

**Materials Review Committee  
Reconsideration of Materials Summary – 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Summary of Customer Comments</b>	<b>Findings and Action Taken</b>
Mar 2011	<p><b>How Israel Lost: The Four Questions</b></p> <p>Written by Richard Ben Cramer, Simon &amp; Schuster, 2004 Adult Book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Semitic</li> <li>• Remove from collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The author is a Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist who has written extensively about the Middle East.</li> <li>• He is critical of Israeli policy but as a serious and well-known journalist, brings an important perspective to the issue.</li> <li>• The Library’s extensive collection of material on the conflict in the Middle East includes a variety of points of view.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult collection</b></li> </ul>
Aug 2011	<p><b>Hooray for Dairy Farming</b></p> <p>Written by Bobbie Kalman, Crabtree Publishing Company, 1997 Children’s book</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inaccurate content</li> <li>• Remove from collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The author implies that calves stay with their mother for six weeks but, according to Canadian dairy farming guidelines, this is not current practice.</li> <li>• The information in the book, written in 1997, is outdated and more recent books are available in the collection.</li> <li>• <b>Withdrawn from the collection</b></li> </ul>
Nov 2011	<p><b>What’s Up: Balloon to the Rescue</b></p> <p>Directed by Everton Rodrigues, 2009 Children’s DVD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie is offensive and racist</li> <li>• No cultural or artistic reasons for retaining</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This animated film does contain negative stereotypes.</li> <li>• It is designed to be misleading by resembling Pixar’s <i>Up</i> and the company that produced it, Video Brinquedo, is known for producing low quality films based on other well-known films. It was acquired in error.</li> <li>• The Library does not own and will not buy other titles produced by Video Brinquedo.</li> <li>• <b>Withdrawn from the collection</b></li> </ul>

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Nov 2011	<p><b>The Aristocrats</b></p> <p>Created by Penn Jillette and Paul Provenza, directed by Paul Provenza, 2006 Adult DVD (Restricted)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie is degrading and inappropriate for the library</li> <li>• Remove or apply warning label</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This documentary style film features well-known comedians such as Robin Williams and Whoopi Goldberg.</li> <li>• It was positively reviewed in the Toronto Star, the Globe &amp; Mail and the New York Times and was shown in North American theatres.</li> <li>• Many North American public libraries own the film.</li> <li>• Its restricted rating means that no-one under 18 can borrow it and the cover has comments warning customers about its contents.</li> <li>• <b>Retained in the adult collection</b></li> </ul>