MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY BOARD

Karen Crandall – Chair - Big Lake	Julie Endle – Vice Chair - Sutton	Laura Anderson - Wasilla
Chad Scott – Secretary - At Large 1	Sally Pollen - Palmer	Cindy Redmond - Talkeetna
Mark Spohn - Willow	Martha Kincaid – At Large2	Vacant – Trapper Creek

Meeting Minutes

REGULAR MEETING September 8th, 2026 Talkeetna Public Library and Teams 1:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The Meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM by Vice Chair Julie Endle (Chair Karen Crandall absent on vacation) at the Talkeetna Public Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Present were Julie Endle, Cindy Redmond, Mark Spohn, Sally Pollen, and Martha Kincaid. A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Julie Endle moved to amend the Agenda to add under Unfinished Business discussion of the rough draft Board presentation to the Assembly in October. Seconded. Motion passed.

B. Julie Endle moved to amend Unfinished Business so that the items-pulled language reads only "August lists" (removing references to May, June, and July). Seconded. Motion passed.

C. Motion to approve the amended Agenda. Seconded. Motion passed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

A. A typo was noted in the first line of the August 11, 2026 minutes (referenced May instead of August). Motion to amend the typo. Seconded. Motion passed.

B. Motion to approve the amended August 11, 2026 minutes. Seconded. Motion passed.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

A. Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director, had nothing to report and answered questions regarding procedures for establishing quorum and advance notification for remote/ hybrid meetings. She noted that staff assists in confirming quorum and that the Board may clarify the desired process in the handbook.

B. Andy Mergens, Recreation & Library Services Manager, deferred his comments and invited Cassidy Drake (Big Lake Library) to present on how librarians develop monthly purchase lists

(patron requests, bestsellers, circulating titles, professional review sources such as Kirkus, Booklist, School Library Journal, ARCs, Common Sense Media, etc.).

C–H. Librarian updates were addressed through the presentation on the purchase-list process.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A. Several members of the public were heard. (Public comment time limit was reduced to two minutes by motion earlier in the meeting.)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Items pulled from August lists (and related prior items) were addressed.

B. Streamlining/Revising MSB Flagged Library Material Review sheet: Motion to postpone discussion to October Unfinished Business. Motion passed.

C. Review Library Board Handbook: Discussion occurred regarding language on absence notification and other sections. Portions were reviewed; further review continued or tabled to October.

D. Challenged Material Submission – “Let’s Talk About It”: Discussion and related motions on review/purchase status.

E. Rough draft Board presentation to the Assembly in October: Discussed; related motion on timing/presentation schedule passed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. September library materials list: Flagging and review process continued; motions on specific titles (including not to purchase certain items) were made and passed.

B. September Officer elections: Motion to keep current officers in their positions. Motion passed.

C. Public comments time limit: Motion to set public comment at two minutes (with possible adjustment if 11 or more people are signed up). Motion passed; to be incorporated into the handbook.

X. MEMBER COMMENTS

A. Martha Kincaid spoke (reminded of 9/11, thanked librarians, addressed staff protection and worldview considerations for young minds).

B. Mark Spohn spoke (thanked members for participation, emphasized advising on legal expenditure of taxpayer funds, and continued celebration of the 250th).

C. Sally Pollen spoke (upholding existing statutes regarding obscenity and children; appreciation for libraries).

D. Cindy Redmond spoke (collection balance and representation of conservative/Christian perspectives in the Talkeetna area).

E. Julie Endle spoke (advocacy for libraries and response to public comments/emails regarding threats).

XII. NEXT MEETING

October 13th, 2026, Sutton Public Library, 1:00 PM.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting adjourned following extensions (approximately 3:45 PM). September 8th, 2026

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD HANDBOOK

Updated April 2023

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Matanuska-Susitna Library Board is to strengthen library services within the Borough by acting as an advocate to ensure adequate funding, review policies, and aid in the development of long-term plans for libraries within the Borough.

