

1. Have you ever had a book challenged in your collection? If yes, how did you resolve the challenge? If no, how would you handle the situation if it ever occurred?

Yes, had a book challenge about 5-8 hours ago. It's the only one I've had since being at this campus. I have a committee that met and we removed the book from the elementary campus due to inappropriate content.

My response: The librarian went into further detail about the content of the book which contained curse words, graphic/sexual material, and mentioned drugs and abortion. She had felt confident in ordering because she purchases Bluebonnet awarded books every year. What a learning opportunity! When researching books for a selection, this one clearly had the authority, but more in-depth research would have been helpful.

2. Does your library have a set policy or procedure for challenges to the collection? If yes, what is the policy? If no, why not?

Yes, we have to meet with our committee for reconsideration. However, once a resource has been selected for the library, there are stricter policies about removing them from the collection.

My response: I've attached the steps McKinney ISD gives librarians to follow when a book is challenged. It includes examples of things to say to parents, as well as the individual steps the librarian will need to take. I love that at the top of the policy, it says. "It's not a matter of *if* a book gets challenged, it's *when*." It's also nice to know that there is an entire committee that meets, so it's not a decision that falls solely on one-person.