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December 13, 2021

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for expressing your concern as a parent and a member of the community. Dorr Township Library is always happy to listen to perspectives from our patrons and others in our service area. In response to your formal Request for Reconsideration regarding the book *Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff, the Library Board of Trustees and I have decided to deny your request to label the book as containing Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) content.

We understand that your objection to the content is that it is too mature for your daughter, and you feel you were not given adequate information about the book ahead of time to make an informed choice. We agree that you have the right to make an informed determination about what material is appropriate for your child. However, there are other resources available to help you accomplish this. Labeling every book with potentially offensive content would not only likely violate the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, but would also place an undue burden on our staff and the taxpayers who support them.

Descriptions and reviews available on Goodreads (goodreads.com), Amazon (amazon.com), the *New York Times*, the *Horn Book* (hbook.com), and elsewhere all state that the main character is transgender. Goodreads and Amazon especially are excellent resources to help you research the books that your daughter is interested in, as their coverage is very wide. Common Sense Media (www.common Sense Media.org) is another excellent resource which, although it does not review *this* book, posts regular reviews by both children and parents and publishes a rating of the mature themes present in each book. We encourage you to use these resources to determine which books are appropriate for your child.

If you are not satisfied with this explanation of our decision, you are welcome to call me at 616-681-9678, email me at dorjb@llcoop.org, or set up an appointment to talk with me face-to-face in the library. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Babbitt, MLIS
Director, Dorr Township Library