Powers and Duties (MSB Code 4.40.040)

(A) The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Library Board (MSBLB) shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) act in an advisory capacity to the Manager and the Assembly in the administration of the Borough non-area-wide library power;

(2) initiate and recommend to the Manager and the Assembly proposed ordinances and regulations pertaining to libraries;

(3) review the budget of the libraries and make recommendations to the Manager with regard to the proposed annual budget to be submitted to the Assembly;

(4) make investigations and reviews in the general field of libraries considered beneficial to providing library services within the Borough at the request of the Manager, Assembly, or on its own initiative;

(5) receive and consider recommendations from individuals and groups with regard to libraries and evaluate and refer these to the Manager and Assembly;

(6) recommend to the Manager and Assembly needed programs and expenditures for the promotion of library services in connections with any local, state or federal program; and

(7) review and make recommendations to the Manager and the Assembly in regard to the long-range library capital improvement program.

(Ord. 00-127, § 4, 2000; Ord. 84-34, § 25 (part), 1984)

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD HANDBOOK

Updated April 2023

Membership (MSB Code 4.40.020)

The MSBLB is a nine-member board appointed by the Mayor with approval of the assembly. The members represent the public libraries and library patrons of the Borough with due consideration given to geographical distribution. A majority of the membership shall not be representative of a single profession. Appointments are chronologically staggered to promote continuity. Members should be active member of one of the library support groups listed in (A)(1) or an active patron of one of the libraries.

(A) The mayor may appoint board members as follows:

(1) One member shall be selected from a list of names presented by the:

(a) Big Lake Librarian and Big Lake Library Advocates;
(b) Palmer Librarian and Friends of the Palmer Library;
(c) Sutton Librarian and Friends of the Sutton Library;
(d) Talkeetna Librarian and Friends of the Talkeetna Public Library;
(e) Wasilla Librarian and Friends of the Wasilla Public Library;
(f) Willow Librarian and Willow Library Association;
(g) Trapper Creek Librarian and Trapper Creek Library Association.

(B) Two members may be appointed at-large by nomination of the Mayor and confirmation by the Assembly and may be recommended by Borough librarians and/or library advocates.

(C) Each of the nine positions shall have one vote on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Library Board.

(D) Membership consideration shall be given geographical distribution.

(Ord. 00-127, § 2, 2000; Ord. 94-109, § 2, 1994; Ord. 94-001AM, § 5(part), 1994; Ord. 87-106, § 2, 1987; Ord. 84-34, § 25 (part), 1984)

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD HANDBOOK

Updated April 2023

Organization and Compensation of MSLB Members (MSB Code 4.40.030 & 4.40.025)

1. Meetings shall be held at regularly designated times and locations. The chairperson or vote of the Board can change meeting dates, time and location. All meetings are open to the public with public notice coordinated through the Clerk's Office.

   (A) Regular meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month except June, July, and December, when no meetings are held. Special meetings may be called as needed.

   (B) Meeting schedule and location will be determined by the end of the year for the following year. Meetings should be scheduled at least once a year at each of the 7 public libraries in the Mat-Su Borough and two (2) times a year electronically. In unusual circumstances, an electronic meeting may be substituted for a face-to-face meeting.

   (C) Majority establishes a quorum, which are five members of this nine-member board. A vote of five is necessary for the board to take action.

   (D) The Board shall use an adopted agenda format, Parliamentary Procedure, and Robert's Rules of Order.

   (E) Minutes will be recorded by the Board secretary and approved by the Board.

2. Officers shall include Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary

   (A) Elections are to be held during the meeting in September each year. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the Board members for a term of one year. Election of officers shall be the first order of business at any time that an officer's seat is not filled. As appointed board members, officers have full voting rights.

   (B) Job Descriptions:

   Chairperson

   a. see that the purpose and duties of the Board are fulfilled
   b. preside at all meetings of the Board
   c. plan meetings and develop agenda
   d. appoint committees and serve as ex-officio member of them
   e. organize and supervise elections
   f. receive and handle Board correspondence

g. prepare and deliver Board report to the MSB Assembly, approximately twice a year or as needed
h. maintain file of pertinent documents pertaining to MSBLB during the current year plus one additional full year. Permanent records shall be archived by the MSB Recreation and Library Services Staff.

