

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS



Please provide information on the material for which you are requesting reconsideration:

Title: All Boys Aren't Blue: a memoir-manifesto

Author: George M. Johnson

Copyright date: 2020

Publisher/Producer: New York: Farrar Straus Giroux

Format (e.g. Book, DVD, Magazine, Pamphlet, etc.): Book

What are you requesting the Library to do with this item? Please move this book from the young adult section to the adult section of the Library.

(e.g. Remove it from the collection, Move it to another area of the Library, etc.)

Please describe what content you find objectionable. Be specific, citing page numbers and text when possible.

The content in the book is highly prejudicial against white people and very sexual in nature. Please see the attached document for specific examples.

Have you read, viewed, or listened to the entire work?

Yes

No

If not, which parts have you read?

Can you suggest other material to take its place? The books Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling and On the Edge of the Fjord by Alta Halverson Seymour are both well written, inspirational books that detail how children overcome adversity in their lives. They are tales of courage and hope that will positively influence young adults.

What other comments would you like to make? All Boys aren't blue is a book that is not appropriate for teenagers. This book has been removed from Nixa High School, showing there is precedent for community leaders deeming the content as inappropriate for minors. The topics of race, sexual orientation and sexual activities are discussed heavily in this book. It is currently shelved in the young adult biography section of the library and should be placed in the adult section of the library due to the explicit nature of events described in the book.

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