

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS

Please fill out the requested information to the best of your ability. The information you provide will be an important part of the Meridian Library District's review of the materials.

### I. SECTION 1 – REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MATERIALS.

#### A. Information about the Material.

1. Type of material to be reconsidered:

- ☒ Book      ☐ Magazine      ☐ DVD/Bluray      ☐ Newspaper  
☐ Board Game      ☐ Kit/Digital Device      ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title: Gender Queer

3. Author, composer, producer, artist, etc.: Maia Kobabe

4. Publisher & Copyright Date: 2019 Oni Press Simon & Schuster

5. Item's Meridian Library District barcode number: 3

Graphic 306.766 Kobabe

#### B. Information about the requestor.

1. Name: Celeste Braun

2. Street Address: 479 W. Polar Bear St.

3. E-mail Address: ceannwpa@gmail.com

4. Telephone Number: 208-899-6246

5. Preferred means of contact: text


6. Are you a minor? Y / (N)

7. Are you filing this request on behalf of a dependent minor? Y / (N) Age of minor: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you represent an organization/group? Y / (N)

i. If so, which organization/group? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you a Meridian Library District cardholder? (Y) / N

i. Library Card Barcode Number: 20075 

10. Did you obtain the Material from the Meridian Library District? (Y) / N

i. If yes, how did you obtain the Material (shelf, hold, online, etc.): hold

11. Did you check out, request, or use the Material that is the subject of this request? ☒ Y ☐ N

i. From which library branch?

Cherry Lane

C. Information about the request.

1. To what in the Material do you object? Why do you object? (Please be specific; for example, cite pages and specific passages.)

Visual oral sex, negative experience of what should be portrayed as a positive and necessary medical procedure - papsmear, Negative views of what should be respected as positive heterosexual relationships (of ADULTS)

2. Did you read, view or listen to the entire Material? ☒ Y ☐ N

i. If not, what parts did you read, view or listen to?

3. What do you feel would be the result of reading, viewing, or listening to this Material?

Normalizing viewing of pornographic material  
Fear of papsmears, exposure to oral sex,

4. What parts of the Material do you think are accurate and valuable?

It may all be accurate as it is auto biographical but represents such a small percentage of the population. It represents ONE person's mental issues.

5. What do you believe the theme of this Material to be?

Normalization of LGBTQ\* lifestyle, cross dressing for teens, exposure to youth of sexuality.

6. Have you read any professional review(s) of the material (e.g., Library Journal, School Library Journal, Kirkus Book Reviews, etc.)? ☒ Y ☐ N

i. If yes, please specify: Wikipedia, YouTube-author interview, Goodreads,

7. For what age group would you recommend this Material? Adult Only

8. All of the titles in the Meridian Library District collection have been selected based on criteria within the Meridian Library District Collection Development Policy. Have you read the Collection Development Policy in its entirety? Y ☒ N

i. If so, please explain how this Material falls outside of the selection

criteria:

see underlined sections of Idaho Code

9. What action are you requesting the District take in regard to this Material?

Make available, only with parent written permission - NOT available on open shelves

10. Can you recommend other material that would convey as valuable a picture and/or perspective of the subject treated in this item? Y ☒ N

i. If yes, please specify: unnecessary - not needed by youth

11. Is there additional information that the Library Board should be aware of while reviewing your request?

This is available to Middle School children - as young as 11 years of age. Promoted in the form of a graphic novel, oral sex, sex toys, teen sex, a guide for gender diversity.

\*By signing this Section 1 of the Form I understand that I am making a formal request to the Meridian Library District about a material they have made available. I acknowledge that this

document will become a public record as soon as it is received by District staff and will be posted to the District's website.

Robert Braun  
Signature of Requester

2 Sept 25  
Date

(For Library District Use Only)

Date Received by Staff: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

Staff Member Initials: MC

**II. SECTION 2 – REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS.**

**FILLING OUT AND SUBMITTING THIS SECTION OF THE FORM CONSTITUTES WRITTEN NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE "CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND LIBRARY PROTECTION ACT."**

[ ] Initial this box and fill out this Section 2 if you intend for this form to constitute Written Notice pursuant to Idaho Code § 18-1517B(3). By initialing this box, you affirm your belief that the material you are challenging is Material Harmful to minors as defined by Idaho Code and Meridian Library District policy, and you request the material be relocated to a section with adult access only within sixty (60) days of the Meridian Library District's receipt of this notice.