Vice-Chairperson

a. perform duties of the chair in his/her absence
b. perform such duties as the chair requests
c. assist the secretary in writing correspondence as needed
d. serve as Parliamentarian at all meetings
e. be responsible for maintaining and reviewing the MSBLB Handbook and Borough Codes and recommend updates to the Board.
f. Facilitate updating phone/e-mail list for communication between board members, as needed

Secretary

a. record minutes and proceedings of all meetings
b. transmit draft minutes to the Recreation and Library Services staff to include in MSBLB agenda packet for next meeting
c. write and send correspondence as requested by the board and / or chair
d. maintain file for pertinent documents pertaining to MSBLB during the current year plus one additional full year. Permanent records shall be archived by the MSB Recreation and Library Services Staff

3. Board members shall be reimbursed for mileage incurred in connection with meetings of the board in accordance with MSB Code. Board members are compensated for mileage expenses upon presentation of completed monthly mileage claim form to the Recreational & Library Services Manager. Mileage reimbursement based on availability of funding.

Procedural Considerations for Utilization of Committees

1. MSB Assembly
   a. correspondence sent to Assembly and Mayor directly or through Clerk's Office
   b. correspondence sent to MSB Manager for immediate attention and copied to the Recreational & Library Services Manager
   c. presentations to the MSB Assembly are done as needed by one of three methods:
      - Board Report – request the Mayor, through the Clerk's Office, to be placed on the Assembly agenda

- Persons to be Heard – notify Clerk's Office in advance
- Audience Participation – no prior notification necessary

2. Resolutions/Proclamations developed and written by the MSBLB are forwarded
    a. to Recreation Services Administrative Secretary for distribution to the Clerk's Office, MSB Administration, Mayor, and Assembly, as needed
    b. through appropriate department to request corresponding resolution/proclamation from another board, as needed
    c. through Recreation Services Administrative Secretary for distribution to the Clerk's Office to request corresponding resolution/proclamation from the Assembly, as needed

3. Approved MSBLB meeting minutes should be sent from the Secretary to the Recreation Services Administrative Secretary to be distributed to the Clerk's Office to be included in the Assembly packet.

4. Packets for board meetings shall include meeting agenda, draft minutes of proceeding meeting, and copies of all communications sent from or received by the board and/or members. Board packets will be mailed by the Recreation Services Administrative Secretary.

5. Library Board members will adhere to the standards set by Alaska's Open Meetings Act (AS 44.62.310) for advisory bodies.

Board Responsibilities

1. Annually
    a. review Library Strategic Plan
    b. review MSBLB Handbook
    c. make recommendations to Capital Improvement Program
    d. review and make recommendations for library budgets

2. Periodically
    a. conduct a Board self-evaluation.
    b. recommend updates of Library Strategic Plan to Assembly

3. As Needed
    a. initiate and propose ordinances and policies for libraries
    b. review all proposed ordinance and policies affecting libraries
    c. appoint and suspend standing and special committees of the MSBLB

Annex B
Material Reconsideration Review Request Form

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title:
Author:
Library(ies) requesting this material:
Board member who flagged:

Line # from the list from which the title was pulled:
Collection:
Format of the material:

Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following? [Please check all that apply]

- ☐ 1. Relevance to identified community needs
- ☐ 2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level
- ☐ 3. Timely or historically significant content
- ☐ 4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer
- ☐ 5. Favorable professional reviews
- ☐ 6. Documented patron or staff interest
- ☐ 7. Enhancement of the existing collection
- ☐ 8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area
- ☐ 9. Limited availability through other lending sources
- ☐ 10. Filling gaps in subject coverage
- ☐ 11. Local authorship or illustration
- ☐ 12. Recognized literary or artistic quality
- ☐ 13. Factual accuracy
- ☐ 14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

Is the material in good condition or appearance? [For donated material]

Was this item requested by a patron?

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?

Is this material superseding an old edition or a better source?

Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

Does the material have a reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Other remarks:

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Community Development Department

Library Material Review Score Card

Title: Let's Talk About It

Author: Erika Moen, Matthew Nolan

Date:

Reviewer Name:

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance?
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons?
- Is the material factually accurate?
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source?
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community?
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source?
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit?

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals?

- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members?

- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Suitability for Minors under 16 *(answer yes or no):*

1. Does the material depict the following actual or simulated conduct?

    - sexual penetration;
    - the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast;
    - masturbation;
    - bestiality;
    - the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast; or
    - sexual masochism or sadism

    □ Yes □ No

2. Would the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, find that the material, *taken as a whole*, appeals to the prurient interest in sex for persons under 16 years of age?

    □ Yes □ No

3. Would a reasonable person find that the material, *taken as a whole*, lacks serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value for persons under 16 years of age?
    (Note: Mark “Yes” only if the book lacks all of them)

    □ Yes □ No

4. Does the material depict actual or simulated conduct in a way that is patently offensive to the prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for persons under 16 years of age?

   □ Yes □ No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria)**:**

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:

□ Keep the book where it is
□ Reshelve the book to the young adult section
□ Reshelve the book to the adult section
□ Remove the book from the library
□ Other _____

COMMENTS/REASONS REGARDING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION (if any):

Outlook

Flagged Books for November

From Julie Endle <jejujubee@gmail.com>
Date Fri 10/16/2026 1:47 PM
To Andy Mergens <Andy.Mergens@matsugov.us>; Cory Williamson <Cory.Williamson@matsugov.us>

[EXTERNAL EMAIL - CAUTION: Do not open unexpected attachments or links.]

Good Afternoon Andy & Cory,

I would like to have the two books listed below as my Flagged/Review for November. Also, the book that I had emailed to you earlier for September's will need to go in the November packet.

#59
A Deadly Inheritance
Kelley Armstrong
YA Fiction
Willow

#369
A Deadly Inheritance
Kelley Armstrong
YA Fiction
Big Lake

Thank you for your help,

Julie Endle
MSB Library Board/Sutton/Vice Chair
907-354-8076

Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title: A Deadly Inheritance, YA Fiction
Author: Kelly Armstrong,
Library(ies) requesting this material: Willow, Big Lake
Book# 59, 369
Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following?
[Please circle all that apply]

1. Relevance to identified community needs

2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level

3. Timely or historically significant content

4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer

5. Favorable professional reviews

6. Documented patron or staff interest

7. Enhancement of the existing collection

8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area

9. Limited availability through other lending sources

10. Filling gaps in subject coverage

11. Local authorship or illustration

12. Recognized literary or artistic quality

13. Factual accuracy

14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

Is the material in good condition or appearance? [For donated material]
Is the

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?

Is this material superseding an old edition or a better source?

Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject? Yes

Does the material have a reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Other remarks: Due to the three way sexual scene, do not recommend MSB purchase for YA/ StoryGraph:

Although the writing and story kept my attention, I have some issues with certain plot points. My biggest issue is with the romance in the story. The synopsis alludes to a love triangle, but there is actually a non-monogamous/poly relationship that is a prominent focus of the plot. **This bothered me especially because this is a YA novel and there was no warning in the description that this was going to take place, so I was just very caught off guard when the suggestions of it began. I like Liliana and both of the boys** (I have a favourite, but they're both good for different reasons and they each have their flaws), but I wish Lili either chose one of the boys to be with or remained just friends with both of them.

Goodreads:

Don't even get me started on the polyamory. I am not a person who believes in polyamory. I'm a catholic that believes between a relationship between one man and one woman. I usually roll my eyes at love triangles because they're so overused and usually written to the point where we already know who she's going to end up with (I'm looking at you Twilight.) BUT I WOULD TAKE ANY AMOUNT OF LOVE TRIANGLES OVER WHATEVER I JUST READ. What do you mean she's laying in bed with Maddox, WITH HER SHIRT OFF BY THE WAY, and then Theo walks in and suddenly she just gets up to kiss him?? Like what do you mean Maddox and Theo are just SHARING her? And what do you mean that she's just like "oh yeah I can't choose who I like, SO I'M JUST GONNA DATE BOTH??" Like girly, that not okay. What?

