

CHALLENGED MATERIALS IN OREGON 2014 - 2015

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Author or Topic	Title & Publisher	Date, Reason & Outcome	Description of Material	L e v e l
Atwood, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> Houghton Mifflin	Challenged in 2015 by a parent as an assignment for students in West Albany High School's AP English course. Reason: concerns about abortion and pornography. Retained.	The story of Offred, a woman living in a futuristic, Christian religion-based dictatorship where women's rights are so restricted she has lost even the use of her own real name. It received the Arthur C. Clarke Award in 2004.	A
Caland, Philippe - Director Shimosawt, Shintarr - screenplay author	<i>Repentance</i> Codeblack Films	Challenged in 2015 in a public library by an individual. Reason: violence. Removed. Not consistent with collection development guidelines & policies.	Angel Sanchez is a disturbed man fixated on the tragic death of his mother. Seemingly intent on finding inner peace, Sanchez seeks out Tommy Carter, a successful local author/spiritual advisor. Unaware of his client's true intent, Carter agrees to help the man rebuild his shattered life. But when Sanchez reveals his true intentions, the life coach must do everything in his power to stay alive in this taut, psychological thriller.	A
California Yoga Teachers Association	<i>Yoga Journal</i>	Challenged by a public library patron in 2015. Reason: Patron concerned that the journal promotes yoga as a false religion. Retained	This journal focuses on yoga news as well as other subjects from a yoga point of view.	A
Cameron, James	<i>Lost Tomb of Jesus, The</i>	Challenged in 2015 by a public library patron. Reason: Patron believes this nonfiction title is a misrepresentation and not true. Retained	Describes the finding of the Talpiot Tomb during a housing construction project, and posits that it was the family tomb of Jesus.	A
Cartoon Network	<i>Adventure Time</i> (DVD)	Challenged in a public library in 2015 by a parent requesting they be moved to young adult. Reason: sexual content and offensive language. Retained in children's area.	A series that follows the adventures of Finn, a human boy, and his best friend and adoptive brother Jake, a dog with the magical power to change shape and size at will, who live in the post-apocalyptic Land of Ooo	J

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<i>Ebony</i> (magazine)	Johnson Publisher	Challenged in a public library by a patron in 2015. Reason: Patron believes that it unfairly celebrates black men & promotes a left-wing agenda. Retained	A monthly magazine that address African-American issues, personalities and interests	A
Kelso, Megan	<i>Artichoke Tales</i>	Challenged in a public library in 2015. Reason: inappropriate for age group. Retained in YA area.	A coming-of-age story about a young girl in a world similar to ours whose family is caught between the two warring sides of a civil war between North and South. The people have artichoke leaves instead of hair	YA
Lanthimos, Yorgos; author of screenplay & director	<i>Dogtooth</i> (Kynodontas); Boo Productions	Challenged in a public library by a patron in 2015. Reason: sexually explicit, violent & disturbing. Retained	A darkly surreal Greek motion picture about three teenagers confined to an isolated country estate and kept under strict rule and regimen by their parents.	A
Nazeer, Kamran	<i>Send in the Idiots: Stories From the Other Side of Autism</i> Bloomsbury	Challenged by a public library by an advocate for people with disabilities in 2015. Reason: the use of the word "idiots" in the title. Retained	When he was four years old Kamran Nazeer was enrolled in a small school in New York alongside other children diagnosed with autism. Here they received care that was at the cutting edge of developmental psychology. Kamran is now a policy adviser in Whitehall - but what of the others? With rare perception, he tells of their lives.	A
North, Ryan	<i>Adventure Time KABOOM!</i>	Challenged in a public library in 2015. Parent requested that this Graphic Novel series be moved from children's area to YA. Reason: Sexual content & offensive language. Retained in Children's Area	Adapts the Cartoon Network animated series about a boy, his dog and their journeys in the Land of Ooo.	J
Pastis, Stephen	<i>The Croc Ate My Homework</i> Andrews McMeel	Challenged by a parent in a public library in 2015. Reason: Offensive language, violence. Retained.	A collection of comic strips mocks the foibles of human nature with the antics of egotistical Rat, clueless Pig, intellectual Goat, and letter-writing optimist Zebra.	J

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Richardson, Joel	<i>Islamic Antichrist: The Shocking Truth About the Real Nature of the Beast</i> (audio book)	Challenged at a public library in 2015. Reason: Patron concerned that the image on the cover of the audio book suggests that Islam's savior, the Mahdi is the antichrist. Retained	The Bible predicts in the last days a charismatic leader will establish a global following in the name of peace. Islamic prophecy also predicts that a man will rise up to lead the nations, pledging to usher in an era of peace. Islam's savior is called the Mahdi. However, the man in the Bible is the Antichrist. Joel Richardson's stunning research and analysis suggest the Mahdi and the Antichrist may actually be one and the same.	A
Satrapi, Marjane	<i>Persepolis</i> , Pantheon	Challenged by a parent at the Three Rivers High School Library in the fall of 2014. Reason: coarse language and scenes of torture. Retained but parents may request that their child not be allowed to check it out of the library.	Using comic strip images the author tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages 6 - 14 including the end of the shah's, the Islamic Revolution and the war with Iraq.	A
Scorsese, Martin - Director & Producer Terrence Winter - Screenplay	<i>Wolf of Wall Street, the True Story of NY Stock broker. Jordan Belfort</i> Paramount and Red Granite Pictures	Challenged by a patron in 2015. Reason: nudity, sexually explicit, pornographic, drugs. Retained	Adapted from the memoir of the same name by Jordan Belfort and recounts from Belfort's perspective his career as a stockbroker in New York City and how his firm Stratton Oakmont engaged in rampant corruption and fraud on Wall Street that ultimately led to his downfall	A
Shreve, Anita	<i>Testimony;</i> Hachette Audio (CD)	Challenged in 2015 in a public library. Reason: sexually explicit, pornographic. Retained	At a New England boarding school, a sex scandal is on videotape. The tape triggers a chorus of voices-- those of the men, women, teenagers, and parents involved in the scandal	A
Tezuka, Osamu	<i>MW</i> (video)	Challenged by a public library patron in 2015. Reason: Patron believes that the video is too close to pornography, which may demonize the way people think about comics. Retained	A secret U.S. chemical weapon called "MW" accidentally leaks and wipes out the population of a southern Japanese island. Though Michio Yuki survives, he emerges from the ordeal without a trace of conscience.	A