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Librarian refuses patron request to have agenda item to discuss current collection policies and consider revisions



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## Agenda

1 message

**Detrese Harkey** <detreseharkey@gmail.com>  
To: sjaustin64@gmail.com, bookwormlsu@gmail.com  
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Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 9:16 PM

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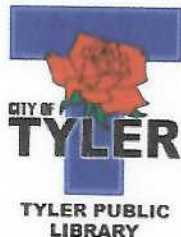
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Date: April 14, 2023 at 4:22:29 PM CDT  
To: detreseharkey@gmail.com  
Cc: Sheila Austin <sjaustin64@gmail.com>, bookwormlsu@gmail.com  
Subject: Re: Agenda

Dear Ms. Harkey,

Thank you for your continued interest in the Library and Library Board.

The Collection Development policy has been discussed at length. In January of 2022, we had a public Board meeting to review best practices in regards to collection development and provided training to our Board. During this time, we had an outside specialist review the policy who saw no needs for revision to the existing policy. We're not currently seeking revisions or review for revision at this time, but when the time comes I'll be happy to let you know.

Have a great weekend.



*Ashley Taylor*

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