

**Materials Review Committee
Reconsideration of Materials Summary – 2013**

Date	Item Description	Summary of Customer Comments	Findings and Action Taken
Jan. 2013	<p>Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot</p> <p>Written by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard, Henry Holt & Co., 2012 Adult Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains falsehoods because it concludes Kennedy was killed by Oswald alone • Remove from collection and notify publisher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book is a work of popular history that describes JFK's presidency and the events leading up to his assassination. • Bill O'Reilly is a well-known author and television host, many of whose books, including <i>Killing Kennedy</i>, reached the top of the New York Times bestseller list. • The theory that Oswald acted alone is one of the currently accepted versions of the assassination. • Books by authors who dispute this conclusion are also found in the Library's collection. • Retained in the adult collection
March 2013	<p>Hop on Pop</p> <p>Written by Dr. Seuss, Beginner Books, 1991 Children's Beginning Readers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourages children to use violence against their fathers • Remove from collection and issue an apology to fathers in the GTA and pay for damages resulting from the book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book is a humorous and well-loved children's book designed to engage children while teaching them reading skills. • Since its publication in 1963, it has maintained its popularity and appeared on many "Best of" children's book lists. • Dr. Seuss was a prolific and celebrated children's author who won the Pulitzer Prize among many other awards. • The children are actually told <i>not</i> to hop on pop. • Retained in the children's collection
March 2013	<p>A Kiss Remembered</p> <p>Written by Sandra Brown, Encore, 2002 Adult Audiobook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obscene and offends current societal morality • Remove from collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book is an audio version of a romance novel, originally published in 1983, and its approach is somewhat dated – the heroine originally says no to sex then succumbs. • Sandra Brown is a very popular novelist whose large readership wants to read or listen to all of her books regardless of date.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the Library's selection criteria is demand and this title has circulated over 1,600 times. • Retained in the adult collection
April 2013	<p>Complete Hindi</p> <p>Written by Rupert Snell, McGraw-Hill, 2010 Adult Language-Learning Kit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contains inaccuracies and states that Hindi and Urdu are paired languages • Remove from collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of the specificity and complex nature of the complaint, the Library asked a professor of Hindi language and literature at a major Canadian university to assess the item. Library staff reviewed the professor's detailed response, which was appended to the Library's reply and sent to the customer. • <i>Complete Hindi</i> is on the curriculum of North American and British schools and is held by a number of North American public and university libraries. • Rupert Snell is a distinguished scholar of Hindi and Director of the Hindi-Urdu Flagship at the University of Texas. • The Library concurs with the professor's opinion that the relationship between Hindi and Urdu is complicated both linguistically and historically and, as in all languages, there are different opinions on correct usage. • Retained in the adult collection
July 2013	<p>Flesh House</p> <p>Written by Stuart MacBride, Harper Collins, 2008 Adult Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shocking and disturbing • Remove from collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book is one of a series of popular murder mysteries. In this title, murder victims are dismembered and sold as meat in butcher shops. • The book was well-reviewed and the series has been nominated for a number of awards. • While not appealing to everyone, this mystery sub-genre featuring violent serial killers has its fans and the book has circulated well. • Retained in the adult collection.

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August 2013	<p>That's My Boy</p> <p>Written by Adam Sandler, Columbia Pictures, 2012 Adult DVD (18A)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows sick and illegal behaviour and depicts it as humorous • Remove from collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The film depicts an affair between a female teacher and a 13-year-old student, which results in her pregnancy and a 30-year sentence for statutory rape. The customer watched only ten minutes of the movie so did not see that the teacher's behaviour was recognized as illegal. The rest of the film deals with the relationship between the now-grown son and his father. • It is a mainstream studio film starring well-known comedic actor Adam Sandler. • The film is popular, is held by over 600 libraries worldwide and has circulated over 3,000 times. • It is rated 18A and cannot be borrowed by anyone under 18. • Retained in the adult collection
Nov. 2013	<p>Lizzy's Lion</p> <p>Written by Dennis Lee, Stoddart, 1984 Children's Picture Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Violent and disturbing; has no place in a children's library which should be safe • Remove from collection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book tells the story in rhyme of Lizzy whose pet lion saves her from a robber by eating him. • The author wrote it to help children deal with bullies as it shows a little girl facing her fears and finding her own inner strength, depicted by the lion. • This theme of empowering a child by showing them overcoming adversity is common in children's books from classic fairy tales to modern classics like <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>. • Dennis Lee is an award-winning author, best-known for his children's poems, and Toronto's first Poet Laureate. • The book has been popular since its publication in 1984 and has circulated hundreds of times. • Retained in the children's collection