



May 21, 2004

Mr. Geoff Davidian
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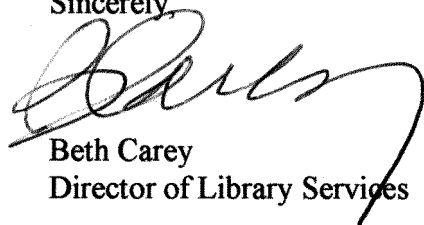
Dear Mr. Davidian,

In your letter dated May 14, 2004 you stated your intent to appeal the library staff decision not to link to your web site. The procedure for objecting to a selection decision is outlined in the Materials Selection Policy, item IV Procedures for Challenged Material. While this section of the policy is usually applied to an objection to the presence of something in the library's collection, it is the same process for reviewing the decision not to include something.

You have already submitted a written complaint about the decision not to include your web site on the library's web page. We will accept your letter in place of the Citizen Request for Reconsideration of Library Material. As the policy states, within 45 days a Library Review Committee will prepare a response and submit it to both you and the Library Board. Any appeal of the Committee's decision should be made in writing to the Library Board.

You also state that it appears I have complete discretion on selecting links and you would like to see that enabling authority. Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 43.58(4) states that a library board shall supervise the administration of the library. They establish all library policies and hire a librarian to serve as director. The director in turn hires the staff including professional librarians. Each librarians' job description includes language assigning them to selection of library materials. This is standard library practice in public libraries across the country.

Sincerely,



Beth Carey
Director of Library Services