



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: 9/9/22

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Representing:

Self

Organization: _____

Material on which you wish to comment:

Title: Maximum Ride #3

Author, artist, or producer: James Patterson & Nuala Lee

Format: JGN

What brought this work to your attention? flipped through and
LOOKED interesting.

What are your concerns about this work and/or what are your specific objections to it?
(Use back or additional pages if you wish.) LOTS of gory deta:ls
and BLOOD. ~~that are~~

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

Re-evaluate it.

Withdraw it from the collection.

Other: change from JAN to YAGN

Is there a work representing your viewpoint that you would like to recommend for the library? No.

Signature: _____

From: [Kristi Hale](#)
To: [Jacqui Taylor](#)
Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 12:52:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Sounds good.

From: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>
Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

If he comes to the library after school today or tomorrow, I can speak with him myself. If I don't see him, then you can do the phone call tomorrow?

From: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 12:01 PM
To: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>
Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

Do you think in person would be good? Or just making a phone call.

From: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 11:00 AM
To: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>
Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

School lets out at 3:15pm, and family tends to be one of the first to arrive at the library after school—by 3:30pm certainly.

From: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 10:50 AM
To: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>
Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

Book received. I'll call and mention it was a group decision. Do you happen to know best time to reach him (i.e. what time does school get out)? I'm tied up this afternoon but can do it tomorrow.

From: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 5:08 PM
To: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>

Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

Yes, I will get the book to you. I am happy to call _____ but I think it will be additionally impactful coming from you. If you don't mind, would you include in your conversation with him that I fully support the decision?

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Jacqui

From: Kristi Hale

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:49 PM

To: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>

Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

PS: Can you please pass the book to me, so I can share it with the BOT on Monday?

From: Kristi Hale

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:46 PM

To: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>

Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

Thanks Jacqui.

What a powerful experience I hope this is for this young man. He stated his case, put it in writing, and made change. Very cool.

What's the best way to notify him of the determination? We usually do it in writing, but I have sometimes called patrons. Also, would you like to have the honor?

Kristi

From: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:35 PM

To: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>

Subject: RE: Maximum Ride #3

I found the title in 26 collections, actually. And still only Bexley and WMPL had it in J. Please find my assessment attached.

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Jacqui

From: Kristi Hale

Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 4:30 PM

To: Jacqui Taylor <Taylor@wrightlibrary.org>

Subject: Maximum Ride #3

Hi Jacqui,

I looked up this title on SearchOhio, and almost all of the libraries have it in their YA collection. I don't know the call number meanings of all the libraries, but only us and Bexley for sure had this in Juvenile. And there were like 14 systems that have it in YA.

Kristi



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Jacqui Taylor Evaluation, September 14, 2022

- **Material Information**
 - Maximum Ride Vol. 3 by James Patterson & NaRae Lee
 - J GN PAT #3
 - Manga version of the YA FIC Maximum Ride series by James Patterson
- **Contextual Information**
 - In the past YS librarians considered the question of which collection to place this book series in. Though the prose version of the books is YA, the manga version was published with editorial and stylistic choices that skew the work toward upper elementary readers. At the time, the book was carried in more libraries than now, and a number of them carried the manga series in J. Given also the space limitations that existed in YA at the time, the book was placed in J graphic novels.
- **Circulation**
 - 4 year to date
 - 3 previous year to date
 - 76 lifetime (since 2012)
 - Volume 1 in series has: 7/10/102
 - Volume 2 in series has:4/5/60
- **Other Libraries**
 - Of the 26 libraries on OhioLink that carry the title, only Bexley PL and WMPL have it in a designated juvenile collection. 3 libraries that carry the title do not clearly define an age for its space in the collection. The remaining 21 libraries carry the title in a YA collection.
- **Next Steps**
 - Diane Bengson assessed the material and judged it appropriate to add to the YA Manga collection. Now that the library has completed a renovation, the YS librarians are no longer concerned about having insufficient shelf space for the material. Furthermore, the small percentage of libraries who carry the title in J vs YA may indicate that the title will circulate even better in WMPL's YA collection than J.
 - Pull the whole series, mark it mending, and ask Tech Services to change the series' labels and PAC information to YA Manga.

Below are Director Kristi Hale's notes in preparation for verbal response to the requestor.

Hi

My name is Kristi Hale, and I'm the director of the Wright Memorial Public Library.

I'm calling about the Request for Reconsideration of library material that you submitted last week about the book Maximum Ride 3.

First, I want to thank you for taking the time to share your opinion with us. That was a really important step that you took, writing down your opinions on that form. I'm sorry that this book wasn't a good fit for you, and I hope reading it wasn't too upsetting for you.

We make decisions all the time about what books to buy, and where to shelve them in the library. With this book, we might have placed it in the kids section or we might have placed it in the YA section. For some reason, when that book was purchased 10 years ago, someone decided to put it in the kids section, and that's where it has stayed.

When you filled out that form, it set off a kind of investigation, and that investigation helps us improve. We really value that here.

So Ms. Jacqui, myself, and another librarian looked at Maximum Ride 3, and we investigated. We looked at the pages that were bloody and gory, and we compared it with books in the kids and young adults areas to see where it seemed to fit better. We also looked at where other libraries shelve that book. Based on our investigation, we agree with you – that this book, and in fact the whole series, should be moved into the YAGN section.

So we are going to put new spine labels on these books and get them moved to the YA area.

Thank you again for helping to make Wright Library's collection better and stronger.