And it's not even that bad, in fact, her Darkest Powers book was one of my favorites growing up. However, Armstrong has gone off the deep end with her wokery and normalizing things like teen drinking, taking drugs "safely" like that's ok, and polyamory for teens. Why do authors insist on lowering their standards rather than setting good examples?

finds herself in some weird love triangle between two boys, who just so happens to be best friends; have informed each other that they like Liliana and are willing to share her if she is up for it. Like a polyamorous relationship? Yeah. This love triangle was both confusing and weird.

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Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title: The Wrath & The Dawn, Book # 20
Author: Renee Ahdieh
Library(ies) requesting this material: Big Lake
Date of Review: October 7, 2026

Note: This form was given in the August 2026 Packet. Blank Forms for September and October not in Packet

Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following?
[Please circle all that apply] SEE PAGE 2 UNDER "OTHER"

1. Relevance to identified community needs
2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level
3. Timely or historically significant content
4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer
5. Favorable professional reviews
6. Documented patron or staff interest
7. Enhancement of the existing collection
8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area
9. Limited availability through other lending sources
10. Filling gaps in subject coverage
11. Local authorship or illustration
12. Recognized literary or artistic quality
13. Factual accuracy
14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

Is the material in good condition or appearance? [For donated material]

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?

Is this material superseding an old edition or a better source?

Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

Does the material have a reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Not Recommended For YA Due to Adult/Minor Relationship and Sexual content;See Hand Outs for review

Other remarks:

StoryGraph Graphic Review

Murder (41) Death (36) Violence (28) Blood (23) Animal death (22) Suicide (17) Grief (15) Animal cruelty (10) Death of parent (9) Fire/Fire injury (8) Pregnancy (7) Miscarriage (7) Injury/Injury detail (5) Toxic relationship (4) Domestic abuse (4) Emotional abuse (4) War (4) Self harm (4) Confinement (3) Adult/minor relationship (3) Misogyny (3) Sexual content (3) Slavery (3) Kidnapping (3) Vomit (3) Rape (3) Child death (2) Child abuse (2) Gore (2) Infidelity (2) Physical abuse (2) Sexism (2) Torture (2) Trafficking (2) Classism (2) Suicide attempt (1) Forced institutionalization (1) Suicidal thoughts (1) Sexual assault (1) Hate crime (1) Cultural appropriation (1) Gaslighting (1) Abandonment (1) Sexual harassment (1) Genocide (1) Body horror (1) Medical content

Content Warnings

The Wrath & the Dawn by Renée Ahdieh

Author-approved

This book doesn't have any content warnings submitted by the author yet!

If you're the author of this book and want to add author-approved content warnings, please email us at **support@thestorygraph.com** to request the content warning form.

User-submitted

Graphic

Murder (41) Death (36) Violence (28) Blood (23) Animal death (22) Suicide (17) Grief (15)
Animal cruelty (10) Death of parent (9) Fire/Fire injury (8) Pregnancy (7) Miscarriage (7) Injury/Injury detail (5)
Toxic relationship (4) Domestic abuse (4) Emotional abuse (4) War (4) Self harm (4) Confinement (3)
Adult/minor relationship (3) Misogyny (3) Sexual content (3) Slavery (3) Kidnapping (3) Vomit (3) Rape (3)
Child death (2) Child abuse (2) Gore (2) Infidelity (2) Physical abuse (2) Sexism (2) Torture (2)
Trafficking (2) Classism (2) Suicide attempt (1) Forced institutionalization (1) Suicidal thoughts (1)
Sexual assault (1) Hate crime (1) Cultural appropriation (1) Gaslighting (1) Abandonment (1)
Sexual harassment (1) Genocide (1) Body horror (1) Medical content (1)

Moderate

Murder (32) Suicide (28) Death (26) Violence (21) Animal death (21) Death of parent (15) Blood (13)
Grief (13) Pregnancy (11) Emotional abuse (9) Miscarriage (9) Sexual content (7) Injury/Injury detail (7)
Rape (6) Domestic abuse (4) Physical abuse (4) Child death (4) Classism (3) Child abuse (3) Infidelity (3)

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The Wrath & the Dawn
Renée Ahdieh


The Rose & the Dagger
Renée Ahdieh



The Crown & the Arrow
Renée Ahdieh

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Plot or Character Driven: A mix
Diverse cast of characters: Yes

Loveable characters: Complicated

CONTENT WARNINGS

Graphic: Murder
Moderate: Adult/minor relationship, Miscarriage, Suicide, Death of parent, Pregnancy
Minor: Animal cruelty, Rape, Fire/Fire injury



larzipan's review against another edition
3.0

It's an okay superficial read, but considering the author's background the story feels appropriative at times and rather oddly unpleasant due to it.

