

# Grassroots American Values

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## About this Newsletter

National news often distracts us from local events. This Newsletter is intended for Conservatives in the Firelands area that want to be informed and involved. **You have our permission to send it to your Conservative friends, either by snail mail or email.**

## [SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE – VAGINA 101](#)

The pictures selected for the front page of our newsletter came from an article of the October issue of *Seventeen*, a magazine for teen age girls. The images were so shocking we decided to put them on the last page. But this magazine is available for teens in the Huron Public Library.

Straightforward help when you don't have anyone else to turn to.  
by karen brodman-grimm, m.d.

Ask the Huron Library to perform a serious audit of their Children and Young Adult collections, and find out what other age-inappropriate material are available to minors:

**Huron Public Library  
333 Williams St  
Huron OH 44839**

### SNEAKY STDs

**Q:** Can you get an STD from being fingered?

JENNIFER, 18, LAS VEGAS, NV

**A:** If your partner has an STD and his fingers have been in contact with his semen, genitals, or mouth (if he has oral herpes), and then he touches your mouth, genitals, or anus, you could contract the STD. If he has cold sores, mouth blisters, or any signs of a genital STD—like bumps on or around his penis—abstain from any sexual activity. And even if there aren't signs of an STD, he could still be infected, so make sure he gets tested and (if necessary) treated before you become intimate.

Above is an excerpt of the Q&A section of the magazine (page 83): "Your Body Questions Answered." Your teen age daughter will be glad to know that she and her boyfriend can continue "fingering" so long as they use protection.

**REMEMBER: 5.7 % of your Income Taxes are distributed to ALL Ohio Public Libraries**

## COLOSSUS, the American Library Association

*The philosophical underpinning for children's services in all public libraries is that children are entitled to full access to the full range of library materials and services available to any other library customer.* Association for Library Services to Children, ALA

Behind the abundant age-inappropriate literature available to minors in the Children and Young Adult departments of our Public Libraries lies a giant –the American Library Association, supported by groups such as the ACLU, NAACP, People for the American Way, Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, Rockefeller Foundation, Ms. [Magazine] Foundation, National Lawyers Guild, Tides Foundation.

The ALA, a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO). Public Libraries are funded by Taxes. Yet, the ALA has a strong hand in their policies, and taxpayers have none. They are pushing Universities to provide ALA accredited Master's program –Kent State for example. According to the ALA: *"Most employers require an ALA-accredited master's for most professional level positions and some states require an ALA-accredited degree to work as a professional librarian in public or school libraries."* Also: *"It is the policy of this organization that a master's degree from a library/information program from an ALA accredited graduate school is the appropriate professional degree for the librarian serving children in the public library."*

The ALA *"joined The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education in 1988, delegating the membership responsibilities to the American Association of School Librarians."* The *"NCATE is an agency authorized by the federal government to accredit units within colleges and universities that prepare classroom teachers and other pre K-12 school personnel."* Should a non-profit corporation, an NGO be tangled with a group that has a mandate from the DOE to decide teacher's curricula? What is our beef, you might ask.

### The Agenda

Their agenda and policies are the problem. *"In the 1930's, the [ALA] Library Bill of Rights acknowledged librarians' professional and ethical responsibilities to the Constitution's promise of access to information in all formats to all people."* (We could not find this "promise" in the Constitution) Article V of this *Bill* states: *"A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views."* In other words, a 12 year-old should have the right to get the Kama Sutra from a Public Library and take it home.

On June 25, 2005 the ALA Council decided that *"libraries have an obligation under the Library Bill of Rights to disseminate information representing all points of view on the topic of gay rights (Policy 54.17, "Gay Rights")."* All ALA chapters should push *"against all legislative or other government attempts to proscribe materials related to sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation."* And these materials are to be available to minors. On the 29, they passed a *"Resolution on the Connection between the Iraq War and Libraries [...] against the Iraq war."* So, is the ALA concerned with Libraries or politics?

