

June 10, 2025

Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on your experience at Christian County Library. We received your Request for Reconsideration regarding the book *Anne: An Adaptation of Green Gables (Sort of)* by Kathleen Gros. We own two copies of this book, one added in November of 2022 that has been checked out 17 times, and another added in November of 2024 that has been checked out 3 times. Your request was to add a visible content advisory, not to remove or relocate the item. We do not currently label materials with content advisories.

We carefully reviewed this item physically, examined the library's online catalogue entry and subject headings, read reviews, online information, and third party review sites, including information from the author. The cover, the author and publisher, as well as the vast majority of professional literary review sites recommend the book for ages 8 - 12 or 4th through 6th grade. On the back cover of the paperback version and the inside flap of the hardback one, the content you've objected to is clearly conveyed:

"As time goes one, though, Anne starts to develop more-than-friends feelings for Diana. With the winter dance on the horizon, Anne wants to ask Diana to go with her...but what if Diana doesn't feel the same way?"

There are several other graphic novels in the "J" youth section featuring a first kiss that share some of the subject headings included in the library's online catalog for this book such as "first loves," "coming of age comics" and "romance comics." This book additionally includes the subject heading "lesbians" as well as the above excerpt about the "more-than-friends" storyline in the online catalog summary. If you are unfamiliar with how to read the catalog entries there is more information and even video tutorials on the <u>parent resources</u> page of our website.

We make every effort to provide a broad selection of materials to meet the needs of diverse audiences. Some individuals may find the content of this book sensitive or inappropriate for their children, but there are others who are interested in the topic or find it relevant. Children's books provide an opportunity for parents to discuss ideas and society in the way that works best for their families.

Since you noted in your request a love for the original *Anne of Greene Gables*, we've put a graphic novel version of the original story that the library also owns on hold for your family. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tory E. PegramInterim Director
Christian County Library