

Meeting Called to Order/Roll Call

The Citizens' Concerns Committee met on May 16, 2022, and was called to order at 12:00PM by Linda Fitzgerald.

Members present: Shelby Yocum, Deb Dukes, Linda Fitzgerald, Stacy Smith, Lexie Walsh, and Ali Dixon.

Recognition of Visitors

No visitors were present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discuss Collection Development Policy

Stacy Smith asked Linda Fitzgerald and Deb Dukes for their opinions on WDL's collection development policy as retired librarians. Linda Fitzgerald commented that WDL's policy is standard compared to those of other libraries. Deb Dukes noted that WDL's policy includes purchasing materials requested by the public.

Linda Fitzgerald noted that WDL has more YA books with the LGBTQ subject heading than similar area libraries. Shelby Yocum stated that the concerns that have been raised in the last month have been about sexually explicit content, not LGBTQ content.

Board members asked about WDL's weeding policy. Lexie Walsh responded that books are generally weeded if they haven't been checked out in 3+ years. Some exceptions are made for popular authors, and nonfiction may be weeded more often if the information is outdated.

Discuss Recent Public Comments

The Committee discussed how to determine what is "too" sexually explicit for each age group. There was also discussion of blocking children from checking out items from the YA and adult sections and blocking teens from checking out items from the adult section. Linda Fitzgerald commented that would be too restrictive because—for example—children and teens would not be able to check out nonfiction books for research projects.

Lexie Walsh and Ali Dixon shared that library staff will be moving a number of YA graphic novels to the adult graphic novel section. They also shared that there is a parenting section in the children's area that contains books about sensitive topics that are meant to be read with an adult.

Stacy Smith asked if there is a way to let parents opt-in to notifications about what is checked out on their children's cards. Ali Dixon responded that patrons can link their children's cards using the RSACat Mobile app and see what is checked out on each card. Lexie Walsh responded that she will look into email notifications through RSA or a third-party vendor.



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Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Comment

There was no board comment.

Adjourn

Deb Dukes made a motion to adjourn. Stacy Smith seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:01PM.

Alison Dixon (Recording Secretary)

Shelby Yocum (Secretary)