



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

May 6, 2022

10:00 AM

Curriculum Resource Room

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

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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: The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island by D. Levy

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:
This book is recommended for continued use for media circulation and if the book becomes used as instructional material, in the future, would only be utilized in the fourth grade and beyond.
- 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 Middle School Curriculum & Instruction

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Elementary Coordinator of Science

Secondary Coordinator of Reading

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: The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island

Author: D. Levy

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 report.

4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?
While the setting is a family vacation, the adults are gay males making this inappropriate for some families.

5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?
The theme conflicts with families of faith. It also normalizes gay relationships which in not for all families.

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 the right students and families.

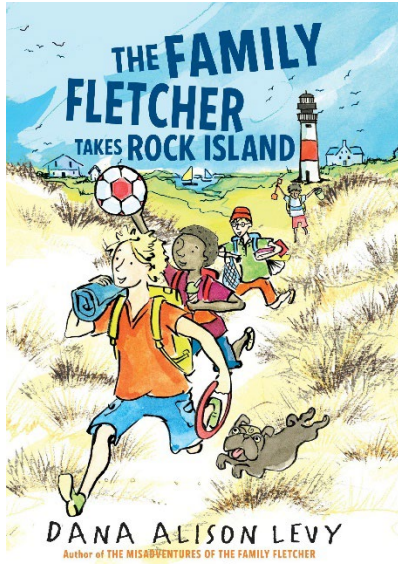
8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. No

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]
Signature of Objector

June 25, 2022
Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.



Posted 11/15/2021 Emailed 11/15/2021

The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island, by Dana Alison Levy is an elementary and middle school reader. According to the author of the book, the publisher says it is appropriate for ages 8 to 12 but she thinks children as young as 5 or 6 can enjoy it as a “read aloud”. This book centers around the Fletcher family’s annual, month long vacation to Rock Island. The Fletcher family includes four boys, all adopted. It is a diverse family which include “Jax”, an African American, “Froggie” an Indian American, and two white boys, Eli and Sam.

In this particular book, that the author believes is appropriate for 5 and 6 year old’s, the parents are actually two men. While the focus of the book is not on the aspect of gay relationships, the homosexual couple and their adventures with their adopted children make this a favorite with LGBTQ+ activists that desire to normalize same sex relationships to a very young audience.

The theme of this book is certainly less egregious than “It’s Perfectly Normal” that teaches 10-year-old children that abortion, oral sex, and anal sex are forms of birth control. This book seems innocent compared to “Killing Mr. Griffin” which is the violent story of the intentional and premeditated plan to kidnap and kill a schoolteacher.

Just because this book is not graphically sexual, or violent does not mean it teaches morality. Along with the homosexual relationship of the parents in this book, there are elements of CRT, white guilt, and racism. These topics are not the focus of the book but as long as we are teaching children about the color of their skin and not the content of their heart, we are perpetuating the very thing we all despise. A subtle introduction to LGBTQ+ and CRT is often more dangerous than an obvious or open presentation.