

Library Book Purchasing Guidelines and Descriptions

Board Approved Community Standard	Elementary (K-6)	Junior High (7-8)	Senior High (9-12)
Profanity/Obscene Language	No crude profanity, racial or religious slurs. <i>*Because of Winn Dixie</i>	Limited profanity, racial, or religious slurs. Historically accurate in context. No "F" words. <i>*Touching Spirit Bear</i>	No pervasive use of racial slurs, or crude or excessive profanity outside of what is essential for the character or story. Historically accurate in context.
Horror	Mildly scary and suspenseful horror without graphic descriptions of horrific acts.	Limited scary and suspenseful horror without graphic descriptions of horrific acts. <i>*Goosebumps</i>	Scary and suspenseful horror with moderate graphic descriptions of horrific acts. Shocks, frightens, limited feelings of repulsion or loathing.
Violence	Silly, cartoon-like violence without graphic descriptions. No description of child abuse.	Limited violence with mild graphic descriptions. No repetitive or graphic description of child abuse. <i>*Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	No pervasive or gruesome violence or mass killings. Historically accurate in context. No repetitive or graphic description of child abuse.
Glorification of weapons, suicide, self-harm, or mental illness	No glorification of topic, characters may reference having, using or knowing of these without graphic descriptions.	No glorification of topic, characters may reference having, using or knowing of these without graphic descriptions. <i>*The Outsiders</i>	Characters may reference using, having, or knowing of these topics with limited graphic descriptions. Historically accurate in context. <i>*A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive</i>
Glorification of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use by minors	No glorification of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use by minors. Characters may reference an adult using these without graphic descriptions. Discussion of selling drugs or alcohol should only be indirect and not described.	No glorification of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use by minors. Characters may reference having, using, or knowing of these without graphic descriptions. Any references to trafficking of drugs or alcohol should be indirect.	No glorification of drug, alcohol, or tobacco use by minors. Characters may reference having, using, or knowing of these with limited graphic descriptions. Historically accurate in context. References to the trafficking of drugs or alcohol should be limited and not emphasized.
Sexual Activity	No reference to sexual activity or sexual assault . A friendly kiss on the cheek is acceptable, may contain descriptions holding hands, and/or illustrations of non-sexual nudity. <i>*Arthur's Birthday</i>	No descriptions or illustrations of sexual activity, sexual assault or rape . May contain kissing, may contain descriptions and/or illustrations of non-sexual nudity.	No explicit, graphic descriptions or illustrations of sexual acts, aroused sexual organs, sexual assault, or rape . No reference to bestiality or sex with multiple partners at the same time, may contain description and illustrations of non-sexual nudity, may contain kissing, may contain implicit reference to sexual activity such as taking off clothes.
Gender Theory and Medical Transition	No instruction, discussion, or introduction of gender theory or medical transition. May incorporate diverse characters but with no informative content on gender identity or sexual orientation. <i>*Bathe the Cat</i>	Limited discussion of gender identity topics may occur in the context required to describe a character. No reference to medical transition procedures. <i>*Beetle & the Hollowbones"</i>	Limited discussion of gender identity topics may occur in an age-appropriate and factual context related to literature or history. No graphic or instructional descriptions of medical transition procedures. <i>*Heartstopper Series</i>

***Example of acceptable titles that fall within the limitations of the category.**