The *Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Round Table*, a unit of the ALA was *"founded in 1970 as the Task Force on Gay Liberation [...] the nation's first gay, lesbian & bisexual professional organization."* They *"present programs at ALA's annual conference. Recent topics*

have included *the future of gay books for children*, collection development, and mainstreaming gay publishing.”

The ALA agenda could be simply summarized: “anything against traditional family values.” By taking ALA membership, librarians support the ALA social reengineering agenda. The ALA seems to believe that enlightened people should not be guided by the moral values that had been around just for the last 2,000 years...

### A Helping Hand

The ALA also helps librarians respond to challenges to books. They provide instructions on how to conduct meetings, talk to the press, and dismiss parents: “*For assistance with actual and possible challenges to books, Internet access, magazines, and other library materials, you also may contact Beverley Becker at 800-545-2433, ext. 4221, or [bbecker@ala.org](mailto:bbecker@ala.org).*”

They also help shape libraries/schools material selection policies. As advice on “*controversial materials*” they tell librarians/teachers to invoke the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment to the Constitution and follow the ALA *Sample Statement on Intellectual Freedom*: “*The school board subscribes in principle to the statements of policy on library philosophy as expressed in the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights, a copy of which is appended to and made a part of this policy.*”

### Challenging Books –easier said than done!

According to the ALA *Challenged and Banned Books*: “*The positive message of Banned Books Week: Free People Read Freely.*” They don’t explain that parents usually lose the battle. When one fights against a huge mechanism like the ALA, what else could happen?

The ALA also does not like to explain why parents challenge books. These are books that not only have profanity, descriptions of horrible crimes, and slang terms for body parts and drugs in them. They have graphic pictures of vulvas, naked couples performing sex acts, and minors masturbating. These books also portray homosexuality as normal and positive, while heterosexuals are often portrayed as fanatics, fundamentalist Christians and “*homophobes.*”

### Take no advice from YALTA!

Parents, meet Pam Spencer Holley, retired school librarian. She is a columnist for *Voices for Youth Advocates*, VOYA. According to VOYA: “*Young adults have rights to free and equal access to information in print, non-print, and electronic resources, without infringement of their intellectual freedom due to age or other restrictions.*” Also “*Youth-serving professionals must advocate for the above rights and services for youth within their libraries, schools, and communities, while providing opportunities for youth to practice decision-making and responsibility in running their own projects.*”

Holley is President of *Young Adult Library Services Association*, YALSA a fast growing division of ALA. And what does YALSA do? It “*Advocates the young adult’s right to free and equal access to materials.*” In other words, absolutely *everything* in a Public Library. YALSA also “*Evaluates and promotes materials of interest to adolescents.*” And what are their qualifications for such an important task? They are librarians. They must have slept in a Holiday Inn Express the night before, right?

On August 6, 2005, the *Standard Times* (Massachusetts) run a story on teen literature called *Racy reading* that mentions *Rainbow Party*. This book is about a party where “after the **girls perform oral sex on the boys**, they would be left with rainbows around their penises.” Yup, you read it right: oral sex. While “Susan Linn, a psychiatry instructor at Harvard Medical School, worries that racy teen books are one more place where teens will be exposed to casual attitudes toward sex,” Pam Spencer Holley begs to disagree.

“Although she wouldn’t hand a child a copy of ‘*Rainbow Party*’ **without comment**, [Holley] thinks that book –and others— can provoke family discussions.” (Notice she does not explain why she needs to *comment* before handing the book to a minor.) She continues: “*I think I’d say, ‘This is something we need to sit and talk about.’*” Absolutely: nothing more appropriate than to talk about oral sex with your child!

Reading a book about teenage oral sex orgies for Holley is “a way for kids to **experience something at a safe distance** –and a way for them to make up their minds about how they would respond in that kind of situation.” Let’s see: kids are presented with a situation where they participate in a sexual experience. How would minor readers react? Obviously, after this *detached* experience in reading, “*Eventually, girls who are reading Gossip Girls will move on to better books*,” she says! At least Holley admits there **are** better books...

