

# 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.**

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

*We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!*



## Who stole Merry Christmas?

Why don't stores wish customers a *Merry Christmas* anymore? Is it no longer His birthday? This holiday is about Jesus Christ, it is a religious holiday and we from GAV would like to encourage you to defy the Thought Police, to trample the Politically Correct culture that is trying to take over this country and

***Wish your fellowmen a Merry Christmas!***

## Will the rooster crow for us?

Upon contemplating the life of Jesus and his ultimate death upon the cross, there are some things that have bothered me over the years. The most poignant of which is Peter's denial of Jesus the night he was captured.

The fact that Judas would betray Jesus once is sad and difficult to understand. Peter, on the other hand, is arguably the disciple who loved Jesus the most yet he disowned him three times. Some Bible translations talk of the rooster crowing twice, however, the fact remains that Peter denied knowing Jesus more than once in an attempt to save himself.

I have often imagined myself in Peter's shoes and I insist I wouldn't do the same thing. Then there is the realization that we may be denying Jesus and our Father on a daily basis. Considering the following, I am guilty.

In the latest attempt to remove God from our society, there are many groups now proposing that we remove the word "Christ" from Christmas, In "God We Trust" from our money, and "The Ten Commandments" from public places. Using the same weak and unsubstantiated excuse of separating church and state, these people are getting dangerously close to removing all aspects of God from our society. As Christians, we understand that our founding fathers based almost everything on their belief in God. The separation of church and state wording clearly does not exist in our constitution.

I am not arguing for use of mandatory prayer in schools nor anything as absurd as a national religion. I am concerned that use of the word God is being challenged in all public formats. I am also bothered that we are being pressured to eliminate God's moral base as a model for our laws, government and life. It appears that it is only a matter of time before God's name is removed from our society altogether.

As these things transpire and we do nothing, are we any different than Peter was that night?

The anti-God movement has attempted many lawsuits and appears to be well funded. Their most recent loss over the removal of "One nation under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance is now back in court. Over time they will gain public acceptance to what was once unwanted change as they create credibility through repetition. The declining moral state of our country proves this point.

The one unarguable right we have as Christians is the use of our majority. I am sure of one thing....if we allow this movement to continue, **it will be virtually impossible to reverse its damage.**

Will the rooster crow twice on our watch? I challenge every Christian to become active in protecting God in our society. Get your church involved, join the [ACLJ](#), call your congressman—whatever it takes to reverse this trend.

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## Do you want their advice?

The Sandusky Library web site has a section called "Teen Picks." Below are examples of books Children's Services (<http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/OurPicks.asp?ID=3>) believe your minor children should read.

Hot Books for Hot Nights (Favorites for Teens):

- ❖ *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, Maya Angelou: "[When I was 8 years old] my mother would take me in to sleep with her, in the large bed with Mr. Freeman. ...[he] pulled me to him and put his hand between my legs. ...He threw back the covers and his "thing" stood up like a brown ear of corn. He took my hand and said, "Feel it." ... he dragged me on top of his chest with his left arm, and his right hand was moving so fast.... Finally he was quiet, and then came the nice part. This was probably my real father ...."
- ❖ *The Silence of the Lambs*, Thomas Harris: You saw the movie, so no need to comment.
- ❖ *Hot Zone*, Richard Preston: (excerpts from the book) ...testicles bloat up and turn black and blue, the semen goes hot with Ebola, and the nipples may bleed. ...The skin puffs up and separates from the flesh like a bag. ....a sudden awareness of male reproductive glands hanging on the exterior of the body between the legs ...testicles the size of pears, black and putrid, the skin peeling off them.

Hot Off the Press:

- ❖ *St. Michael's Scales*, Neil Connelly: Keegan Flannery, feeling responsible for his twin brother's death and his mother's mental illness, believes he must atone by committing suicide before his sixteenth birthday, but he gains new insights when he joins his school's wrestling team.

Serious About Series (Series books written especially for grades 6 to 12):

- ❖ *Blair Witch Files*, Cade Merrill: This series continues the Legend of the Blair Witch with teenaged characters and plot elements. Located in the Young Adult area on the paperback series racks under B for Blair Witch

Survival (These books all have a survival theme):

- ❖ *Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger: (profane words used) goddam 186, faggy 1, ass 26, bitch 2, bastard 60, sonovabitch 15, whore 5, fuck 6 times.



