

Resolution Opposing 15 CSR 30-200.015 Library Certification Requirement for the Protection of Minors submitted by the Missouri Secretary of State

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library believes that the right to read is an important part of the intellectual freedom that is basic to democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library believes that this rule is misguided and will have a chilling effect on intellectual freedom in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library believes that parents and guardians of the children in our communities are best able to judge what their children should be allowed to read; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library does not support the removal of local control where library administration is concerned.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library:

1. Stands steadfast in its commitment to uphold intellectual freedom;
2. Defends a patron's freedom to read and asserts that it is the sole right and responsibility of the parent or guardian to determine what library material is appropriate for their children; and
3. Affirms that policy and collection development decisions should remain at the local level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library urges the Secretary of State and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to reject [15 CSR 30-200.015](#).

ADOPTED this 21st day of November 2022