YALSA’s “*Booklists and Book Awards*” offers inspiring suggestions to the “*reluctant*” teen reader:

- *Rainbow Party*, Paul Ruditis. See above.
- (\*) *Kings & Queens: Queers at the Prom*, David Boyer. The title says it all.
- *Tenderness*, Robert Cormier. “*Eric’s search for tenderness is found in caressing and killing beautiful girls.*” The brutal descriptions will be... inspiring.
- *Crosses*, Shelley Stoehr. “*Nancy tries to ease her emotional pain by cutting*”
- (\*) *GLBTQ [Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning]: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens*, Kelly Huegel.
- (\*) *Ask Dr. Keith: Candid Answers to Queer Questions*, Keith Loukes.
- (\*) *Not the Only One: Gay and Lesbian Fiction for Teens*, Jane Summer
- (\*) *Kissing Kate*, Lauren Myracle. “*Heather acted like it was perfectly normal that she loved another woman, and I’d felt all proud of myself for treating it that way, too*”
- (\*) *Rainbow Boys*, Alex Sanchez. “*Jason Carillo [...] dreams about being intimate with other guys [and] musters up the courage to attend a nearby meeting for gay teens*”

But, wait: there is more! A “2005 *Popular Paperback for Young Adults*” committee member has special advice: “*Own Your Freak. Feel like life has shut you out? You’re not the only one. Committee Chair, self-proclaimed freak, and freak advocate, Michele Gorman says, ‘If you’ve got it, flaunt it!’*”

YALSA doesn’t stop at advocating “*young adult’s right to free and equal access to materials.*” On the week of October 16 to 22 (\*\*), it has *Teen Read Week*, “*a national literacy initiative aimed at teens, their parents, librarians, educators, booksellers and other concerned adults. This year’s Teen Read Week theme is ‘Get Real @ your library.’ Library events nationwide will encourage teens to explore the world of nonfiction books, such as biographies, self-help books, strange-but-true stories, and more.*” Imagine how fun: your kid can read *Rainbow Party*!

They also offer links to websites **for teens** with advice on “Sexuality and Sexual Behavior.” According to YALSA the *Coalition for Positive Sexuality* is a “quick and easy online tour through the most important topics **for teens who are sexually active now or just thinking about having sex.**” Your kid’s “tour” will teach him about *cock rings, nipple clamps, how to “play with your own or someone else’s ass or vagina, put your fingers, dildoes, vegetables, or buttplugs into them,”* or to “cum on someone’s belly.”

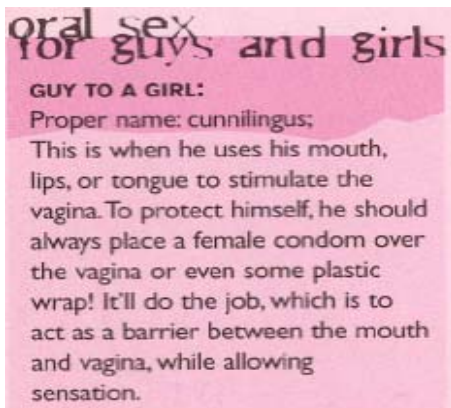
Holley is the author of *What Do Children/Young Adults Read Next*—that has proudly reached volume six. Sure you want advice from the lady that says children can experience teenage oral sex orgies “at a safe distance.” So, when a teacher/librarian insists you give your kid a Library card, think twice. If your kid already has one, return it to the Library; be sure to tell the librarian you do not want your child to access the kind of smut they have in their Children’s Department!

(\*) “GLBTQ: this list will revisit the 1997 PPYA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered list, updating it with a more contemporary viewpoint (adding the “Q” for questioning) and availing itself of the wealth of new fiction and nonfiction available on the subject.”

(\*\*) At the Huron Library, October 16-22.

The information from this article was taken from the following sites: ALA (<http://www.ala.org/>), YALSA (<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/>), VOYA (<http://www.voya.com/>), Standard Times (<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/daily/08-05/08-06-05/b01li276.htm>), and Coalition for Positive Sexuality (<http://www.positive.org/>).

