

October 2, 2023

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## Dear Beth,

This is my response to your request for reconsideration of the book "Grandad's Pride" by Harry Woodgate which I received via email on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Our Materials Selection committee met to review your request on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and have recommended that the book remain in the picture book section of the Children's room and not be moved to the parenting section as you have requested. Their recommendation is based on the reviews of the book in several professional journals which all recommend the book for children ages 3-8 which is the target age for picture books. Furthermore, this book does not meet our selection criteria for the parenting collection and contains no discussion guide for adults to use with children or list of resources for further research on a difficult topic.

I conducted my own similar review of the book and agree with the committee's recommendation for it to remain in the picture book collection. The illustration that you have questioned is an accurate representation of the kinds of people and costumes seen at a Pride festival and the text of the book focuses on the community's collaboration on a local celebration and a family's love for Grandad. The staff member who selected this title did so in accordance with our materials selection policy and the professional reviews confirm that it is an appropriate book for the picture book target age group.

If you believe that my decision was made in error you may appeal it to the Board of Trustees either by mail at the library's street address or via email at <a href="mailto:plus">plt@nashuanh.gov</a>.

Sincerely

Jennifer McCormack, Director