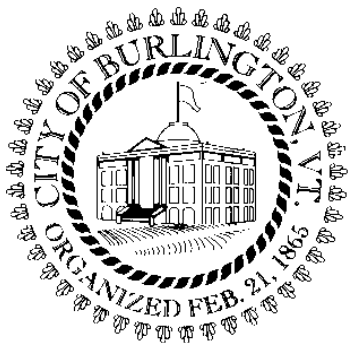


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July 24, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Marina Brown
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Marina Brown,

The City is in receipt of your public records request dated July 21, seeking:

“Under the Vermont Public Records Law, A§315 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain the following records.

Any records regarding the book "The Abolition of Sex by Kara Dansky".

Any records regarding the book "Trans by Helen Joyce".

I am NOT seeking records of WHO has checked this book out but rather discussion of the book and records concerning the acquisition of these books.”

The City has identified records responsive to your request. Responsive documents are being provided to you as an attachment to the email transmitting this letter. Responsive documents are labeled as REC001 through REC007.

Information exempt from public inspection and copying has been redacted pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 317(c). The redactions are noted in the records, which both serves to identify the portions of the records that are being withheld from public inspection and copying, and the asserted statutory basis for the exemption in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 318(c)(2)(A), (B). Specifically, the City is redacting:

- “Records relating to the identity of library patrons or the identity of library patrons in regard to library patron registration records and patron transaction records in accordance with 22 V.S.A. chapter 4.” 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(19). These records contain confidential patron records.

Certain documents responsive to your request are being withheld in full. Specifically, the City is withholding:

- “Records relating to the identity of library patrons or the identity of library patrons in regard to library patron registration records and patron transaction records in accordance with 22 V.S.A. chapter 4.” 1 V.S.A. § 317(c)(19). These records contain confidential patron records.

You have the right to appeal redaction and exemption decisions to the Mayor, Miro Weinberger, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(c)(1). Appeals should be made in writing and directed to the Mayor at 149 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401 or Mayor@burlingtonvt.gov, with a copy to the City Attorney’s Office at the below mailing address or publicrecordsrequest@burlingtonvt.gov.

Please contact me if you have any questions specific to the City’s response to your Public Records Request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Joseph Dempsey

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