CCBC
Intellectual Freedom Information Services

Wisconsin Librarians and Teachers!

Facing questions or concerns about books in the library or classroom?
Dealing with a challenge?
The CCBC provides confidential, book-specific information, referral, and guidance.
Call 608-263-3720.

Case-specific information usually mailed out within 24 hours.
No Fees!

What do we send?

10% General Info on Responding to Challenges
30% Reviews
60% Articles

Reviews, Awards & Recommended Lists
- Professional reviews of the book(s)
- Awards or honors the book(s) received
- Recommended lists the book(s) appears on (e.g., YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults, School Library Journal Best Books, CCBC Choices)

Professional & Scholarly Articles
- About the area(s) of concern (e.g., language, sexual content, violence)
- About the specific book(s)
- About the broader context (e.g., reaching reluctant readers, the role of popular materials)

What users say about the CCBC IF Services

As a young and inexperienced librarian, it was incredibly powerful to have a friendly and matter-of-fact voice on the other end of the phone line when I made my first call.

The CCBC promptly provided me with 12 reviews of the book in question and I was able to share these with the patron and my library director. No further action was requested.

I've used the CCBC's IF services twice...the first for a formal book challenge, the second in regard to a parent concern...The CCBC staff provided me with valuable information and professional guidance that I couldn't get elsewhere.

I always tell our new library directors during orientation about the CCBC Intellectual Freedom Information Services and encourage libraries to call during challenges.

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See also:
What IF: Questions and Answers on Intellectual Freedom
A CCBC Q & A forum for librarians, teachers, administrators and others thinking through what the principles of intellectual freedom look like in practice.
http://go.wisc.edu/406fd

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