

MATERIALS REVIEW COMMITTEE
RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS SUMMARY – 2004

DATE	ITEM DESCRIPTION	SUMMARY OF CUSTOMER COMMENTS	FINDINGS AND ACTION TAKEN
October 2003	1. Pasiuni si Crime Regale By Ioana Damaskin 1998 Adult History (Romanian)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expresses a virulent anti-Semitic attitude that promotes hatred against Jews The book should not circulate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The book was reviewed by two internal Romanian readers and one external with a background in 20th century Romanian history. Subject is King Carol II of Romania (1930-1940) by author with no apparent credentials. Book is biased, unreliable and poorly written. Sources are not always cited and much is based on hearsay. Withdrawn as of no historic or literary value.
February 2004	2. Being in the Light By Marianne Williamson 1997 Adult Audiobook (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification misleading Reclassify to reflect its Christian content section 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Williamson is very popular author known for her interpretations of <i>A Course in Miracles</i> by psychologist Helen Shuman. Audiobook is based on Shuman's work. Beliefs may be based in Christianity but also draw from other faiths. TPL classification follows Library of Congress placement in 299.93, "Religions of eclectic and syncretistic origin". Classification retained
April 2004	3. I'm Losing You Written and directed by Bruce Wagner Adult Video (English)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains scenes of sexual activity not suitable for teens. Wants a large red "R" placed on the video case. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on acclaimed novel with well-known cast. Ontario Film Review Board (OFRB) is Restricted as noted in catalogue; status set so those under 18 cannot borrow. U.S. rating 18A on the box but OFRB label missing OFRB Restricted label added to case

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August 2004	<p>5. Best of Drawn and Quarterly Edited by Chris Oliveros, et al 1993 Adult Graphic Book (English)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contains sex and violence Wants it withdrawn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A collection of illustrated stories from an internationally known and award-winning publisher of graphic books. Content intended and suitable for adults and shelved in the adult collection. Retained in adult collection