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Dear Noah,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the *News China* magazine on display in one of our neighborhood libraries. Brooklyn Public Library appreciates and takes seriously all feedback from our community.

All requests for the reconsideration of BPL materials are reviewed by professional librarians and by senior management. After considering your request, it has been decided that *News China* meets the requirements of the Library's Materials Selection Policy (www.bklynlib.org/materials-selection) and should be retained in circulation.

We recognize that this magazine may be found to be inappropriate or offensive to some of our patrons. The presence of books and other resources on our shelves, be they physical or digital, does not indicate an endorsement of that information by the library.

The freedom to read, protected by the First Amendment, serves all people of the United States. Backed by intellectual freedom and professional ethics principles, BPL will continue to protect the rights of our patrons to freely explore a range of diverse views and ideas. We also affirm the rights of individuals to form their own opinions about resources that they choose to read, view, listen to, or otherwise access in BPL's collection.

An appeal of this decision may be made, in writing, to the Chief Librarian of the Brooklyn Public Library. The final responsibility for materials reconsideration resides with the Chief Librarian.

Sincerely,

Amy Mikel
Director of Customer Experience