

BABCOCK LIBRARY

Request for Book Censure

Challenging a book is the attempt to ban a book from a library, school district, institution, organization, government entity, retailer, or publisher based on its content. Challenges can either result in the book being banned or they can be overturned and the book remains in circulation at the organization.

The freedom to read, along with the freedom to hear and to view, is protected by the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution and shall not be restricted or abridged based on the content or viewpoint expressed in the materials in the Babcock Library collection.

Procedures:

- The book (or other library material) must have been read in full by you.
- Only one form from a household is accepted at a time.
- To submit a book (or other library material) to consider for censure from Babcock Library requires the full completion of the questions on this form by the individual who or the group that is making the submission.
- The fully completed form must be returned to the Babcock Public Library.
- The Babcock Library Board of Trustees will review the specified book and make a decision within six weeks from date of receiving the completed book challenge form.

- The decision as to ban or not ban a book from the library is conducted solely by the governing Babcock Library Board of Library Trustees. Their final decision is binding.
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Part 1: Basic information.

Date:

Your Name:

Your residential address:

Your mailing address (if different from residential):

Your phone number:

Your email Address:

Type of material being addressed:

Title:

Author:

Original year of publication:

How did you learn about this material:

Did you read/listen/view the material in full?:

Part 2: Understanding the material being challenged.

Explain the purpose of this material:

What positive qualities does the material present?

What are your concerns about the material, including citations and quotes?

How has the material been assessed in professional review sources (include citations)?

Provide citations in support of your objection:

Explain how the material fails to meet Intellectual Freedom standards:

Who would be negatively impacted by this material and how (citations and evidence required)?

What would you replace the material with (include titles and professional reviews of replacements)?

Why do you believe you should be able to restrict the reading choices of CT state library community?

The Babcock Library was established to provide books and related library materials and services to the Town of Ashford and surrounding communities. The CT library community always has the right to educate themselves their own children about the books that may be best for them.

Signed _____

Dated _____

Forms that are not fully completed and signed will be void.