



December 20, 2023

We received your Request for Reconsideration regarding the book *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman. We have owned this title since July 2018, and it has been checked out 19 times. We reviewed it and have decided to retain it in the Children's Picture Book section.

According to our book vendor, this book's intended audience is children ages 6-7, grades 1-2. The publisher, the American Psychological Association, recommends it for ages 4-8 and grades preschool-3. It contains content and themes relevant to and written for children. The front and back covers make clear the book's content and references that the book contains a note for parents and caregivers on how to talk to children about sexual orientation and gender identity in age-appropriate ways.

The online catalog includes details about the content of this book, and it also received positive reviews from publications like *Publishers Weekly* and *School Library Journal* (excerpt below).

Some individuals may object to the ideas in this book, but it is a well-reviewed work, popular in our collection, and located where one would expect to find it. There are community members who are represented in these pages and others who are interested in reading material on this topic.

Children's books can provide an opportunity for parents to discuss ideas and society in the way that works best for their families. The Christian County Library makes every effort to provide a broad selection of materials to meet the needs of diverse audiences, and we rely on parents and guardians to determine what is or is not suitable for their households.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Renee Brumett, Executive Director  
Christian County Library

**Review Excerpts:**

School Library Journal, June 2014

*PreS-Gr 2—Filled with saturated colors and vivid illustrations, this picture book uses rhyming couplets to convey the fun and exuberant feelings associated with a pride parade for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people and families. For example, "Rainbow arches/Joyful marches/Motors roaring/Spirits soaring." The cartoon artwork is richly detailed and captures the "Banners swaying/Children playing." The*



*diversity shown at the pride parade is realistic; both homosexual and heterosexual people, young and old, are depicted as well as individuals, couples, and families. At the end of the book, a "Reading Guide," provides explanations for the images and allusions in the book. Additionally, a "Note to Parents and Caregivers," offers suggestions for talking to various age levels of children about LGBT families. This beautifully illustrated book is a great addition to a school or personal library to add diversity in a responsible manner without contributing to stereotypes about LGBT people.*