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Dear [REDACTED],

I received your Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials for the DVD *The Architect*. I reviewed your request and evaluated your concern about its place in the Burlington County Library System's Adult DVD collection. Additionally, I convened an evaluation committee of three librarians to consider your request.

Your request questioned the title of the DVD and described its content as contrived, predictable, and depressing. You also referenced depiction of a suicide and recommended we label the material as "adults only" or remove.

*The Architect* (2006) is a film adapted from the same-named play by Scottish writer David Grieg. The film is a study of race, class and living spaces, in which the characters are placed in extreme situations. Reviews in *Variety* and *The New York Times* note that the film suffers in the translation from stage to film and therefore received mixed critical reviews. However, it boasts a stellar cast, which includes Anthony LaPaglia, Viola Davis, Isabella Rossellini, Hayden Panettiere, and Sebastian Stan, and likely contributed to its selection for the library's Adult DVD collection.

Although this film may not be to everyone's personal taste, many library customers have checked it out over the years. The DVD case and catalog description clearly show the Motion Picture Association of America's "R" rating, indicating that it is for mature audiences. The library shelves this item in the Adult DVD collection to further assist customers in finding appropriate age-related materials. The packaging and catalog description also provide a synopsis of the film, indicating that the film is about the human condition and not primarily about architecture.

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.

With regards,

Ranjna Das  
Library Director