CONTENT WARNINGS

Graphic: Adult/minor relationship, Toxic relationship, Violence, Murder
Moderate: Blood
Minor: Body horror

Received

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Matanuska Susitna Borough
Excise Tax Office

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title: Release Me
Author: Tahereh Mafi
Library(ies) requesting this material: Sutton
Board member who flagged: Mark Spohn

Line # from the list from which the title was pulled: 240
Collection: Young Adult
Format of the material: Requested Book

Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following?
[Please circle all that apply]

1. Relevance to identified community needs
2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level
3. Timely or historically significant content
4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer
5. Favorable professional reviews
6. Documented patron or staff interest
7. Enhancement of the existing collection
8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area
9. Limited availability through other lending sources
10. Filling gaps in subject coverage
11. Local authorship or illustration
12. Recognized literary or artistic quality
13. Factual accuracy
14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

Is the material in good condition or appearance? [For donated material]

Was this item requested by a patron?

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?

Is this material superseding an old edition or a better source?

Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

Does the material have a reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Other remarks: This book contains potential violations of AS 11.61.128 (Distribution of Indecent materials to minors; AS 11.41.452 (Enticement of a minor), and; AS 11.51.130 (Contributing to the delinquency of a minor), as specified by reader/reviewers. Online content warnings include: "Explicit sexual content/nudity". StoryGraph review content warnings include: child abuse, Confinement, Suicidal Thoughts, Sexual assault, Sexual content, Sexual harassment."

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Matanuska Susitna Borough
Excise Tax Office

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title: This is the Part Where You Laugh
Author: Peter Brown Hoffmeister
Library(ies) requesting this material: Sutton
Board member who flagged: Mark Spohn

Line # from the list from which the title was pulled: 16
Collection: Young Adult
Format of the material: Requested Book

Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following?
[Please circle all that apply]

1. Relevance to identified community needs
2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level
3. Timely or historically significant content
4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer
5. Favorable professional reviews
6. Documented patron or staff interest
7. Enhancement of the existing collection
8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area
9. Limited availability through other lending sources
10. Filling gaps in subject coverage
11. Local authorship or illustration
12. Recognized literary or artistic quality
13. Factual accuracy
14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

Is the material in good condition or appearance? [For donated material]

Was this item requested by a patron?

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?

Is this material superseding an old edition or a better source?

Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

Does the material have a reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Other remarks: This book contains potential violations of AS 11.61.128 (Distribution of Indecent materials to minors; AS 11.41.452 (Enticement of a minor), and; AS 11.51.130 (Contributing to the delinquency of a minor), as specified by reader/reviewers. Good-Reads reviewers state that: 1) This book deals with substance abuse, sex, gang violence, and death; 2) The main character urinates on a neighbor's porch; and 3) The main character plants alligators into a pond to watch animals get attacked and die all summer. One reviewer stated: "...Instead of really facing some tough subjects and attempting to make changes to better his life, Travis kills his feelings and several animals..."

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OCT 15 2026
Matanuska Susitna Borough
Excise Tax Office

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title: This is the Part Where You Laugh
Author: Peter Brown Hoffmeister
Library(ies) requesting this material: Sutton
Board member who flagged: Mark Spohn
Line # from the list from which the title was pulled: 16
Collection: Young Adult
Format of the material: Donated Book

Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following?
[Please circle all that apply]

1. Relevance to identified community needs
2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level
3. Timely or historically significant content
4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer
5. Favorable professional reviews
6. Documented patron or staff interest
7. Enhancement of the existing collection
8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area
9. Limited availability through other lending sources
10. Filling gaps in subject coverage
11. Local authorship or illustration
12. Recognized literary or artistic quality
13. Factual accuracy
14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

Is the material in good condition or appearance? [For donated material]

Was this item requested by a patron?

Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?

