

Texas Woman's University

Library Policy Manual

Policy Name: Reconsideration of Materials

Last Library Review: September 2022

Next Library Review: September 2023

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to address information related to the reconsideration of materials acquired by the TWU Libraries through its collection development practices and policies.

Note: Access, availability, usage, and occupancy limits may be changed in accordance with University guidelines regarding health and safety.

Definitions: For the purpose of this policy

Reconsideration – or Challenge - According to the American Library Association (ALA), a **challenge** is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others.

Policy:

The Texas Woman's University (TWU) Libraries support the academic programs of the Texas Woman's University. TWU is a comprehensive, Carnegie Classification Doctoral/Research-Intensive, public university offering baccalaureate, masters and doctoral degree programs. A teaching and research institution, TWU emphasizes the liberal arts, sciences and specialized or professional studies, especially the health sciences. The TWU Libraries serve as a source of knowledge and as a depository of information about women and their contributions to the history and advancement of the State of Texas, the nation, and the world.

TWU Libraries strives to strengthen a TWU education by connecting our community to information and library services that advance scholarly inquiry and academic success. To achieve this, the Libraries maintain a detailed [Collection Development Policy](#), [Children's Collection Development Policy](#), [Special Collections & University Archives Collection Development Policy](#), and [Children's Historical Collection Development Policy](#). All requirements for materials to be included or withdrawn from the library collections is included in the policies.

Materials are regularly reviewed for adherence to the Collection Development Policies. Materials not in accordance with the Collection Development Policies may be reconsidered. The TWU Libraries follows the guidelines of the American Library Association's [Library Bill of Rights](#) and statement on [Diverse Collections](#).

Library Guidelines:

Any person requesting reconsideration of TWU Libraries materials must contact the Dean of Libraries, (940) 898-3748, or through the [Suggestion Box](#).

The request will be reviewed by the Dean of Libraries for adherence to the Collection Development Policies. Library Staff and members of academic departments may be consulted for guidance on reconsideration. The Dean of Libraries has the responsibility and liability for the final decision.

The Dean of Libraries has the responsibility of notifying the complainant as to the decision regarding the materials.

Review:

The Library's Policy Work Group will review this policy with recommendations forwarded through normal administrative channels to the Dean of Libraries.