



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Ad Hoc Challenge Materials Committee Meeting

February 3, 2022

8:30 AM

ZOOM

AGENDA

- Review of Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials Process
- Challenged Materials
 - And Tango Makes Three
 - The Bluest Eye
 - The Hate U Give
- Good of the Order



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Committee Response Challenge to Instructional and/or Media Materials

Committee Meeting Date: February 3, 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 letter from [REDACTED] (sent 10/25/21) with a list of materials based upon his 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 5 and 6 of this response document.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]

Challenged Material: The Hate U Give by: Angie Thomas

Complainant: Book is being challenged per FS 847.001 (para 3, 6, 8, 10), FS 847.012 (para 3a, 3b, 5, 6) dissemination of this pornographic requires a third-degree felony charge.

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:

- 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.



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Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Director of Elementary School Curriculum & Instruction

Director of High School Curriculum & Instruction

Elementary Coordinator of English Language Arts

Secondary Coordinator of English Language Arts

School-based Administrator Representative

Diversity & Inclusion Representative

School-based Media Representative

Curriculum Advisory Representative

Non-Voting Committee Members in Attendance:

Coordinator for Instructional Technology and Instructional Materials - Facilitator



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 Hate You Give

Author: Angie Thomas

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.)
Present police in a bad way, excessive offensive language.
4. What do you believe is the theme or purpose of this material?
Some may consider this book to teach racism.
5. What do you feel might be the result of a student using this material?
This could reinforce racist tendencies instead of reducing them.
6. For what age group would you recommend this material? 18+
7. In your opinion, is there anything of value in this material? Yes for some folks but not all.
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] 6/15/2022
Signature of Objector Date (M/D/Y)

Please submit to the school principal for review.

NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE FROM TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX



The Hate You Give by Angie Thomas

The extensive use of curse words such as FUCK (over 90 times) makes this book a little difficult for some families, otherwise it is a good read. From the onset of chapter 1 and throughout are words such as, "shit, fuck, hell, ass, weed, popping pills", etc. It is left up to the reader to judge the validity of the implied racial divide the story depicts.

The novel's thematic content is more along the lines of controversial topics of a racial nature such as resulted from the "Mark Ferguson", "Trevor Martin" type incidences in real life. It depicts the dilemma of the main character (a 16yr. old girl) who witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend, a black male by a police officer.

Her world is between the realities of the poor black neighborhood and the white suburban prep school she attends; thus, her emotional response and objectivity is severely challenged. Some would see a theme of Critical Race Theory (CRT) although it is not over done.