

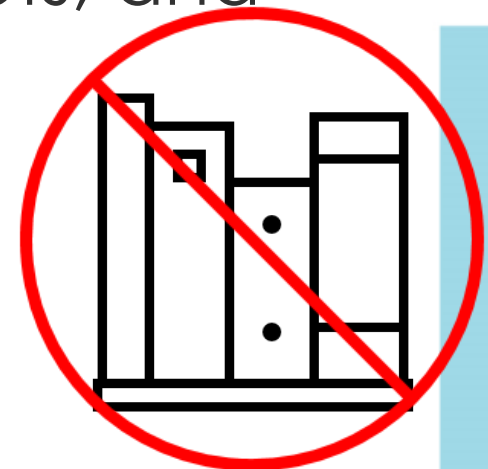
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Reconsideration Procedures Update

Library Commission Meeting
November 27, 2023

Book Bans in Texas

- Texas had over 90 challenges of over 2,300 books, nearly double the number of attempts as the next state on the list.
- Texas had the most book challenges of any state last year, according to the American Library Association (ALA)
- According to the ALA's dataset, Florida had 35 challenges last year. California had 32 attempts, and New York saw 33.



APL's Collection by the Numbers



Circulation Data

- FY2023 -- 10/01/22-09/30/23
 - Adult Print – 1,745,744
 - Youth Print – 2,516,489
 - Total Physical – 4,266,892
 - Total Digital – 956,549

Acquisitions Info.

- FY2023 – 10/01/22-09/30/23
 - 120,000 new physical items added to collection
 - 250,000 items placed on hold
 - 969,523 virtual items

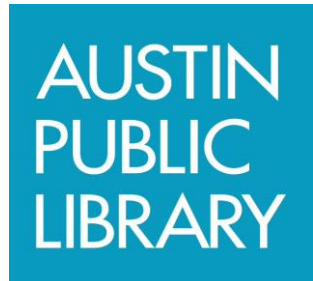
Recent Book/Materials Challenges

- *World's Greatest Dad, DVD* – December 2022
- *The Astrology of Sex* by Sarah Bartlett – March 2023
- *What is an abortion, anyway?* by Carly Manes – November 2023



Reconsideration Procedures

- Available for all staff on SharePoint
 - [Reconsideration Procedures](#)
 - [Reconsideration Request Form](#)
- Provides staff guidelines, expected timeline, professional, courteous responses with customers
- Additional resources:
 - [APL's Materials Selection Policy](#)
 - [COA's Freedom to Read Resolution](#)



Reconsideration Committee, 2024

Committee Members:

- Customer Access Division Manager
- 2 professional librarians (1 Adult & 1 Youth)
- 2 community members
- Library commission member
- EDI officer for APL, Carmaleta McKinnis-Williams

Effective Date:

- January 1, 2024

Expectations:

- Meet only as needed to review reconsideration requests
- ACAD team would gather data points to be evaluated
- Committee would meet to review the request and associated data
- Committee would provide a recommendation to the Library Director regarding the material(s).

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Questions?

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