



Reconsideration requests and challenges to Intellectual Freedom

Date	Item	Details of complaint	Decision and rationale
December 4, 2025	Books by Thomas King	<p>I am writing to respectfully request that the Library review the inclusion of Thomas King on the Indigenous Voices list. A recent investigation reported that King is not recognized as an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation or any other federally recognized Indigenous community, and genealogical research did not find evidence of Indigenous ancestry. King himself also came forward and recognized that he is not indigenous.</p> <p>Given the importance of ensuring that the Indigenous Voices list highlights authors whose identities are verified and recognized by Indigenous communities, I believe it would be appropriate to reassess his placement. This would help maintain the integrity of the list and ensure it continues to honor authentic Indigenous representation.</p>	<p>Decision: Remove books by Thomas King from the Indigenous Voices collection, re-catalog them and move them to the main collection.</p> <p>Rationale: The collections team reviewed the request and, after consulting with Indigenous staff and learning more about King's identity and the investigation, decided to move Thomas King's works from the Indigenous Voices collection to the main collection to ensure the Indigenous Voices collection honors authentic Indigenous voices.</p>