



## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

### Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

May 6, 2022

10:00 AM

Curriculum Resource Room

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## AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Materials
  - The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island by D. Levy
  - This One Summer by M. Tamaki
- Good of the Order

**BOARD MEMBERS:** DEBBIE JORDAN, CHAIR, DISTRICT 4 | MARY FISCHER, VICE CHAIR, DISTRICT 1

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### Committee Response Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials

**Committee Meeting Date:** May 6, 2022

**Date Challenge to Instruction and/or Media Materials Form Received:** Per Ad Hoc committee, a recommendation was made January 24, 2022, to review the email from [REDACTED] (sent 10/14/21) with a list of materials, reviewed by the Florida Citizens Alliance, based upon citation of objections referencing violation of State Statute FS 847.012. No form was officially submitted for individual books.

***NOTE: To be in compliance with Board Policies, complainant submitted a Challenge Form. See pages 4-5 of this response document.***

**Submitted by:** [REDACTED]

**Challenged Material:** This One Summer by M. Tamaki

**Complainant:** Book is being challenged per FS 847.012.

**Decision:**

- Recommend continued use of challenged material as instructional materials and for media circulation
- Recommend continued use for media circulation only
- Recommend continued use for instructional purposes only
- Recommend continued use of challenged material with the following guidelines:

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- Recommend to discontinue use of challenged material during instruction and remove from media circulation





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### **Additional Comments and/or Notes:**

While this book is in media circulation, it is not included in current district curriculum or coursework. Parents may exercise their parental rights within the Parent Bill of Rights and submit an individual request to their child's school for an alert to be placed on the child's Destiny account, identifying the book as prohibited for media checkout.

### Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of Elementary School Curriculum & Instruction

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Elementary Coordinator of Science

Secondary Coordinator of Reading

School-based Administrator Representative Secondary

Diversity & Inclusion Representative

Curriculum Advisory Representatives

### Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Coordinator for Projects, Human Resources - Facilitator

Content Specialist for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials - Recorder



# Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Material

School or District: Lee County Public Schools Date: June 15, 2022

Please check type of instructional material:

Book: \_\_\_\_\_  AV (Video, CD, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Identify): \_\_\_\_\_

Title: This One Summer

Author: M. Tamaki

Publisher or Producer: \_\_\_\_\_

Request initiated by name: [Redacted]

Student Name: N/A

Telephone Address: [Redacted]

City: [Redacted] State: [Redacted] Zip Code: [Redacted]

**It is expected that the material in question has been read, viewed, or listened to in its entirety. Please complete the following questions. If insufficient space is provided, attach additional sheets.**

(Please sign your name to each additional attachment)

1. What brought this material to your attention? Public Records Request
2. Did you examine the entire material? No If not, what parts did you examine? Selected Excerpts
3. To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific. Cite pages, film sequence, etc.)  
See attached "partial" report. This book has young children in adult themes.
4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?  
The theme in and of itself is not the problem, it is the age group that is involved that makes it inappropriate.
5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?  
This book could be damaging to a child that is being raised in a home with higher moral standards.
6. For what age group would you recommend this material? 18+
7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material?  
Yes, but only for certain families and students.
8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No
9. What would you like the school or district to do about this material? Check your choice.  
 Do not assign it to my child  
 Other (Please explain) Tag the book to alert the parent to the potential objectionable nature of the book.

[Redacted] June 25, 2022  
Signature of Objector Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.



### This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki

This book is written for teens but tells the story of two girls ages 6 and 10. Summers together are filled with questions on sexuality and vivid imaginations and accusations leading to an attempted suicide. Many pages have inappropriate language. The girls lack parental help and education resulting in drama. This is a graphic novel so page quotes are not as applicable.

Pg. 21 the first mention of lesbian parents.

Pg. 36, 40, 41, 132, 239, 242, inappropriate language for the age of the characters.

Pg. 55 A six year old telling a ten year old about sex movies she has seen a million times. Talking about a girl that has been pregnant “like almost” three times and she is only 15.

Pg. 56 Use of the ‘F’ word and talking about how long sperm can live.

Pg. 60-61 talk of “blow jobs” and porn.

Pg. 63 six year old talking about oral sex.

Pg. 64-65 watching porn and getting caught by mom...

Pg. 137 Using GOD’s name in vain.

Pg. 187 Talk about smoking crack.

Pg. 212-213 bullying a girl that may be pregnant about what form of birth control was used, explicit language.