Idaho Code § 18-1514(6) defines harmful to minors as follows:

"Harmful to minors" includes in its meaning the quality of any material or of any performance or of any description or representation, in whatever form, of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse, when it:

(a) Appeals to the prurient interest of minors as judged by the average person, applying contemporary community standards; and

(b) Depicts or describes representations or descriptions of nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse which are patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community with respect to what is suitable material for minors and includes, but is not limited to, patently offensive representations or descriptions of:

(i) Intimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated; or

(ii) Masturbation, excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals or genital area. Nothing herein contained is intended to include or proscribe any matter which, when considered as a whole, and in context in which it is used, possesses serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for minors[.]

The following subdefinitions found in Idaho Code § 18-1514 apply to the above definition of "Harmful to minors":

"Minor" means any person less than eighteen (18) years of age.

"Nudity" means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area or buttocks with less than a full opaque covering, or the showing of the female breast with less than a full opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple, or the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

"Sexual conduct" means any act of masturbation, homosexuality, sexual intercourse, or physical contact with a person's clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, buttocks or, if such person be a female, the breast.

"Sexual excitement" means the condition of human male or female genitals when in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal.

"Sado-masochistic abuse" means flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude or clad in undergarments, a mask or bizarre costume, or the condition of being fettered, bound or otherwise physically restrained on the part of one who is nude or so clothed.

"Material" means anything tangible which is harmful to minors, whether derived through the medium of reading, observation or sound.

"Performance" means any play, motion picture, dance or other exhibition performed before an audience.

"Promote" means to manufacture, issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, present, exhibit or advertise, or offer or agree to do the same.

"Knowingly" means having general knowledge of, or reason to know, or a belief or reasonable ground for belief that warrants further inspection or inquiry.

"School" means any public or private school providing instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

A. Requester Information.

1. Name: Celeste Braun

2. Address: 479 W. Polar Bear St.

3. I am (check one): ☐ the Minor who obtained the Material  
☐ a parent of the Minor who obtained the Material  
☐ a legal guardian of the Minor who obtained the Material

B. Complaint Information.

1. In addition to answering the questions below, **please fill out Section 1 of this form.** The information you provide in response to Section 1 will be an important part of the Meridian Library District's review of the challenged Material.

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2. How did you or your dependent Minor obtain the Material (shelf, hold, online, etc.)? Please include a description of the format of the Material and the Meridian Library District location where the Material was obtained.

Held. Book. Requested from Affiliate  
library. Obtained from Cherry Lane library.

3. In what ways do you believe the challenged Material meets the definition of Material Harmful to Minors? Please state the basis of the claims and provide all explanation that may be helpful.

Visual oral sex with sex toy (dildo), same  
gender sex, masturbation.  
Available on the shelf to anyone  
- children of all ages,

- i. How does the Material appeal to the prurient interests of Minors, as judged by the average person applying contemporary community standards?

Through peer pressure, student texting,  
salacious gossip, etc. And/or classroom discussion.

- ii. In what ways is the Material patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community with regard to what is suitable for Minors?

Though a graphic novel (cartoon type drawings) this is easily soft porn. It exposes children of any age to visual images of masturbation, sex toys, teenage sex (nothing mentioned about prevention of pregnancy or transmission of sexual diseases)

- iii. Does the Material, when considered as a whole and in the context in which it is used possess serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value for Minors? Why or why not?

Not for young minors. Definitely not middle school or younger.

As a retired teacher, this material is simply not of value to school age children.

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Celeste Braun  
Signature of Requester

2 Sept 25  
Date

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Date Received by Staff: October 1, 2025

Staff Member Initials: MC

This is the most disgusting book  
I've read - and I am 69, a retired  
educator, mother to 6, grandmother  
to 9 - ages 7-22. It would break my  
heart if my grands were exposed to  
this filth.

I am not for banning books,  
I am for protecting our youth from  
adult materials.