Statement of Concern
about Library Resources form
Estherville Public Library

The Estherville Public Library adheres to the accepted principles of intellectual freedom outlined in the American Library Association *Library Bill of Rights*, the *Freedom to Read Statement*, and the *Freedom to View Statement*. (These statements are attached to the library's Collection Development Policy, which is available on our website and in print, as requested.)

Name _____ Date_____

Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Format of the resource on which you are commenting:

Book ___   DVD ___   Periodical ___   Electronic Resource ___

Program ____ Display   Other ____

Title of the resource on which you are commenting:

Have you read library policies related to your concern? Yes ____   No ____

Have you reviewed the entire resource? Yes ____ No ____

What brought this resource to your attention?

What concerns you about the resource?

Are there specific areas or themes that you find objectionable? Why?

Are there alternate resource(s) you would suggest that would provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic?

Additional comments (attach additional pages as necessary):

The Estherville Public Library Director and the Board of Trustees welcome feedback from patrons. Concerns will be handled promptly and courteously.

PLEASE NOTE:

Prior to submitting this form, individuals ~~should~~ must ~~discuss or~~ submit concerns about resources in writing to the Library Director in accordance with library procedure. If the individual wishes to appeal the decision of the Director, this form will be presented to the Estherville Public Library Board of Trustees at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

One resource may be listed per form, and one form submission will be allowed per individual per month.

This form is available to individual residents of Estherville, rural Emmet County, and those who reside within the current contracting cities of the EPL.

Once a resource has been reviewed, the decision issued by the Library Board of Trustees is final. In order to address the same resource again, there would need to be a material change to the reason for the challenge or to the item itself. In no event would this take place in less than 5 years.

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