

Mid-America Christian University
Challenged University Library Materials Policy

Mid-America Christian University, as stated in the Mission Statement, “prepares students through a Wesleyan perspective to create, collaborate, and innovate to solve local and global problems for the glory of God through Jesus Christ and the good of society.” In alignment with this mission, the University Library strives to develop information-literate students and faculty who can effectively identify, access, utilize, create, and evaluate information resources. Free access to ideas and freedom of expression are fundamental to the educational process. To balance individual perspectives with communal responsibility, the University Library will consider the American Library Association *Library Bill of Rights* and the University Mission Statement when library materials are questioned.

- A. The resources acquired for the University Library are selected by librarians and professors to meet the teaching, research, and curricular needs of Mid-America Christian University. Appearance of any resources does not mean the library advocates or endorses the ideas in that resource or the author's actions.
- B. Current students, alumni, faculty, emeritus faculty, and staff may appeal resources in the University Library collection.
- C. Those concerned about material in the University Library collection are asked to speak with the Director of Library Services by phone or in person.
- D. If further resolution is needed, they must submit their request in writing to the Director of Library Services using the "Challenged University Library Materials Policy Form."
- E. Challenged items will remain on the shelf and available to other users during the duration of the challenge.
- F. The Director of Library Services will convene a group to consider the request. The group will include a member of the library's staff, a member of the University Senate, a representative from Curriculum Services, and a faculty member from the appropriate content area.
- G. Possible outcomes might include removing an item, adding source(s) to balance the collection by providing alternative views, or no change.
- H. The Director of Library Services will notify the person making the challenge of the decision, as well as the person's right to appeal, within 30 days of receiving the written request.
- I. If the person making the challenge is unsatisfied with the decision, they may submit an appeal in writing to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and University President within twenty (20) business days of receiving the decision from the Director of Library Services.

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Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Do you represent yourself? _____ Or, a group? (Name of Group) _____

Resource on which you are commenting:

Book _____

DVD _____

Electronic Resource _____

Other _____

Title/ Author/ Date of resource:

What brought this resource to your attention?

Have you examined the entire resource?

What concerns you about this resource? (Include additional pages as necessary).

Are there resource(s) you suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic? (Include additional pages as necessary).