or message of the material? How well does this author(s)/producer/composer accomplish this purpose?

What genre would the material fall under? _____

YES NO

Is it suitable for lower elementary (K-2)?

Is it suitable for upper elementary (3-5)?

Is it suitable for middle school (6-8)?

Is it suitable for high school (9-12)?

Will reading and/or viewing and/or listening to this material result in a more compassionate understanding of human beings?

Does it offer an opportunity to better understand and appreciate the aspirations, achievements, and problems of various groups of people?

Are any questionable elements of the story an integral part of the material?

Content

YES NO

Does the material give a realistic picture of life during that time period?

When factual information is part of the story, is it presented accurately?

Does the bias detract from the usefulness of the material?

Are concepts presented appropriate to the reading ability of the potential reader?

Are concepts presented appropriate to the maturity of the potential reader?

Do characters speak in a language true to the period or of the country in which they live?

YES NO

Does the material offend in some special way the sensibilities of any group?

Is there preoccupation with sex, violence, cruelty, brutality, and aberrant behavior that would make this material inappropriate for children?

Is there preoccupation with sex, violence, cruelty, brutality, and aberrant behavior that would make this material inappropriate for young adults?

If there is use of offensive language, is it appropriate to the purpose of the text for children?

If there is use of offensive language, is it appropriate to the purpose of the text for young adults?

Is the material well-written or produced?

Does the material have any literary/artistic merit?

Are the illustrations appropriate and in good taste?

Do any of the illustrations contain nudity?

Reviews

Does the material appear on any reputable lists or garnered any awards? YES NO

If YES, please provide the titles of the list(s)/award(s) and the year received:

Does this title appear in one or more reputable selection aids? YES NO

If YES, please list titles of selection aids:

Additional Comments:

Recommendation for treatment of material is:

Keep material in circulation.

Remove material from circulation.

Move material to a different age group.

Printed Name of Reviewer

Signature of Reviewer

Date