### Are they Above the Law?



*Boys & Sex*, by Joely Carey, “tells every girl what they should know about boys, and what boys really want from girls.... also explains the physical facts of sex and the use of contraceptives, and advises on what to do if pregnancy occurs.... small enough to carry around in a pocket or backpack.... good advice presented in a lively, eye-catching format.” (Ages 12 and older)

According to Ohio Law, any teacher or librarian can expose your children to texts like the one above. From the Ohio Revised Code “2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles”:

(C) (1) It is an affirmative defense to a charge under this section, **involving material or a performance that is obscene or harmful to juveniles**, that the material or performance was **furnished or presented for a bona fide medical, scientific, educational, governmental, judicial, or other proper purpose**, by a physician, psychologist, sociologist, scientist, **teacher, librarian**, clergyman, prosecutor, judge, or other proper person.

Our children should not be exposed to age-inappropriate materials for “educational” purposes. Please, write a (**Certified**) letter to your Representatives asking them to review this law and eliminate the exemption for *teachers* and *librarians*, and require *no exemption without parental consent*.

- **Congress:** <http://www.house.state.oh.us/jsps/Representatives.jsp>

- Senate: <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/index.html>

## Update

We sent the Sandusky Library a sample list of 12 age inappropriate books found in the Children and Young Adult (“defined for persons aged 12-18”) Departments. The “*Director, Assistant Director, and the Executive Committee of the Library Board (President, Vice President and Secretary) reviewed the books.*” Their conclusion: “*some materials included in the YA collection may contain mature or controversial themes and language. It is, therefore, appropriate to relocate these materials out of Children’s Services and into the Adult Fiction Collection.*” Actually, some books were relocated to the Parent/Teacher Collection, which is “*located on the wall of shelves in the Homework Center*” –still available to children. The Sandusky Library also had a request: “*The Library Board has asked that your patron material requests and other suggestions be deferred until next year,*” because “*there are other pressing issues that demand the time and energies of myself and that of the Library Board at this time.*” We will remember that when the next levy is up for renewal. Of the 12 books, one was not relocated: *All Families are Special*, by Norma Simon, recommended for Kindergarten to Grade 3. Among the families portrayed “*Hannah tells how she loves to garden with her two mommies.*” We would like to understand why the *Director, Assistant Director, and the Executive Committee of the Library Board* believe some books on homosexuality should be available to minors and some not. Please, contact the Sandusky Library and ask them to take a serious look at their Children and Young Adult collections. Ask them to perform an audit to find out what else slipped their notice:

**Sandusky Public Library  
114 W Adams St  
Sandusky OH 44870-2791**

### **MAKE LIBRARIES A SAFE HAVEN FOR CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TASK FORCE, SEC**

If you are willing to volunteer a few hours of your week to help review the Huron and Sandusky Libraries’ collections, join the *SEC Task Force*. Let us know when you might be available. Write to us at [grassroots@buckeye-express.com](mailto:grassroots@buckeye-express.com).

## Book Suggestion

*What Are Your Kids Reading, The Alarming Trend in Today’s Teen Literature*, by Jill Carlson. Published in 1991, this book shows how bad things were then; you will realize how out of control they got. Librarians still use the same sources for selecting books today as they used then –*Booklist* and *Library Journal*—and they are as bad today. Unfortunately, of the 32 CLEVNET Libraries, only Wadsworth has 1 copy of this book, so read it quick so others may share the information.

**Do you know what your children are reading? Ask us for a list of the shocking literature available in Ohio Libraries: [grassroots@buckeye-express.com](mailto:grassroots@buckeye-express.com)**

## How You Can Help

- Visit your local Library and learn what they have available to children and teens.
- Ask your Librarian about their policies.
- Make your position known to your Library.

- Write, call, fax, and E-mail your local Library with suggestions of family friendly books for children and teens.
- If your Librarian does not act upon your concerns, contact the Library Board of Directors.
- Write, call, fax, and email your Representatives.
- Support Grassroots American Values in our efforts.

