



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

October 25, 2023

4:00 PM

Curriculum Resource Room

AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Material
 - Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell
- Good of the Order



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Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Response

Date Challenge to Instruction and/or Media Materials Form Received: July 5, 2023

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Challenged Material: *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell

Complainant: See pages 4 – 5 of this response document.

Reviewed by:

- Director(s) of Curriculum: _____
- Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Date: October 25, 2023

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 approved for media circulation only at school sites serving 9th – 12th grade students.
- Recommend discontinuing use of challenged material during instruction and remove from media circulation.

Rationale for Decision and/or Additional Notes:

The committee thoroughly reviewed the content of *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell and determined that there were no violations of Florida Statutes that would require removal from circulation.

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 Ad Hoc Committee Members in Attendance:

Curriculum Advisory Committee Representative
Coordinator of Secondary ELA
Coordinator of Secondary Reading
Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction
District Advisory Council Representative (Parent)
District-based Media Specialist
Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee Representative
School-based Administrator Representative
School-based Media Specialist

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Facilitator: Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials
Co-Facilitator: Content Specialist for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials



Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Material

School or District: NORTH FORT MYERS HIGH SCHOOL Date: JUNE 30, 2023

Please check type of instructional material:

(X) Book: LIBRARY BOOK () AV (Video, CD, etc.): _____ Other (Identify): _____

Title: ELEANOR & PARK

Author: RAINBOW ROWELL

Publisher or Producer: _____

Request initiated by name: [REDACTED]

Student Name: [REDACTED]

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? A SEARCH OF THE AUTHOR'S NAME IN THE SCHOOL'S DIGITAL LIBRARY
2. Did you examine the entire material? NO If not, what parts did you examine? PGS 74,75,88,174,281,283
3. To what in the material do you object? (Please be specific. Cite pages, film sequence, etc.) PGS 74,75,88,174,281,283
THIS BOOK CONTAINS REFERENCES TO SEXUAL ACTIVITIES; PROFANITY; AND RACIST COMMENTARY.
IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO EXPOSE MINOR CHILDREN TO SEXUAL CONTENT.
4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material? THE THEME AND/OR PURPOSE OF THIS MATERIAL IS
IRRELEVANT BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO EXPOSE MINOR CHILDREN TO SEXUAL CONTENT LIKE THIS BOOK DOES
5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material? WHAT I FEEL IS IRRELEVANT BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST
THE LAW TO EXPOSE MINOR CHILDREN TO SEXUAL CONTENT LIKE THIS BOOK DOES
6. For what age group would you recommend this material? THE AGE GROUP THAT I WOULD RECOMMEND IS IRRELEVANT
BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO EXPOSE MINOR CHILDREN TO SEXUAL CONTENT LIKE THIS BOOK DOES
7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material? WHETHER OR NOT I BELIEVE THIS BOOK CONTAINS ANYTHING OF
VALUE IS IRRELEVANT BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO EXPOSE MINOR CHILDREN TO SEXUAL CONTENT LIKE THIS BOOK DOES
8. Have you read any critical reviews of this material? If so, what? Please be specific. WHETHER OR NOT I'VE READ ANY CRITICAL
REVIEWS IS IRRELEVANT BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO EXPOSE MINOR CHILDREN TO SEXUAL CONTENT LIKE THIS BOOK DOES
9. What would you like the school or district to do about this material? Check your choice.

() Do not assign it to my child

IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE ILLEGAL CONTENT FROM EVERY SCHOOL LIBRARY

6/30/23
Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.

Page	Content
74	Jesus. Was it possible to rape somebody's hand?
75	She'd already finished her homework. Some creep had written do I make you wet on her geography book, so she spent a really long time covering it up with a black ink pen.
88	Eleanor looked down. Crap. Whoever wrote that gross thing on her geography book had written on her history book, too. Suck me off it said in ugly blue letters.
174	And then he noticed something else. Written just as small, just as carefully, in all lowercase letters. i know you're a slut you smell like cum
281	do i make you wet?...
283	Eleanor listened to Steve sing song after song over the wet hammer of her heartbeat. The beer can went warm in her hand. i know your a slut you smell like cum