

## **Resolution 2026-2**

### **Reconsideration of Library Materials Policy Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library**

In the event that an individual has a concern about a particular book or other material in the collection of the Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library in De Smet, SD, and wants the material to be reconsidered, the following steps will be taken.

1. The individual will be directed by library staff to the Library Director, who will discuss the issue with the individual and listen to their concerns.
2. The Library Director will share and discuss the Library Material Selections Policy with the individual, explaining the process the library uses for making decisions on material selections.
3. If the individual would still like to have the material reconsidered, they will be given a "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials" form to be filled out. This form is available at the library, on the library website and on the De Smet City website.
  - a. All requests to review materials must be on the "Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials" form that the library provides.
  - b. Only one item may be included on each form.
  - c. Only signed requests submitted by individuals who are registered patrons of Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library and have been active users of the library within the last year will be considered. A registered patron is an individual that is at least 18 years of age, is a resident of the city of De Smet or resides within 20 miles of the city of De Smet, and has signed up for a library number.
4. Once the completed request has been submitted, the Library Director will review both the material in question and the objection to the material and search for outside reviews for this item.
5. Subject to the above policies, the item will be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Library Board of Trustees meeting. The Library Board of Trustees will evaluate the request and make a decision within 60 working days. All decisions made by the Board are final, with the exception of determination regarding whether material is obscene, as defined by South Dakota Codified Law 22-24-27.
6. The Library Director will inform the individual in writing of the Board's decision.

7. If the complainant disagrees with the decision of the Library Board of Trustees and believes the material is obscene, as defined by SDCL 22-24-27, the complainant may appeal the decision of the Library Board to the De Smet City Council.
8. The complainant may appeal a decision of the De Smet City Council as to whether any material is obscene to a court of competent jurisdiction for judicial review pursuant to SDCL 22-24-56.

Passed and approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

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Gary Wolkow, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tracey Larson, Finance Officer