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Email from Library Director admitting to 'discrepancies' in cataloging.

Also states the YA age range is from 13-24 and steps she might take to improve.

She notes that 'older adults' don't seem to realize that our youth now have the 'capability' to understand tough subjects.

All this appears to be straight out of the American Library Association playbook to argue that teens are ready for explicit sexual materials.

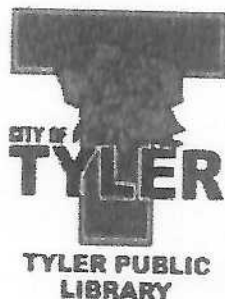
Fw: Reconsideration Updates and Assessment of Young Adult Collections

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I'm sharing this information with you all as well in the case that something comes up. Hopefully not 😊



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Plans to ask TEENS
what they think is
suitable for
them (!?)

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Subject: Reconsideration Updates and Assessment of Young Adult Collections

Stephanie and Ed,

The below is an updated message for all who may have inquiries into the status of the Library and it's material requests for reconsideration. I have responded to Mr. Gauna, which I did copy both of you on. I will do my best to keep you updated on how things move forward. Feel free to forward this message to our Council-people and Mayo Warren as you see fit.

In an effort to keep you all informed. We have had 4 items requested for reconsideration from 3 persons since Friday evening of January 6, 2023. Two of the requested items are checked out and we are awaiting their return. All materials being requested for reconsideration are classified as Young Adult. We will proceed with assessing each item individually per Library Policy. Each item will be reviewed by a diverse committee of staff who will report their findings to me.

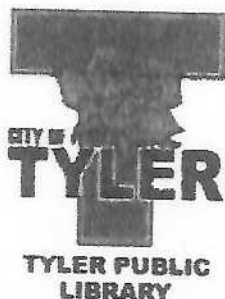
→ There have been some noted discrepancies in cataloging over the last several years with each director and each cataloging librarian. It is my goal in the coming months to have a full assessment of **our Young Adult collections, which can range in interest age of 13 to 24**. I will be meeting with staff and reaching out to other local librarians in the east Texas area to formulate a more thorough definition of what our YA section is, what the content should be, and what steps we can take to ensure an improved transparency to content.

→ In my research, and reading of youth reviews vs. adult reviews of materials marketed to young adult I find that adults, especially older adults, give little credit to our youth and their capabilities to understand tough subjects. With this project, I do plan to find a way to work with our local youth (possibly through student councils or our own teen volunteers) to see what materials they feel are suitable for teens and/or YA. It is most certainly a discussion parents and teens should have with one

another to find what materials are acceptable to them and their family. The Library is working to rebuild our own Teen Council to better assist us in serving our local youth through activities, programming, and material for checkout.

Jacqueline Salter is our new Resource Librarian who is beginning her role next week in place of Elizabeth Bradshaw. I will be briefing her on the Library's situation (she is already aware that we have faced some challenges) and plans for assessing the collection. I feel that this will be a good initial project for her and assist her in getting very familiar with our collection.

Best,



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