

**MATERIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS SUMMARY - 2002**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF CUSTOMER COMMENTS</b>	<b>FINDINGS AND ACTION TAKEN</b>
January 2002	<b>1. Very Bad Things</b> 1998 Adult Feature Video Rated R (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent</li> <li>Contents include a graphic sex scene.</li> <li>Wants it removed from the collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Film is a typical, if extreme, example of the popular genre of dark comedies.</li> <li>It received praise for its well-known cast including Cameron Diaz and Christian Slater.</li> <li>Video has a Restricted rating and cannot be borrowed by customers under the age of 18.</li> <li><b>Retained in the adult video collection</b></li> </ul>
February 2002	<b>2. Living in Process: Basic Truths for Living the Path of the Soul</b> By Anne Wilson Schaef, 1998 Adult Nonfiction (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Manipulation of the English language</li> <li>Object of the book is to confuse society or the intelligentsia</li> <li>Subtle spread of communism</li> <li>Wants it removed from the collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the preface the author outlines her idiosyncratic language use patterns and her attempt to move beyond the limitations of language as it is commonly used.</li> <li>Author has published widely in the “new age” category and her works are popular</li> <li>Book has a spiritual rather than a political intention</li> <li><b>Retained in the adult nonfiction collection</b></li> </ul>
May 2002	<b>3. The Seduction of Peter S.</b> By Lawrence Sanders 1983 Adult Fiction (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A manual on how to become a male prostitute</li> <li>Young people could be affected</li> <li>Wants it removed from the collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book was a best-seller at the time it was written and received positive reviews.</li> <li>Lawrence Sanders is a prolific and popular author</li> <li><b>Retained in the adult fiction collection</b></li> </ul>

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September 2002	<p><b>4. The Homoerotic Photograph: Male Images from Durieu/Delacroix to Mapplethorpe</b>            By Allen Ellenzweig            1992            Adult Nonfiction            (English)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verges on child pornography</li> <li>• Concerned regarding the welcoming atmosphere in our libraries for families</li> <li>• Wants it removed from the collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author is an art and photography critic and cultural journalist who has written extensively on gay images in photography.</li> <li>• As part of a scholarly series on gay and lesbian studies, the book was well-reviewed.</li> <li>• Title is available at the Toronto Reference Library.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the TRL collection</b></li> </ul>
November 2002	<p><b>5. Bulworth</b>            1998, Adult Feature Video – Rated 14 A            (English)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeated and excessive profanity</li> <li>• Consider removing from the collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong language is used as a deliberate device and is a realistic portrayal of the style of speaking of the inner city streets.</li> <li>• Film was written, directed and starred Warren Beatty and was well-reviewed</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult video collection and rating corrected to “Restricted”</b></li> </ul>
December 2002	<p><b>6. Osama bin Laden a non-threatening profile</b>            Children's Nonfiction Video            2001            (English)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video presents Osama bin Laden as a well-meaning “poor, little, rich kid”</li> <li>• Wants the video removed from the Children's Department</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video was produced by the award-winning education company Film Ideas, Inc and distributed in Canada by Magic Lantern Group</li> <li>• It presents a chronological analysis of Osama bin Laden's rise to power and portrays him as a threatening leader and terrorist.</li> <li>• Producer and distributor recommends the video from Grade 7 to Adult.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the collection and transferred to the adult non-feature video collection.</b></li> </ul>

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