



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Library

**ACM:** Christine Taylor

**DATE:** November 22, 2022

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an appeal request for a library suspension issued to a patron on September 29, 2022.

### **BACKGROUND**

Per the Library Rules of Conduct, attached as Exhibit 2, a patron issued a library suspension may appeal their suspension by submitting a letter of appeal. The appeal will be brought to the Library Board for discussion and the Board will provide a recommendation to the Director of Libraries:

#### **Procedure for Appeals**

Persons may request a review of a library issued no-trespass order based on the following procedures. An appeal must be submitted in writing to the Library Ejection/Trespass Review Committee as visits in person to any DPL location are prohibited.

The written appeal must be received at the following address within 30 days of the date the notice is issued. This appeal process shall only apply to any no-trespass notice issued by a library employee and shall not apply to a criminal trespass notice issued by a police officer.

Denton Public Library  
Ejection/Trespass Review Committee  
502 Oakland Street  
Denton, TX 76201

The appeal must include an address at which the library may correspond with the individual making an appeal. The Review Committee, comprised of members of the Denton Library Board, will review timely filed appeals at their regularly scheduled meeting, and make a recommendation to the Director of Libraries, who will respond in writing within 60 days of the receipt of the appeal.

A library suspension of one year was issued to patron Christopher Jones on September 29, 2022 for vandalizing library property at Emily Fowler Central Library. The suspension was issued after Mr. Jones was witnessed by staff throwing a library newspaper away. The incident was captured on camera and shows Mr. Jones tearing the newspaper and throwing it away. The incident report is attached as Exhibit 3. Mr. Jones refused the suspension and police were called to issue the suspension on behalf of the library and escort Mr. Jones from the library.

On Monday, October 3, an appeal letter from Mr. Jones, attached as Exhibit 4, was found slipped under the front door of the Emily Fowler Central Library.

### **OPTIONS**

The library seeks a recommendation from the Library Board regarding the appeal and whether to uphold the suspension, reduce the suspension, or waive the suspension.

### **EXHIBITS**

1. Agenda Information Sheet-Appeal
2. Library Rules of Conduct Policy
3. 9-29-22 Incident Report
4. Appeal Request

Respectfully submitted:  
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