

UNM University Libraries Collection Reconsideration Policy

University Libraries Mission Statement: We support our communities by providing expertise, instruction, services, spaces, and collections that advance scholarship, teaching, and intellectual discovery.

Reconsideration Guidelines:

The University of New Mexico University Libraries Collection Development Guidelines are based on the research and instruction needs of UNM. The University Libraries use the American Library Association's "Library Bill of Rights," "Intellectual Freedom Principles for Academic Libraries," the "Freedom to Read Statement" (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill>; <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/intellectual>; <https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>) as guides to ensure that a wide breadth of materials is available to the UNM community. Request for reconsideration of materials follows the rigorous process below:

1. An individual completes [the reconsideration form](#).
2. The request is reviewed by the Director of Collections with the appropriate collection specialists.
3. These librarians submit a recommendation and the submitted reconsideration form to the Dean for review.
4. The Dean makes the final decision, ensures necessary actions are taken, and informs the individual in writing within 90 days of initial request, barring unexpected staffing changes.

NOTES:

- a. The item being reconsidered remains available to the UNM community during the review.
- b. The Dean's decision is final.
- c. The Director of Collections maintains a file of all reconsidered items that includes the title, date challenged, date resolved, and disposition.
- d. Please direct any questions about this policy to the Director of Collections.

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