**Get your copy of the recent DVD arrivals at the Sandusky Library**  
(titles were purchased at our suggestion to the library):  
- *Ronald Reagan, the Great Communicator* (B Reagan)  
- *Salute to Reagan* (973.927 Sa)  
- *Michael Moore Hates America* (791.4302 Mi)

## What's in Public Libraries for Kids

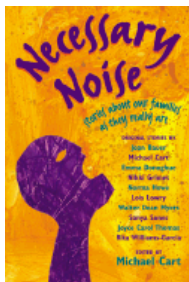
Here is a small list of what is in the Children (C), Young Adult (YA) and Parent/Teacher Collection (P/T) of the Huron (H) and Sandusky (S) Libraries. Minors have access to these and

all books in the Adult Department. Keep in mind that **5.7% of your State Income Taxes** allow librarians to place these kinds of books in ALL Ohio public libraries.

- *Tenderness*, Robert Cormier: (excerpts from the book) Eric began with.... kittens. Liked to hold them.... stroke them, feel the brittle bones.... break if you pressed too hard, caresses too hard. Which he did, impossible to resist.... place his hands over their faces and feel them go beautifully limp.... Hated violence but couldn't help it. Enjoyed it.... the real problem was disposal.... burial. (H, YA)

- *The Teenage Guy's Survival Guide*, Jeremy Daldry: Gr 9 Up- ....There are discussions of such topics as.... the effects of alcohol and other drugs, bullying, and, of course, sex. A list of slang terms for masturbation, brief instructions on how to masturbate.... 'Looking at the occasional porn magazine is natural and fine'.... (H, YA; S, C)

- *Eight Seconds*, Jean Ferris: Ages 12-up- Ferris tackles issues of tolerance, homosexuality and self-discovery in this insightful and atmospheric novel set in rodeo country. (S, C)



← *Necessary noise: stories about our families as they really are*, Michael Cart: .... Jason, ....struggles to adjust to his parents' divorce and his mother's new lesbian partner. (H, YA)

As of the writing of this newsletter, this book is prominently featured at the Huron Library Teen Department book display. The library refuses to even consider our request –to move this and other age inappropriate materials to the Adult Department— and is pushing it to your children.

- *Gossip Girl: a Novel*, Cecily von Ziegesar: At a New York City jet-set private school populated by hard drinking, bulimic, love-starved poor little rich kids, a clique of horrible people behave badly to one another. (H, S, YA) PS: this is a series.

- *Molly's Family*, Nancy Garden: In Garden's quietly insightful book, questions about same-sex parenting arise when Molly draws a family portrait for her kindergarten open house. "First she drew Mommy. Then she drew Mama Lu." Ages 4-8. (S, C)

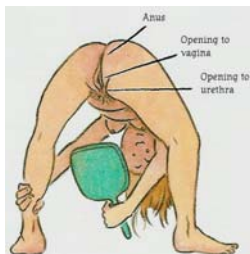
- *Stotan!*, Chris Crutcher: (excerpts) My brother still puts drugs into every orifice he can find.... Sure, we have a few beers now and then, and I suppose a couple of us have tried grass, but never in season, and never to excess. ...see you for what you really are...a warm, wet sister. Somebody finally tell your daddy you been sweet on a little jungle bunny? (S, shown in the Adult Department, but catalogued as **TEEN**)

- *Alice on the Outside*, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor: (excerpts) When you only go out with one guy, everyone assumes you're having sex. ...wanted to ask her what it's.... like to have sex with a man. .... woman with huge breasts.... lets her breasts fall into the bra cups before she hooks it. ....the way you get your nipples where they're supposed to be.... What is sexual intercourse really like for a woman? (H, YA)

- *Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories*, Chris Crutcher: (excerpts) .... perverted parents.... bitching about ... parents a shade to the left of the middle on your normal bell-shaped sexual curve.... phantoms of sexual perversity.... Granddad.... took me to San Francisco to see some gay people... San Francisco was filled with people looking like they were headed for a.... leather

swap meet. [I don't want to see] boys kissing boys. [or] girls kissing girls! ....faggot parents.... You bitch! (H, YA; S, shown in the Adult Department, but catalogued as TEEN)

