



Wright Memorial *Public Library*

Request for Reconsideration of Library Material

We are sorry if you have been offended by any material in the library's collection. Wright Memorial Public Library subscribes to the Library Bill of Rights as adopted by the American Library Association. This document reads, in part: "Books and other library resources should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves. Materials should not be excluded because of the origin, background, or views of those contributing to their creation." Everyone's tastes are different and it is the library's responsibility to provide materials on a multitude of subjects and viewpoints, in many styles.

If you think that an item does not belong in the library, we invite you to fill out this form and return it to the front desk. The staff will see that it is given to the library director, who will be in touch with you regarding your request.

Your name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Representing:

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Organization: _____

Material on which you wish to comment:

Title: A MAGICAL DAY w/ MATISSE

Author, artist, or producer: JULIE Merberg / Suzanne Bober

Format: children's board book

What brought this work to your attention? checked it out w/
other books highlighting artist. (Such as
Quiet Time with Cassatt)

What are your concerns about this work and/or what are your specific objections to it?
(Use back or additional pages if you wish.) 2 particular
paintings featured are a bit graphic
for this age group. (ie, naked people
specifically the artist's renderings and
one image of a person sitting with
legs open.

What would you like the library to do with this work?

- Re-evaluate it.
 Withdraw it from the collection.
 Other: _____


Is there a work representing your viewpoint that you would like to recommend for the library? _____

Thank you
Signature: _____

I am also an artist, and greatly appreciate various genres of & styles of artists such as Matisse; however age appropriate images would be appreciated & there are so many more books to choose from w/o having this one.

"Magical Day with Matisse" Selection Criteria Analysis

- 1) Reviews in library journals and other publications
 - a. "Magical Day with Matisse" was reviewed in the May 2002 edition of Publishers' Weekly: "Two board books by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober introduce the works of world-renowned artists to the youngest audience. In each, lyrical text accompanies 10 masterpieces. A Magical Day with Matisse, for example, features his famous ring of dancers in Dance II ("Let's dance and fly, hold hands and sing, and spin round and round in a rosie ring"). In the Garden with Van Gogh includes Sunflowers, Irises and The Starry Night. Back matter contains a list of the paintings and the museums in which they appear."
- 2) Information from publishers' catalogs and promotions
 - a. "With a narrative that will entertain art lovers of all ages, this new board book is a fun way to introduce young children to fine art. The little ones will love spending A Magical Day with Matisse in a world full of music, color, bobbing sailboats, and tickled toes. Playful rhyming texts accompany the artists timeless paintings in this little masterpiece."
 - b. "A Magical Day with Matisse" is a part of the Mini Masters board book series from Chronicle Books. Each book in this series pairs 10 works from a single artist with lyrical text. The Mini Masters series grew to 10 volumes between 2002 and 2007, and has been in continuous publication since 2002.
- 3) Examination copies
 - a. N/A
- 4) Patron recommendations
 - a. N/A
- 5) Popular demand
 - a. "Magical Day with Matisse" has circulated 14 times since it was added to the library's collection in October 2013.
- 6) Availability and cost
 - a. "Magical Day with Matisse" has been widely available since it was first published in 2002, and its price is standard for board books. The Wright Memorial Public Library added the book to its collection in October 2013, at a cost of \$6.99.
- 7) Interest and appeal to Wright Memorial Public Library patrons
 - a. When speaking with patrons, time and again they express a desire to introduce their children to the arts—to enrich their children's visits to museums, galleries, and live events by exposing them early, often, and broadly to art. Making art an everyday part of children's lives is important to our patrons. "Magical Day with Matisse" directly meets that desire, and also complements the library's Dayton Art Institute circulating family pass.
- 8) Professional judgment based on education, training, and experience
 - a. During my tenure at the Mitchell Community Public Library (Youth Services Librarian; 2009-2013) I purchased books in the Mini Masters series for that library's board book collection, and used them in arts and storytime programming. Using the books includes reading the titles. The Mini Masters books are well known to children's book purchasers, and are widely available in libraries and museums. The books have a strong, positive presence on Pinterest and on Amazon customer reviews, particularly as good choices for baby shower gifts and as birthday presents for the very young.



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Thank you for your recent visit to the Wright Memorial Public Library. We received your *Request for Reconsideration of Library Material form* regarding the title A Magical Day with Matisse.

It is the goal of the Wright Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees to recognize the diverse library needs of all citizens, regardless of age, race, national origin, religious, social, or political views. The Library recognizes that some materials are controversial and that any given item may offend some users. Selection decisions are not made on the basis of any anticipated approval or disapproval, but on the merits of the work in relation to the overall development of the collection and the necessity of meeting the needs of many individuals with a broad range of interests and viewpoints.

After receiving your request, we once again reviewed the title indicated against the selection criteria from our policy manual.

Here is a summary of our findings:

- The title is part of the “Mini Masters” series by Chronicle Books. The series is well regarded by national review publications and consumers alike, as evident by their continuous publications since 2002.



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- This particular title is owned by almost 300 libraries, including numerous Ohio public libraries.
- The title also meets local parents' interests for youth materials on the arts, as evident by the 14 times it has circulated since it was acquired in late 2013.

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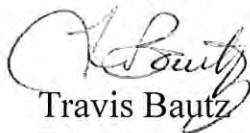
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Given these criteria, we have decided to retain the book in the Wright Memorial Public Library's collection.

If you would like to appeal this decision, you may address the Board of Trustees at one of its regular meetings. As another option, you are welcome to offer additional book recommendations for the Library's collection. We would welcome your input on enhancing our collection of art materials for children.

Please feel free to contact me should you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you,



Travis Bautz
Director

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WMPL Collection Development Policy