The Board of Trustees of ImagineIF Libraries has delegated the responsibility for Selection and evaluation of library resources to the Library Director and collection development team, and has established reconsideration procedures to address concerns about those resources. This form is the first procedure that must be completed. If you wish to request reconsideration of library resources, please return this completed form to:

Library Director
ImagineIF Libraries
247 First Avenue East
Kalispell, MT 59901

Name: Brenda Cuthbertson       Date: 10/24/2021

Do you represent self?       Organization? (please specify)

1. Resource on which you are commenting:
   Book       Video       Display       Magazine       Library Program
   Audio Recording       Newspaper
   Electronic information/network (please specify)
   Other

Title: Bender Queen

Author/Producer: Maria Kobash

Location at which resource is held:
   ___ ImagineIF Kalispell
   ___ ImagineIF Columbia Falls
   ___ ImagineIF Bigfork
   ___ ImagineIF Marion

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2. Are you familiar with the ImagineIF Library Collection Development Policy?

Yes

3. What is your objection to the resource? (Please be specific and list pages and/or sections as applicable.) Promoting a person's mental health issues in a comic fashion is merely a disguise for normal the need for help which is already not been received. The author continues their life seeking one external source for self-identification i.e. clothes, binding, new pronouns, experimental sex + finally surgeries none of which bring any resolution as they are all external attempts at resolving internal issues. Peace with oneself + identity comes from inside and your own selfvalue cannot be forced by external changes or demands of others. Have you read, watched or heard the material in its entirety? If not, what sections did you review?

Yes

5. What do you feel might be the result of reading, viewing, or listening to this resource? (Use additional pages if necessary.) A person in need of help may not seek or receive it think this distortion of how to have peace with oneself. Mainstreaming of problems is not actually a legitimate help to people. Promoting the use of sex ting, porn, most often, unhealthy fantasies, self body mutilation, using social networking for sexual experimentation as well as assorted other things. It can go so far as to tell an underage minor (not physically or mentally developed enough to make such decisions) to take hormone blockers. (Pg 175)

6. Is there anything good about this particular resource?

No, it is nothing more than a troubled adolescent's diary which contains false and misleading information about the reality of medical procedures both good and bad i.e. pap smears, testosterone therapy, other hormone therapies + surgeries. The author blames the people around her and the world in general stating: "because I went people to be confused about my gender at all times" Updated 3/19/2018 (Pg 175) How is this helpful to anyone struggling with these issues.
7. Have you read any reviews of this resource?

   Yes - several of which I am in complete disagreement with.

8. Are there other resources that you suggest to provide additional information or viewpoints on this topic?

   Not at this time - but there certainly must be something more helpful & worthwhile out there.

9. What action do you suggest be taken with this resource?

   Remove from the library and review your policy to a higher standard. An American Library Association Book of Honor obviously is not enough to warrant placing a book in our library. We should have our own community standards.

   In conclusion I want to make it perfectly clear this review is not based on what gender or lack thereof the author identifies with. Substitute any gender you wish and the review would be the same. Thank you for your consideration.

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