- *Fallen Angels*, Walter Dean Myers: (excerpts) Get the fuck away... shit going on... crazy-ass.... fuck.... either human or animal shit, so when they stuck you, you got infected.... off the fucking hill.... How the fuck you doing? .... shitting in this shit.... needed a grenade up his ass.... Niggers.... asses.... faggot.... Fuck you.... black ass.... (H, YA paperback)



← *It's Perfectly Normal: A Book about Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, and Sexual Health*, Robie H. Harris: (excerpts) In all from front to back, there are three openings between a female's legs: the opening to her urethra, the opening for her vagina, and her anus. If a girl or woman is curious about what these openings look like, she can hold a mirror between her legs and take a look. (S, P/T; see August newsletter for more detail)

- *It's OK to be Different*, Todd Parr: "An illustration of two women ("It's okay to have different Moms") and two men ("It's okay to have different Dads") handles ....could cover either same-sex families." (H, C; S, P/T)



← *It's So Amazing*, Robie Harris: Our objection to this book is that it is located in the Children's Department, when sexual education is the exclusive province of the parents, not Librarians. (H, C; S, P/T)

- *All Families are Special*, Todd Parr: (Kinder garden-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) "Students in Mrs. Mack's class describe their families —big or small, living together or apart, with two moms or none— and learn why every family is special and important." (S, C; see November issue cover)

- *Who's in a Family*, Robert Skutch: "This slight book catalogues multicultural contemporary family units, including those with single parents, lesbian and gay parents." (S, P/T)

- *The White Swan Express: a Story about Adoption*, Jean Davies Okimoto and Elaine M. Aoki: "With its matter-of-fact mix of parents that ....a lesbian couple and a single mother...." (S, P/T)

- *Slave Day*, Rob Thomas: (excerpts from the book) ...I climbed into the back ...underneath him with my uniform 1/2 off. His hands are inching up the back of my thighs... fingertips start prying at... my panties. He's... grinding up against me.... kinda hurts, but kinda feels good.... His hands make it inside my panties.... lifts my butt and presses his crotch even harder against me.... I feel his finger slip inside of me. ...he starts unbuttoning his jeans.... he pulls it out, and it's right there in front of me... pointing straight up..." (H, YA; S, shown in the Adult Department, but catalogued as TEEN)

- *Geography Club*, Brent Hartinger: Chronicles the story of a teen meeting a stranger at night in a park after meeting the person —revealed to be a gay classmate— in an Internet chatroom. (H, YA; S, shown in the Adult Department, but catalogued as TEEN)

- *The Guy Book: an Owner's Manual: Maintenance, Safety, and Operating Instructions for Boys*, Mavis Jukes: Provides information for boys on changes that occur in their bodies during puberty and offering advice on sexual topics, nutrition, drugs, girls, and more. (S, C)

## How Do Libraries Catalogue Age Inappropriate Materials?

On October 2005 I contacted Elyria (<http://www.elyria.lib.oh.us/>) and Shaker Heights (<http://www.shpl.lib.oh.us/>) Libraries to learn about the books they catalogue as “*Conflict Resolution*.” Their response explained that:

“*[These books] are on special shelves in the **children's area**. There are about 3 on ‘lifestyles’... chosen partially because we serve many Ashland student teachers. **Controversial books come up in many class discussions.** [...] We have had a strong Director who would stand up to challenges. Marking them, and putting on special shelves ‘protects’ the casual selection.*” (Bold emphasis added)

So, the Elyria Library director will not listen to patrons –you know, the ones footing the bill— but will follow the American Library Association playbook (1). The ALA believes minors should have access to EVERYTHING in a public library. [Judith Krug](#) from the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, shows concern with “censoring” minors: “*Every time I hear someone say, I want to protect the children, I want to pull my hair out*” (2). She is also concerned with people “*who want to convert this country into a safe place for children...*” (3). The question is, if a librarian pledges allegiance to such a group, can he serve the interest of his patrons?

Marking a book will not help protect from “casual selection.” And if there is need for protection, it is obvious the book should be placed where the decision is not left to children, but adults. For the last 40 years Libraries have been parting from their original premise (4). Librarians say they can no longer act *in loco parentis*. I ask: What happened with good old common sense?

