The board supports the School Library Bill of Rights, provided by the American Library Association, which asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

1. to provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served.

2. to provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, esthetic values, and ethical standards.

3. to provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily lives.

4. to provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop the practice of critical reading and thinking.

5. to provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

6. to place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

Refer to: *Procedure for Reconsideration of Library Materials: Adopted 11/13/00*
Review of questioned ("challenged") materials will be treated objectively, unemotionally, and as a routine matter. Criticisms of print and non-print materials must be submitted in writing on a Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials form obtained from the librarian at the library/media center where the material is housed and submitted to the Superintendent of schools. The Request must be signed and include specific information as to author, title, publisher, and definite citation of objection.

A Review Committee will be appointed by the Superintendent to determine the validity of the objection. The Committee shall include the superintendent or designee as chairperson, eight other persons to include three members from the community and four educators, and a library media specialist from the appropriate level.

While the materials are under reconsideration, they shall remain in circulation in the library media center, unless the Superintendent decides otherwise.

Appeals of the decision by the Review Committee may be made through the Superintendent to the Rio Rancho Board of Education for a final decision.
Rio Rancho Public Schools  
Request for Reconsideration of Library/Media Materials

1. What type of material is being challenged?
   Book____Film/video____Periodical____Filmstrip____Audiocassette____Other____

2. Title:_______________________________________________________________

3. Author:_____________________________________________________________

4. Publisher or producer:_________________________________________________

5. Request initiated by:__________________________________________________

6. Address:____________________________________________________________

7. City:_______________________________________________________________

Please answer the following questions. If sufficient space is not provided, attach additional sheets. (Please sign your name to each additional statement.)

1. What do you find objectionable about the material? (Please be specific; cite pages, frames, film sequence, etc.)

2. Do you wish to deny library access to this material?

3. What do you feel might be the harm of a person using this material?

4. Is there anything good in this material? Please comment.

5. Do you wish to recommend other library materials on the same subject and in the same physical format (video, audio, etc.)?

Date:__________________________ Signature:________________________________

Approved by Board of Education: November 13, 2000