



September 30, 2025

Dear [REDACTED],

Upon reviewing your request to reconsider a book in the library's collection, *Was I in Mama's Stomach Too?* by Dagmar Geisler, I convened an evaluation committee of three librarians. Our committee reviewed your request and recommended the following:

- **Regarding your concern about the text and images in the book:** The text and cartoon images are age appropriate and explain and depict human sexual reproduction in a manner reflective of similar books written for this age. From the child protagonist asking questions about her mother's pregnancy and receiving explanations on maternal care, fetal development and childbirth, to asking her father to explain how babies come to be in a mother's stomach, the dialogue provides honest and direct answers designed to educate the child about the biology of conception.
- **Regarding your request to remove the book from our library:** We have determined that the book will remain in our collection. Even though the book does not align with what you feel is appropriate for your family, 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 feel that this book should be part of the Parent Resource Collection, a distinct shelf location within the Children's Department where parents and caregivers can find materials suitable for their child's informational needs.

I appreciate you taking the time to bring this book to my attention. Parents like you, who take the time to make inquiries like this, have demonstrated a commitment to their children's well-being. That said, we must also be responsive to multiple parental approaches to their children's access to information including parents who choose books like these. Ultimately, the decision to choose or not chose books for children rests on each parent or caregiver.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ranjna Das", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ranjna Das
Library Director