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Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Library Board Member Flagged Library Material Review

Title: Release Me
Author: Tahereh Mafi
Library(ies) requesting this material: Sutton
Board member who flagged: Mark Spohn

Line # from the list from which the title was pulled: 240
Collection: Young Adult
Format of the material: Requested Book

Does the material demonstrate at least one of the following?
[Please circle all that apply]

1. Relevance to identified community needs
2. Suitable subject, format, and reading level
3. Timely or historically significant content
4. Credibility of author, publisher, or producer
5. Favorable professional reviews
6. Documented patron or staff interest
7. Enhancement of the existing collection
8. Strengthening of a targeted collection area
9. Limited availability through other lending sources
10. Filling gaps in subject coverage
11. Local authorship or illustration
12. Recognized literary or artistic quality
13. Factual accuracy
14. Demonstrated or anticipated demand

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Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Development Department

Library Material Review Score Card

Title: Let's

Author: Erika Moen / Matthew Nolan

Date: 11/10/

Reviewer Name: Karen Crandall

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance? good condition
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection? no
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection? no
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons? 1 | checkouts in 3 yrs. by 3 people
- Is the material factually accurate? no
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source? no
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community? no
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source? yes
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit? no

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals? no

- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members? no

- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject? yes

- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer? no

Suitability for Minors under 16 *(answer yes or no):*

1. Does the material depict the following actual or simulated conduct?

   - sexual penetration;
   - the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast;
   - masturbation;
   - bestiality;
   - the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast; or
   - sexual masochism or sadism

   ☑ Yes ☐ No

2. Would the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, find that the material, *taken as a whole*, appeals to the prurient interest in sex for persons under 16 years of age?

   ☐ Yes ☑ No

3. Would a reasonable person find that the material, *taken as a whole*, lacks serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value for persons under 16 years of age?
   (Note: Mark "Yes" only if the book lacks all of them)

   ☑ Yes ☐ No

4. Does the material depict actual or simulated conduct in a way that is patently offensive to the prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for persons under 16 years of age?

☑ Yes ☐ No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria):

After reading a third of the book it was very misleading and offensive to the degree that it was sexually perverse. The idea of asking permission is not realistic in the field of sexual predators.

Jeanie Tragonski

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:

□ Keep the book where it is
□ Reshelve the book to the young adult section
□ Reshelve the book to the adult section
□ Remove the book from the library
□ Other _____

COMMENTS/REASONS REGARDING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION (if any):

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Development Department

Library Material Review Score Card

Title: Lets Talk About It

Author: Erica Moen, Mathew Nolan

Date: 11-10-26

Reviewer Name: Julie Endle

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance? N/A
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection? NO
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection? NO
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons? Don't know
- Is the material factually accurate? NO
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source? Don't know
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community? NO
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source? Yes
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit? NO

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals? Does Not Apply

- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members? Not For Sure

- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject? Yes

- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer? N/A

Suitability for Minors under 16 *(answer yes or no):*

1. Does the material depict the following actual or simulated conduct?

    - sexual penetration;
    - the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast;
    - masturbation;
    - bestiality;
    - the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast; or
    - sexual masochism or sadism

    ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. Would the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, find that the material, *taken as a whole*, appeals to the prurient interest in sex for persons under 16 years of age?

    ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Would a reasonable person find that the material, *taken as a whole*, lacks serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value for persons under 16 years of age?
    (Note: Mark "Yes" only if the book lacks all of them)

    ☒ Yes ☐ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria)**:**

This Book is not appropriate For YA, Children, or Babies.

Page 64 starts graphic pictures taking a picture of your gen+. parts is disgusting.

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:

□ Keep the book where it is
□ Reshelve the book to the young adult section
□ Reshelve the book to the adult section
X Remove the book from the library
□ Other _____

COMMENTS/REASONS REGARDING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION (if any):

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Development Department

Library Material Review Score Card

Title: LET TALK

Author: ~~[illegible]~~ ~~ERIKA~~ ERIKA MONAR

Date: 11-10-26

Reviewer Name: MARK SPORN

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance?
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons?
- Is the material factually accurate?
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source?
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community?
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source?
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit?

