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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.

REMEMBER: 5.7% of your State Income Taxes fund all Ohio Public Libraries

The Change that Did Not Really Happen

From the 12 books “moved” by the Sandusky Library from their Children’s Department, not all were sent to the Adult Department. Most remain within reach of children. All Families Are Special (above) that shows a homosexual couple and is recommended for Kindergarten to Grade 3, remains in the Children's Department.

Why did the Library and the Board of Directors arrive to different conclusions with the same data (all books are age-inappropriate)?
Address your comments and questions (by letter, E-mail or fax) to:

Sandusky Public Library, 114 W. Adams St., Sandusky OH, 44870
Phone: 419-625-3834, Fax: 419-625-4574
E-mail: comments@sandusky.lib.oh.us

We encourage you to also address your concerns to the Library Board of Directors. A list of their names is available here: http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/aboutthelibrary.asp.

So far to our knowledge nothing has been done to remedy the situation of age-inappropriate materials available to minors at the Huron Library. Contact them (letter, E-mail or fax) and ask that serious measures are taken to remove these books/magazines:

Huron Public Library, 333 Williams St., Huron OH 44839
Phone: 419-433-50009, Fax: 419-433-7228
E-mail: huron@oplin.org

Also address your concerns to the Library Board of Trustees (list available in the Library website: http://www.huron.lib.oh.us/Library%20Events/About.htm#Bd).

MAKE LIBRARIES A SAFE HAVEN FOR CHILDREN
SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TASK FORCE, S.E.C.

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.

Institutional Loss of Moral Compass

(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. Ohio Revised Code, Section § 2907.31.

I am fascinated by the symbols of present day and bygone fraternities and sororities. Organizations such as the Free Masons still prominently include the compass in their seals and symbols. This was representative of their philosophy that to be people of good character and to practice good citizenship one must live within their compass.

To live within compass meant that one should define what it meant to be of good character by drawing a circle of good behavior and habits by the guidance of their religion and what was acceptable by the best of society. This circle was well within the outer circle as defined by the limits of the law. Many individuals in our society have somehow lost this practice of living within compass and have adopted the philosophy of living at the looser circle defined by the limits of the law.
We remember the famous defense by former Vice President Albert Gore that took this philosophy a step further when he defended his actions at the Buddhist Temple by stating there was “no controlling legal authority”. He was saying that he could not be expected to obey the limits of the law since there was no direct policing of the law. It has been said that one can judge a person’s character by the actions of an individual when no one is looking. When our society fails to hold an individual, a Vice President, to limits of the law, our society is in serious trouble. When our society permits our finest institutions to adopt this policy, our society is surely doomed.

Section § 2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles of the Ohio Revised Code makes it illegal to distribute harmful or obscene books and videos to children. This same law grants an exemption from prosecution to librarians, teachers, doctors, and clergy. This exemption was likely granted to avoid prosecution of librarians and teachers when children happened upon the occasional National Geographic or medical text book that could be construed to be harmful or obscene. This exemption is granted with the understanding that dissemination of these materials is for “educational” or “scientific” reasons.

The limits of our laws permit individuals to do strange things without fear of prosecution. You are free to stand on Main Street in a bathing suit and smash jelly doughnuts on your head in subzero weather. Although the law permits deviant behavior without fear of prosecution, would anyone consider this act a good idea?

Our public libraries are doing much the same thing. Ohio law grants public libraries the right to disseminate matter harmful to children without parental permission, without fear of prosecution. Visit the children’s section of your public library and you will find books graphically illustrating heterosexual, homosexual, bestiality, and extreme violence and misogyny. Because the law permits this is it really a good idea?

It seems that public libraries are taking the next step into the domain of “no controlling legal authority”. The Upper Arlington Public Library (Columbus; see September issue of this newsletter for story) has allowed the distribution of a couple of homosexual tabloids in their entrance lobby. These tabloids graphically describe homosexual sex acts and include personal sections and advertisements for homosexual sex aids. It would be difficult to defend these tabloids as “educational” or of any “scientific” interest to children, yet the library board of trustees did just this. It would seem clear to reasonable people that placing these tabloids in an unsupervised location where all children entering the library, accompanied or not by a guardian, is disseminating harmful and obscene materials to our children.

This was a highly publicized event in the Upper Arlington community. The local prosecutor has not acted to prosecute the library trustees and librarian. So it would seem there is “no controlling legal authority” with the political courage to pursue this violation of Ohio law.