## Cool Blogs & Links

- [http://www.article8.org/docs/news\\_events/parker/main.htm](http://www.article8.org/docs/news_events/parker/main.htm) This could happen to you!
- <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/iftoolkits/litoolkit/sampleanswers.htm> ALA against filters in Library computers
- <http://www.afa.net/lif/schools.asp> ALA Refuses to Keep Porn from Kids
- [http://www.fflibraries.org/On\\_ALA/stlala.htm](http://www.fflibraries.org/On_ALA/stlala.htm) What's wrong with the ALA?
- <http://www.supremecourt.us.gov/opinions/02pdf/02-361.pdf> USSC versus ALA
- <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/ifresolutions/threats.htm> ALA on sexual orientation
- <http://www.ncac.org/projects/before.html> More help for Librarians to fight "censors"
- <http://www.ncac.org/issues/abonlypresskit.html#jointstmt> Abstinence only is... censorship
- <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/basics/alaintellectual.htm> ALA manipulates the 1st Amendment
- <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bbwlinks/discussingtheforbidden.htm> ALA wants you to believe books are systematically banned and burned in the US
- <http://www.plan2succeed.org/nclife.html> ALA exposed –a must read!
- <http://www.ncpa.org/bothside/krt/krt051700a.html> Protect your kids from Internet porn
- [http://www.plan2succeed.org/booklist-intellectual\\_freedom\\_begins\\_at\\_home1oct03will\\_manley.html](http://www.plan2succeed.org/booklist-intellectual_freedom_begins_at_home1oct03will_manley.html) Intellectual Freedom?
- [http://www.kardasz.org/libraries\\_incidents\\_nationwide.html](http://www.kardasz.org/libraries_incidents_nationwide.html) Child pornography in Libraries
- <http://www.dar.org/> Daughters of the American Revolution
- <http://www.washingtontimes.com/culture/20050921-102415-2511r.htm> A mother's saga
- <http://www.arktimes.com/Articles/ArticleViewer.aspx?ArticleID=4f5f48c1-689c-4a7c-810f-551093532413> Some in the media portray this mother as a censor!
- <http://www.philchalmers.com/> Good option for parents of teens (they have a link to us)
- <http://www.newswithviews.com/Boggs/kelly75.htm> Sex Is a Civil Right?
- <http://www.humaneventsonline.com/article.php?id=9301> Do you 'Enjoy Being a Girl'?
- <http://www.crosswalk.com/news/weblogs/mcraven/> Embryonic vs. Adult stem cell research
- <http://www.avidd.org/> More great US Veterans
- <http://www.family.org/cforum/citizenmag/coverstory/a0022842.cfm> A great American!

## Our Mission Statement

Grassroots American Values exists to promote and defend the right to life, marriage, traditional family values, small government within the Constitutional boundaries of the Founders, personal responsibility, and American sovereignty.

Our Mission Statement, while lofty in scope, is intended to provide guidance for our group's local activities. National news coverage too often focuses our attention on National events. We too often ignore the actions of our local politicians and career bureaucrats. We formed this organization to inform you, solicit your opinions, and invite your assistance in pursuit of the above-mentioned principals in our hometowns.

## Our Goals

- Recruit and enlist members
- Seek out and enlist like-minded volunteer committee members, reporters, and contributors
- Monitor and report local governmental activities to the membership
- Find consensus among members and contributors
- Formulate action plans
- Organize activities, including lobbying activities

These are ambitious goals with a broad agenda; however, with your help we believe they are attainable. We welcome your comments and suggestions: [grassroots@buckeye-express.com](mailto:grassroots@buckeye-express.com).

**ATTENTION:** The Huron Public Library will host a School Board Candidates' Night on Thursday, October 13 at 7pm –written questions will be taken. Candidates are: Gregory Bartemes (Democrat), Donna Green (Democrat), Joy A. Hillman (Democrat), Scott J. Slocum (Republican) and Sally S. Sprunk (Republican). Three candidates are to be elected on Tuesday, November 8.

### Images from SEVENTEEN (October) available at the Huron Library:

