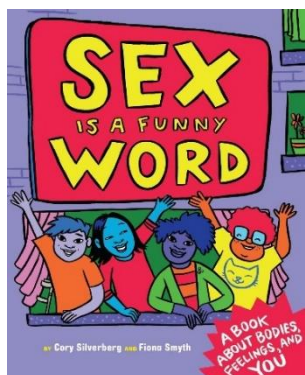


BOOK RECONSIDERATION REQUEST: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION



[Sex is a Funny Word: A Book About Bodies, Feelings, and You](#) by Cory Silverberg, Illustrated by Fiona Smyth

Triangle Square, an imprint of Seven Stories Press, distributed by Penguin Random House, 2015
ISBN 978-1609806064

Age Range: 8-10

Grade Range: 2-6 (Recommended by School Library Journal)

After reviewing the book, *Sex is a Funny Word: A book About Bodies, Feelings, and YOU* and the accompanying Request for Reconsideration of Materials form submitted by [REDACTED], it is the Review Committee's recommendation that the book be retained in its location in the children's department.

The Burlington County Library System provides non-fiction materials for children of varied reading levels. These materials are assigned the designation of "E" Easy, "J" Juvenile, "T" Teen and interfiled to provide a wider variety of materials on a topic. Our catalogers have used the "T" (Teen) designation to indicate that the content is for older children, but still more appropriate to be shelved in the Children's Department.

The concerns presented regarding the book overwhelmingly cite images that are appropriate for the content of a book specifically bodies, gender and sexuality for children ages 8 to 10. These drawings are done in a cartoon style and are often introduced by text so that the reader understands the image. This book does not contain pornographic images. This book depicts comic book drawings of a variety of bodies in different stages of development. As to the concern that a child might access the book too easily, BCLS's [Customer Conduct Policy](#) states that children age 11 and under should have an adult or caregiver within sight and sound range at all times. We trust that parents and caregivers are supervising children at the library and implementing the restrictions they wish to place on their own children's reading or viewing materials. The fear that any child can pull out a book and look at it if a parent or caregiver turns away is not a strong enough basis to remove this book from the children's department and shelve it in an inappropriate collection location.