



Challenged books

Below is a list of books in Dearborn Public Schools media centers that parents, staff or students have challenged and asked to have removed. If a book has also gone through the reconsideration process that is also noted.

Our media center guidelines allow a different parent, staff or student to ask for reconsideration of a book, even if they did not request the initial challenge. If you are interested in asking for reconsideration of a book that was deemed appropriate to stay in a school library, please contact Communications@dearbornschools.org.

Parents, staff and students who would like to challenge a book not on this list should start by contacting the media specialist at the school with that title. The person needs to include the book's title and author and provide details about why they think the book is not appropriate for that grade level.

Learn more about our school library collection on [our Media Materials website](#).

Books still in school libraries

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Challenge requested fall 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school and middle school students.

All American Muslim Girl by Nadine Jolie Courtney

Challenge requested fall 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school and middle school students.

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Challenge requested fall 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school and middle school students.

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson

Challenge requested August 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school students. Note, this book was only available to students digitally through Sora. There were no hard-copies in the district.

Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet Part 1 by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Challenge requested March 2023. Deemed appropriate for middle school.

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell
Challenge requested August 2022. Deemed not appropriate for middle school, but appropriate for high school.

Captain Marvel Carol Danvers by Brian Reed
Challenge requested in November 2022. Deemed appropriate for middle school.

Captain Underpants and the Tyrannical Retaliation of the Turbo Toilet 2000 by Dav Pilkey
Challenge requested in November 2022. Deemed appropriate for elementary school.

Dear Martin by Nic Stone
Challenge requested fall 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school students, but not appropriate for middle school.

Drama by Raina Telgemeier
Challenge requested in November 2022. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school, but not appropriate for elementary school. Book Reconsideration was held in the spring 2024, and the committee agreed the book was appropriate at those grade levels.

Flamer by Mike Curato
Challenge requested in September 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school. Asked to be reconsidered in May 2023. The Reconsideration Committee also deemed the book appropriate in June 2023.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Challenge requested fall 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school, but not appropriate for middle school.

The Haters by Jesse Andrews
Challenge requested in September 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school but not appropriate for middle school

lluminae by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff
Challenged April 2023. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school.

Is He a Girl (Marvin Redpost No. 3) by Louis Sachar
Challenge requested in November 2022. Deemed appropriate for elementary students.

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold
Challenge requested August 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school.

Parachute Kids by Betty Lang

Challenge requested in fall 2023. Deemed appropriate for intermediate, middle and high school. Book Reconsideration was held in the spring 2024, and the committee also deemed the book appropriate for those levels.

Pride by Stella Caldwell

Challenge requested in fall 2023. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school. Book Reconsideration was held in the spring of 2024, and the reconsideration committee also deemed the book appropriate at those levels.

Queer Heroes by Arabelle Sicardi

Challenge requested in fall 2023. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school. Book Reconsideration was held in the spring 2024, and the committee agreed it was appropriate at those levels.

Summer Boys by Hailey Abbott

Challenge requested in November 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school, but not appropriate for middle school.

The Secrets of Boys by Hailey Abbott

Challenge requested in November 2022. Deemed appropriate for high school, but not appropriate for middle school.

Shout by Laurie Halse Anders

Challenge requested fall 2022. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school students.

Speak The Graphic Novel by Laurie Halse Anderson

Challenged April 2023. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school.

They're So Flamboyant by Michael Genhart

Challenged March 2023. Deemed appropriate for all grades. Asked to be reconsidered in May 2023. The Reconsideration Committee also deemed the book appropriate in June 2023.

This Book is Gay by Juno Dawson

Challenge requested August 2022 and reconsidered in fall 2023. Deemed appropriate for high school students. Note, this book was only available to students digitally through Sora. There were no hard-copies in the district.

Tune Book One: Vanishing Point by Derek Kirk Kim

Challenge requested in March 2023. Deemed appropriate for middle and high school.

Visual Dictionary of Special Military Forces by DK Publishing

Challenge requested in fall 2023. Deemed appropriate for all grade levels.

Books deemed not appropriate and removed

A Court of Thorns and Roses (the series) by Sarah J. Maas

Challenged requested September 2022. The books were deemed not appropriate for high school and removed. Other books in the series that were also removed include *A Court of Mist and Fury*, *A Court of Wings and Ruin*, *A Court of Frost and Starlight*, and *A Court of Silver Flames*.

Push by Sapphire

Challenge requested August 2022. The book was deemed not appropriate for high school and removed.

Red, White and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston

Challenge requested August 2022. The book was deemed not appropriate for high school.