Most people are not aware that 5.7% of their State income tax is directly funding all Ohio public libraries. Knowingly or not, we are all footing the bill and therefore supporting the actions in our public libraries.

It seems our taxpayer funded libraries are no longer guided by the principles and moral compass of people of character. Since our libraries seem to be controlled only by the limits of the law, we must change the limits of the law. If we fail to act when our most cherished
institutions have declined into this morass of decadence, we will be deserving of the societal outcome.

Please join with us and help us change the language of ORC § 2907.31., by eliminating language that exempts librarians and teachers from prosecution and adding language that mandates prosecution for violations. 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

If you do not have access to the Internet, write to us and we will be glad to provide the information for you. Below is a suggested letter to be sent to your Senator/Representative:

Senator/Representative _____________ Date
Address

Dear Senator/Representative _____________:

I recently became aware that sexually graphic, harmful, and obscene books and materials can be found in children’s sections of Ohio Public Libraries. Since Ohio Public Libraries are funded by 5.7% of Ohio Income taxes, we are all stakeholders.

It seems there is language in the Ohio Revised Code that permits the dissemination of harmful and obscene materials to minors in Ohio Public Libraries and Schools. I ask that you refer to §2907.31. Disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, section (C) (1). The text of this section is as follows:

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.

It seems public libraries and schools do not require explicit permission from legal guardians to disseminate harmful and obscene materials. Since our libraries and schools no longer seem to be able to discern “educational” and “scientific” materials from prurient materials, I ask that you return control of dissemination of these materials to the parents of minor children.

Please review this law, strike the exemption for teachers and librarians, and add language that would mandate local review and prosecution.

Respectfully,

Your name
Address
Voting on November 8

- What’s the beef with Issues 1 to 5? To learn more before you vote check the following websites: [http://www.protectyourvote.org/](http://www.protectyourvote.org/), [http://www.aproundtable.org/](http://www.aproundtable.org/), [http://www.ccv.org/CCV_Perspective-20051027.htm](http://www.ccv.org/CCV_Perspective-20051027.htm) and [http://www.sos.state.oh.us/](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/). Keep in mind: Federal, State or County governments will always ask for more money—and will create a “need” for it. Think twice before giving them the money you worked so hard for: it will be handled by people who are not accountable! Unless you think Government is wiser than YOU to spend YOUR money...

- You might have received a leaflet from the Erie County Metroparks—obviously printed with your hard earned money, and asking for more of it. And their urgent need is to build “a family aquatic center to replace the aging Osborn Park Pool.” This swimming pool has never paid for itself; why would fixing it make it suddenly work? They estimate each Taxpayer will pay $15.31 for their plans. But what they are really saying is that they can spend these 15 bucks better than you, who earned them. No, Mr. Nottke, driving "down U.S. 250 will confirm," sadly, that industries (that bring riches) are running away from Erie County. In their wake, we find numerous jobs in the "retail," "hospitality" and "food service." Since Taxpayers are living with smaller paychecks, the County wants a bigger cut to increase services, guaranteeing that industries will never return to our County! As for green space for our children, Mr. Nottke, all the empty lots where once factories flourished, will soon be overgrown and wooded again...

AUCTION: Heartbeat (Sandusky) will have an auction on November 17 at 6pm at the Galleria (1st block of E. Market on the South side of the street). Among other great things, they will auction a cross stitched reproduction of an 18th Century Sampler that is in the Museum of Fine Arts, MA. Don’t miss this opportunity to help them and buy some nice stuff.

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Book Suggestions (to be sent to Libraries)

Want to help your Library to be really “diverse”? Send them suggestions of good books. You can write and request the complete list at grassroots@buckeye-express.com. At the end of this newsletter, you will find a printable copy of a Library’s Patron Book Order Request card. Be sure to specify that this is a PURCHASE request.

