

Materials Review Committee
Reconsideration of Materials Summary – 2007

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

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