

## MATERIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE

### RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS SUMMARY – 2001

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CUSTOMER COMMENTS	FINDINGS AND ACTION TAKEN
January 2001	<b>1. Babyface</b> 1998, Adult Feature Video – Rated 18A (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immoral and disgusting</li> <li>• Wants it withdrawn or put out of the reach of children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Canadian film co-written by Sharon Corder and Jack Blum and directed by Jack Blum with Atom Egoyan</li> <li>• Strong message intended to condemn the sexualization of children in society</li> <li>• The video is rated 18A and cannot be borrowed by customers under the age of 18.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult video collection</b></li> </ul>
March 2001	<b>2. What We Don't Know About Children</b> By Simona Vinci, 2000 Adult Fiction English version translated from the Italian by Minna Proctor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sordid and disturbing content</li> <li>• Wants a warning label</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award-winning novel translated into eight languages</li> <li>• A disturbing novel with a powerful message about the corruption of childhood innocence.</li> <li>• As a matter of policy the library does not label books in order to identify potentially controversial materials.</li> <li>• <b>No label applied</b></li> </ul>
June 2001	<b>3. The Poison Tree</b> By Tony Strong, 1997 Adult Fiction – Mystery (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graphic scenes of animal torture</li> <li>• Wants it removed from collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A well reviewed mystery novel by a popular author</li> <li>• Scenes of animal torture are an integral part of the author's profile of a psychopathic killer.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult fiction collection</b></li> </ul>

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CUSTOMER COMMENTS	FINDINGS AND ACTION TAKEN
June 2001	<b>4. Wallpaper</b> <b>June 2001 issue (39)</b> Adult periodical (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nudity on cover</li> <li>• Using women as sex objects to sell magazines</li> <li>• Wants it removed from collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An award winning design and life style magazine.</li> <li>• Popular, widely distributed magazine in demand by our customers.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the collection</b></li> </ul>
September 2001	<b>5. Bumface</b> By Morris Gleitzman, 1998 Children's Fiction (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inappropriate language for audience</li> <li>• Wants warning label</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Popular author of children and teen books</li> <li>• Content deemed more appropriate for teen fiction collection</li> <li>• As a matter of policy the library does not label books in order to identify potentially controversial materials.</li> <li>• <b>Title transferred to Teen Fiction collection</b></li> <li>• <b>No label applied</b></li> </ul>
November 2001	<b>6. Noah's cats and the Devil's Fire</b> By Arielle North Olson, 1992 Children's Picture Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some pictures are frightening for children</li> <li>• Wants it reclassified as adult folktale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Award-winning (for illustrations) and well-reviewed picture book</li> <li>• Library reserves right of parents and caregivers to monitor children's reading</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the collection</b></li> </ul>

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	CUSTOMER COMMENTS	FINDINGS AND ACTION TAKEN
November 2001	<b>7. Not a Love Story</b> National Film Board, 1991 Adult Documentary Video – Rated 18A (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graphic and degrading to women</li> <li>Wants it removed from collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serious social study still used in women's study courses across North America</li> <li>Uses realities of sex trade to expose destructive and dehumanizing effects of pornography</li> <li>Video is rated 18A and cannot be borrowed by customers under the age of 18.</li> <li><b>Retained in the collection</b></li> </ul>
November 2001	<b>8. The Chemistry of Mind-Altering Drugs</b> By Daniel Perrine, 1996 Adult Nonfiction (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains information on how to make or produce illegal drugs</li> <li>Wants it given to an academic library</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award-winning, well-reviewed work by chemistry professor intended for professionals, students, educators and interested laypersons</li> <li>Appropriately held as reference only at the two Research &amp; Reference Libraries</li> <li><b>Retained in collection</b></li> </ul>
December 2001	<b>9. Grammar Through Stories</b> By Priscilla Karant, 1994 English as a Second Language Kit (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offensive and racist material in one story</li> <li>Humorous treatment of theft in one story</li> <li>Wants it removed from collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published by a leading ESL publisher and written by a master ESL teacher</li> <li>Extremely well-used (1800+ circulations)</li> <li>No racist intent, rather shows importance of learning idioms</li> <li>Theft story shows humour in surprise ending</li> <li><b>Retained in the collection</b></li> </ul>