On October 1<sup>st</sup> in my contact with the Shaker Heights Library I asked about their Parenting Collection and was told they are about “*behavior problems, education, toilet-training, new siblings, and play.*” I wondered if this applied to books on homosexuality, like *Heather Has Two Mommies*. On December 1<sup>st</sup> I got the answer: “*Ys, [sic] we do.*” Not lengthy, but very telling.

In the eyes of the ALA to limit children’s access would be “age discrimination” (5) and this seems to be our librarians creed. Minors can check out **any** book from the Sandusky Library collection. When they get a card, parents are given a disclaimer that explains they are responsible for what their children borrow. How many of us read their credit card small print? Schools have flashing lights, low speed limit signs, special cross walks and crossing guards. The reason is simple: children do not exercise good judgment. Yet, when they get to a Library they are exposed to base and vulgar literature! Yes, parents should be aware of what their children watch. But since each individual pays his cable and computer bills, it does not concern others. In the case of Ohio Public Libraries, we all have a saying, since they receive **5.7% of our State Income Taxes**. The minimum Libraries could do to help parents is to offer a card that will limit the kind of books minors can check out.

You can send your comments and questions (letter, E-mail or fax) to:

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To address the Board members check their names in the following links:

<http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/aboutthelibrary.asp> (Sandusky) and  
<http://www.huron.lib.oh.us/Library%20Events/About.htm> (Huron).

- (1) <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/challengesupport/dealing/dealingwithconcerns.pdf>,  
<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=oif>
- (2) <http://www.ncpa.org/bothside/krt/krt051700a.html>
- (3) [http://www.safelibraries.org/oak\\_lawn\\_library\\_vows\\_to\\_keep\\_playboy\\_on\\_shelf23jun2005by\\_j\\_o\\_napolitano.htm](http://www.safelibraries.org/oak_lawn_library_vows_to_keep_playboy_on_shelf23jun2005by_j_o_napolitano.htm)
- (4) To understand the changes: [http://www.fflibraries.org/Basic\\_Docs/biehle.htm](http://www.fflibraries.org/Basic_Docs/biehle.htm)
- (5) <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm>

In Our Family: *Portraits of All Kinds of Families*, a traveling photo exhibit will be featured in the library of Firelands College from February 13–24, organized by Family Diversity Projects (<http://www.lovemakesafamily.org>). It is a “breadth of diversity and family configurations” that includes “lesbian and gay-parented families.” Intended “for audiences of all ages - from early childhood to adults,” it “challenges stereotypes and helps dismantle prejudice.” Let Firelands know your thoughts on this “Brainwashing 101” exhibition:

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### 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.townhall.com/opinion/columns/phyllisschlafly/2000/10/04/167315.html> Dangers Hiding in Public Libraries, by the great Phyllis Schlafly
- <http://www.jewishworldreview.com/cols/sowell022604.asp> Parents with Backbone
- <http://www.safelibraries.org/ala-oif-doublestandard.htm> Real censorship = ALA
- <http://www.townhall.com/opinion/column/johnleo/2005/10/02/158916.html> The Parent Trap
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/11/112005b.asp> Safe-sex: the BIG lie!
- <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/11/05/AR2005110501414.html> Safe-sex at schools: more BIG lies

- [http://www.article8.org/docs/news\\_events/glsen\\_043005/black\\_book/black\\_book\\_inside.htm](http://www.article8.org/docs/news_events/glsen_043005/black_book/black_book_inside.htm) The Little Black Book - Queer in the 21st Century
- <http://www.edwatch.org/> You'll wish we had this group in Erie County
- <http://www.TheOtherIraq.com> Kurdistan, the Other Iraq (a must see!)
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/10/272005c.asp> Feminism = Crime?
- <http://www.conservative.org/> Real Conservatism
- [http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=41635](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=41635) ACLU gets your \$\$\$
- [http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/daily/site\\_110105/content/joewilsonlies.member.html](http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/daily/site_110105/content/joewilsonlies.member.html) Lies, lies, and more lies!
- <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew/gift.html> Dr. Williams' amnesty for you!
- <http://www.brokebackmountain.com/splash.html> Where tough cowboys are... gay!
- [http://www.isi.org/journals/ir/50best\\_worst/](http://www.isi.org/journals/ir/50best_worst/) The Fifty Worst (and Best) Books of the Century

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:grassroots@buckeye-express.com).

**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)**