



# Upper Dublin Public Library

## Statement of Concern

*Connecting people and ideas to educate, inspire and strengthen the Upper Dublin community.*

**UDPL—We're About You!**

The Upper Dublin Public Library selects materials and programs in support of its mission. As such, the Library aims to offer a diverse collection of differing viewpoints. Selections are evaluated using criteria in the Library's Materials Selection/Collection Development Policy, Library Programs Policy, and in accordance with guidelines stated by the American Library Association in its Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read and Freedom to View statements. The selection of an item or program is not meant to express or imply an endorsement of the author's or presenter's work or viewpoint.

Questions about items in the collection or library programs will be directed to the librarian in charge of the collection in which the item in question is located, the librarian organizing the program, or another librarian.

If the individual still desires to question the appropriateness of the item or program, the person is required to put their concerns in writing by completing and signing the Statement of Concern form (opposite side) and submitting it to the Library Director. **Please note: It is part of the Library's Materials Selection/Collection Development and Library Programs Policies that materials and programs are evaluated as complete works and not on the basis of a particular passage or part. Therefore, only those requests in which the initiator has read/listened/viewed the ENTIRE work or program will be considered.**

Upon receipt, the Library Director will appoint an ad hoc committee of library staff including, but not limited to, the director and the librarian responsible for the collection in which the item in question is located or the librarian(s) organizing the program. Referring to the Library's Materials Selection/Collection Development and/or Library Programs Policies, the committee will review the statement of concern and make a decision. The Director will communicate the committee's decision in writing to the person who initiated the request and to the Library Board of Directors.

In the event that the person who initiated the request is not satisfied with the committee's decision, that person may request a hearing before the Library Board of Directors at their regularly scheduled meeting by making a written request to the President of the Board. The Board reserves the right to limit the length of the presentation and number of speakers. The Board will determine whether the statement of concern has been handled in accordance with the Library's stated policies and procedures. On this basis, the Board will vote to uphold or override the decision of the Director.

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Title/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Author/Presenter:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Library Visit/Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your concerns regarding the title or program. Include specific objections.

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Have you read, viewed or listened to this work in its entirety? \_\_\_\_\_

Or did you attend the entire program? \_\_\_\_\_

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What action would you like the Upper Dublin Public Library to take regarding this material/program?

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**Request initiated by:** Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Director · Upper Dublin Public Library · 520 Virginia Drive · Fort Washington, PA 19034

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