



May 10, 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

I reviewed your request to reconsider a book in our collection, *We Need to Talk About Vaginas: An IMPORTANT Book about Vulvas, Periods, Puberty and Sex!* by Dr. Allison K. Rodgers. To evaluate your concern about its place in the Burlington County Library System's children's nonfiction collection, I convened an evaluation committee of three librarians.

The committee noted that you questioned images in the book and that you requested the title either be removed from the library or refiled to the adult section. Upon considering the information you provide in your request, we followed up with research and have determined the following:

- **Regarding your concern about the images in the book:**
The images in the book are age appropriate and depict the human body from a health and biological perspective. The author educates young readers about the biological and developmental changes to the female body and explains related hygienic, health, social and emotional aspects. The colorful comic book style drawings are used to depict concepts.
- **Regarding your request to remove the book from our library or move it to the adult area:**
We have determined that the book will remain in our Children's collection. Even though the book does not align with your approach it must be available to parents who reference such titles to educate their children. However, in keeping with shelving conventions in other areas of our collection, we will reconsider its interfiling and place the title with other books meant for the same developmental age cohort. This will mirror filing conventions in other areas of the library.

The Burlington County Library System has a responsibility to provide a comprehensive collection representing a wide range of ideas and viewpoints. We have a commitment to the right of free access to information for all individuals, and feel this title offers an approach that must remain accessible to our diverse audience.

I appreciate you taking the time to bring this book to my attention. Parents like you, who take the time to make inquiries such as this, have demonstrated a commitment to their children's well-being. That said, we must also be responsive to parents who have other approaches to their children's well-being and choose books like these. Ultimately, the decision to select books for children rests on each parent or caregiver.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ranjna Das".

Ranjna Das
Library Director