

**Library Advisory Special Board Meeting  
Buncombe County Public Libraries  
October 20, 2022**

The Library Advisory Board of Buncombe County Public Libraries held a special meeting on October 20, 2022 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Library Board members present were Keely Knopp, Ruth O'Donnell, Julie Risedorf, Sheree Turcott, and Kay Wall. Also in attendance were Assistant County Manager DK Wesley, Buncombe County Attorney Curt Euler and Branch Services Manager Sarah Gransee.

Ms. Knopp (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. She read the ethics reminder: *In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict.*

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Board Discussion**

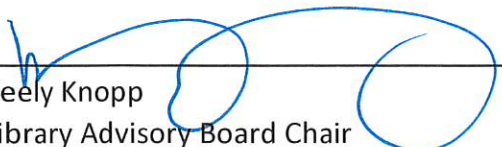
The Board discussed a request for materials reconsideration submitted by a library patron. The book in question was a children's book, *If You're a Drag Queen and You Know It* by Little Miss Hot Mess. Ms. Knopp reviewed the library's procedure for materials reconsideration. She reported that the staff collections team had recommended that the book remain in the collection. The Board discussed the book and the request for reconsideration.

Ms. O'Donnell proposed a resolution that the Advisory Board support the staff recommendation to keep this title in the collection and Ms. Turcott seconded. The resolution passed.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Wall proposed a motion that the meeting adjourn. Ms. O'Donnell seconded the motion and it passed. The Board meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Minutes read and approved this the 10 day of November, 2022.

  
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Keely Knopp  
Library Advisory Board Chair

  
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Sarah Gransee  
Branch Services Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 10-20-22

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE STATEMENT OF RECONSIDERATION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 BE DENIED AND THE BOOK IN QUESTION REMAIN IN THE ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE LIBRARY SYSTEM'S COLLECTION.

WHEREAS, Asheville Buncombe Library System (herein "Library") has adopted a Collection Development Policy (herein "Policy") to make available a broad, relevant, and diverse collection of materials with free and open access to the residents of Buncombe County; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Policy, a patron or employee can file a Statement of Reconsideration for materials that one finds unsuitable for the Library's collection; and

WHEREAS, the Policy outlines a process to determine whether material should be removed from the Library's collection; and

WHEREAS, a patron filed a Statement of Reconsideration dated September 14, 2022 for the removal of the book titled "If You Are a Drag Queen and You Know It" written by Lil Miss Hot Mess (herein "Book"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policy, the Library Collection Development Team recommended that the Library keep copies of the Book in the Library's collection because the Book meets the current and anticipated needs and interests of the public and contributes to diversity of the Library's collection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Policy, the Buncombe County Library Advisory Board is holding a special meeting on October 20, 2022, to make a recommendation on the Statement of Reconsideration dated September 14, 2022 to the Library Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Library Advisory Board as follows:

1. The Library Advisory Board recommends that the Statement of Reconsideration dated September 14, 2022 be denied.
2. The Library Advisory Board recommends that the Library keep copies of "If You Are a Drag Queen and You Know It" in the Library's collection because the book meets current and anticipated needs and interests of the public and contributes to diversity of the Library's collection.
3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

This the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

BY:   
Keely Knopp, Chair