From Black authors:
- "Losing the Race: Self-sabotage in Black America," Dr. John H. McWhorter
- "Clarence Thomas: A Biography," Andrew Peyton
- "Black and right: the bold new voice of Black conservatives in America," Stan Faryna
- "The New Racists: How Liberal Democrats Have Betrayed Minority Americans" (Feb/2006), Armstrong Williams
- "Uncle Sam's Plantation: How Big Government Enslaves America’s Poor and What We Can Do About It," Star Parker
- "Unfounded Loyalty: An In-Depth Look into the Love Affair Between Blacks and Democrats," Wayne Perryman
- "What Color is a Conservative?," J. C. Watts
- "The Ten Things You Can't Say In America," and "Showdown: Confronting Bias, Lies, and the Special Interests that Divide America," Larry Elder

Other good suggestions:
- “Help! Mom! There Are Liberals Under My Bed,” Katharine DeBrecht
- "Letters to a Young Conservative" and "What's so Great About America," Dinesh D'Souza
- "How Ronald Reagan Changed my Life," Peter Robinson
- "Never give in: the Best of Winston Churchill's Speeches," Winston S. Churchill (grandson)
- "They Just Don't Get It: How Washington Is Still Compromising Your Safety," David Hunt
- "A parent's guide to preventing homosexuality," Joseph and Linda Nicolosi
- “The Truth about Hillary," Edward Klein
- “Flying Blind,” Michelle Malkin
- “Home Invasion: Protecting Your Family in a Culture that's Gone Stark Raving Mad,” Rebecca Hagelin
- “A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus's Great Discovery to the War on Terror," Larry Schweikart, Michael Patrick Allen
- “Hearts Touched by Fire: My 500 Most Inspirational Quotations,” Elizabeth Dole
- “Voices from the front,” edited by Frank Schaeffer
- “Taking sex differences seriously,” Steven E. Rhoads
- “States' rights and the union,” Forrest McDonald
- “Ain't no rag,” Charlie Daniels
- “Infiltration: how Muslim spies and subversives have penetrated Washington,” Paul Sperry
- “American courage,” edited by Herbert W. Warden
- “The myth of Islamic tolerance,” edited by Robert Spencer
- “The War on Mel Gibson: the Media versus The Passion,” Gary North
- Consumer's guide to a brave new world, Wesley J. Smith
- “Hillary's secret war: the Clinton conspiracy to muzzle Internet journalists," Richard Poe
- “The People v. Harvard Law: how America's oldest law school turned its back on free speech," Andrew Peyton Thomas
- “Vile France: cheese, wine, fear and envy,” Denis Boyles
- “The End of Time,” David Horowitz

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
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 email 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 Congressman.
- Support Grassroots American Values in our efforts.

Cool Blogs & Links

- [http://www.safelibraries.org/] Safe Libraries
- [http://users.owt.com/crbatish/](http://users.owt.com/crbatish/) Learn what’s in the books your kids are reading
- [http://federalistpatriot.us/](http://federalistpatriot.us/) The Federalist Patriot
- [http://www.doe.mass.edu/hssss/GSA/resGSA.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/hssss/GSA/resGSA.html) Using Public money!
- [http://www.centerformoralclarity.net/](http://www.centerformoralclarity.net/) Center for Moral Clarity
- [http://www.cwfa.org/articles/9144/CFI/education/index.htm](http://www.cwfa.org/articles/9144/CFI/education/index.htm) School event promotes homosexuality to kids
- [http://www.narth.com/docs/instability.html](http://www.narth.com/docs/instability.html) NARTH
- [http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/libtable.html](http://winslo.state.oh.us/publib/libtable.html) 5.7% of you Income Taxes ends up there
- [http://www.drthrockmorton.com/print.asp?id=167](http://www.drthrockmorton.com/print.asp?id=167) O'Reilly is right about gay teens
- [http://www.safelibraries.org/](http://www.safelibraries.org/) Safe Libraries (they have a link to us)
- [http://www.ohioccw.org/](http://www.ohioccw.org/) Protect your rights
- [http://www.tfp.org/davincicode/a_call_toReject_the_davinci_code.htm](http://www.tfp.org/davincicode/a_call_toReject_the_davinci_code.htm) The truth about The Da Vinci Code
- [http://www.article8.org/docs/news_events/parker/court_1020.htm](http://www.article8.org/docs/news_events/parker/court_1020.htm) Update on father jailed

Reporters & Writers Needed

We need your help. If you are interested in volunteering to attend and report on City, Township, County, School Board, and/or any other public meetings, we would like to hear from you. We are not looking for professional writers or journalists, but like-minded
Conservatives who would like to contribute to our newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to write 500 word editorial comments on local governmental activities. Writers can use a pen name if they do not want their real names disclosed. If interested, please respond to grassroots@buckeye-express.com.

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.

Use this card to send book suggestions your Library (print one for each book):