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals?

- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members?

- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Suitability for Minors under 16 *(answer yes or no):*

1. Does the material depict the following actual or simulated conduct?

   - sexual penetration;
   - the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast;
   - masturbation;
   - bestiality;
   - the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast; or
   - sexual masochism or sadism

   ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. Would the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, find that the material, *taken as a whole*, appeals to the prurient interest in sex for persons under 16 years of age?

   ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Would a reasonable person find that the material, *taken as a whole*, lacks serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value for persons under 16 years of age?
   (Note: Mark "Yes" only if the book lacks all of them)

   ☒ Yes ☐ No

4. Does the material depict actual or simulated conduct in a way that is patently offensive to the prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for persons under 16 years of age?

☒ Yes ☐ No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria):

DO NOT DISTRUBIT OR HOUSE IN ANY TAX PAYER FUNDED BUILDING,

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- ☐ Reshelve the book to the adult section
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- ☐ Other _____

COMMENTS/REASONS REGARDING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION (if any):

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Development Department

Library Material Review Score Card

Title: "Let's Talk

Author: Erika Moen & Matthew Nolan

Date: 11.10.26

Reviewer Name: Martha Kincaid

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance?
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons?
- Is the material factually accurate?
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source?
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community?
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source?
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit?

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals?

- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members?

- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?

- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?

Suitability for Minors under 16 *(answer yes or no):*

1. Does the material depict the following actual or simulated conduct?

    - sexual penetration;
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    - masturbation;
    - bestiality;
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    - sexual masochism or sadism

    □ Yes □ No

2. Would the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, find that the material, *taken as a whole*, appeals to the prurient interest in sex for persons under 16 years of age?

    □ Yes □ No

3. Would a reasonable person find that the material, *taken as a whole*, lacks serious literary, artistic, educational, political, or scientific value for persons under 16 years of age?
    (Note: Mark "Yes" only if the book lacks all of them)

    □ Yes □ No

4. Does the material depict actual or simulated conduct in a way that is patently offensive to the prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for persons under 16 years of age?

   □ Yes □ No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria)**:**

I have not personally read the book but based on reviews and what is best for the community as a whole, I strongly recommend removing "Let's Talk About It" from the public libraries in MSB. As one comment from the public stated it was useful for those that suffer from abuse. There is better tools for that than something that contains pornographic images that could lead to life long addictions. Taxpayers dollars could be more wisely spent.

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION:

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□ Reshelve the book to the adult section
☒ Remove the book from the library
□ Other _____

COMMENTS/REASONS REGARDING SUGGESTED DISPOSITION (if any):

Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Community Development Department

Library Material Review Score Card

Title: Let's Talk About It

Author: Erika Moen Matthew Nolan

Date:

Reviewer Name: Sally M. Pollen

Evaluation criteria: *The committee should consider the following acquisition and weeding criteria as applied to the challenged material.*

- Is the material in good condition or appearance?
  Yes
- Is the topic of the material a priority for the collection?
  no
- Is the format of the material a priority for the collection?
  no
- Has the material been used frequently by patrons?
  no
- Is the material factually accurate?
  no
- Has the material been superseded by a new edition or a better source?
  Do not know
- Is the material relevant to the needs and interests of the community?
  no
- Can the material be easily borrowed from another source?
  Yes
- Does the material have literary, artistic, scientific, political, or educational merit?
  no

- Does the material have positive review(s) in one or more appropriate professional journals?
  Do not know
- Does the material have positive reviews from critics, patrons or staff members?
  Do not know
- Are there sufficient materials available on the same subject?
  Yes
- Does the material have reputation and/or significance of the author, publisher or producer?
  Do not know

Suitability for Minors under 16 *(answer yes or no):*

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   - sexual penetration;
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   ☑ Yes ☐ No

4. Does the material depict actual or simulated conduct in a way that is patently offensive to the prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable for persons under 16 years of age?

☑ Yes ☐ No

COMMENTS (this may include anything related to the challenge or notes about factors contained in the above evaluation and suitability criteria):

This book treats serious questions + issues which young people have in a ~~[illegible]~~ comical, "street talk" way.

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