

**Materials Review Committee**  
**Reconsideration of Materials Summary – 2007**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Item Description</b>  | <b>Summary of Customer Comments</b>   | <b>Findings and Action Taken</b>  |
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| April 2007  | <b>1. The International Jew: the World's Foremost Problem</b><br>By Henry Ford<br><br>Adult Nonfiction | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains anti-Semitic material and promotes hatred against Judaism.</li> <li>Remove all material that promotes hatred towards any race, nation or religion.</li> <li>Customer also requested a review of the next two titles.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a primary text for scholars and students studying the life of Henry Ford, the development of conspiracy theories and anti-Semitism.</li> <li>Held only at the Toronto Reference Library.</li> <li>Libraries' responsibility to support intellectual freedom and open access to information require the retention of controversial books, balanced by works which debate and dispute their contents.</li> <li><b>Retained in the collection at the Toronto Reference Library</b></li> </ul> |
| April 2007  | <b>2. The Protocols of the Meetings of the Learned Elders of Zion</b><br><br>Adult Nonfiction          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains anti-Semitic material and promotes hatred against Judaism.</li> <li>Remove all material that promotes hatred towards any race, nation or religion.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Widely recognized as a fabrication and a hoax, this title is considered to be a primary source in the study of anti-Semitism.</li> <li>Held only at the Toronto Reference Library.</li> <li>Libraries' responsibility to support intellectual freedom and open access to information require the retention of controversial books, balanced by works which debate and dispute their contents</li> <li><b>Retained in the collection at the Toronto Reference Library</b></li> </ul>                |
| April 2007  | <b>3. Mein Kampf</b><br>By Adolf Hitler<br><br>Adult Nonfiction  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contains anti-Semitic material and promotes hatred against Judaism.</li> <li>Remove all material that promotes hatred towards any race, nation or religion.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hitler's autobiography and political manifesto is central to understanding the origins of National Socialism and the World War II era.</li> <li>It is studied extensively at the university level and is available in public and university libraries across Canada.</li> <li>Libraries' responsibility to support intellectual freedom and open access to information require the retention of controversial</li> </ul>   |

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|           |  |   | <p>books, balanced by works which debate and dispute their contents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult nonfiction collection</b></li> </ul>   |
| June 2007 | <p><b>4. Brian's Hunt</b><br/>By Gary Paulsen</p> <p>Children's Fiction<br/>Audiobook</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains scene that is too graphic for children.</li> <li>• Move all formats of title (book, audiobook) to the teen collection.</li> </ul>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paulsen is an award-winning and well-known author and this title is part of a popular wilderness adventure series for children aged 10 and up.</li> <li>• The content is suitable for older children and the scene, the aftermath of a bear killing, is realistic without being sensationalized.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the children's collection</b></li> </ul> |
| June 2007 | <p><b>5. The Cat Who Killed Lilian Jackson Braun: a Parody</b><br/>By Robert Kaplow</p> <p>Adult Fiction</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The book is obscene bordering on pornography.</li> <li>• Remove the book from the collection and put the author's name on a watch list.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the title states, this is a parody of a popular mystery series and is described as bawdy on the jacket.</li> <li>• Reviews were generally positive and, while not for all readers, it is popular with library customers.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult fiction collection</b></li> </ul>   |