



Grassroots American Values

A Firelands Area Conservative Action Group

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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

Freedom of Speech. Really? (Not recommended for minors)

The American Library Association ⁽¹⁾ "Freedom to Read Foundation" ⁽²⁾ states: "*The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all individuals the right to express their ideas without governmental interference, and to read and listen to the ideas of others.*" Really? Shall we test this right of expression? Go to the nearest Public Library start screaming at the top of your lungs and see how long it will take until "governmental interference" occurs.

By the time you explained the officers you were simply *expressing* your ideas, you will have concluded that freedom **has** limits. Congratulations, we have arrived to the same conclusion: the freedom to swing my fists ends at the tip of my neighbor's nose!

The ALA has changed from its initial purpose on such a scale Thomas Jefferson is probably turning in his grave. They even have their own "Bill of Rights" ⁽⁴⁾ that states that "*A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of [...] age [...].*" So, Kama Sutra is **not** off-limits to your 6 year-old.

Although the ALA considers restricting minor's access to books to be "*age discrimination*" ⁽³⁾, laws treat minors differently from adults. Yet for some mysterious reason, librarians and teachers believe minors should have access to **anything** when it comes to literature.

The ALA web site has a section for Teens that recommends, among others, the website *Coalition for Positive Sexuality* ⁽⁵⁾. It has the "*most important topics for teens who are sexually active now or just thinking about having sex.*" Some "*topics*" are: *cock rings, nipple clamps, play with your own or someone else's ass or vagina, put your fingers, dildoes, vegetables or buttplugs into them,* "*cum on someone's belly.*"

There is also a link to the *National Youth Advocacy*, a group that "advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ)" (6). The ALA "Gay, lesbian, bisexual and Transgendered Round Table" (7) is concerned with "the future of gay books for children." Traditional family values have been discarded and teachers and librarians (influenced by the ALA) think the following books will teach "tolerance" to minors:

- *Tenderness*, Robert Cormier. "Eric's search for tenderness is found in caressing and killing beautiful girls." The book has very graphic descriptions.
- *Crosses*, Shelley Stoebr. "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."

These are a few examples of the hundreds of books available to minors in public schools and libraries that have been highly recommended by the American Library Association (and the Library Journal Review) and approved by many teachers and librarians. They do not teach "tolerance," but will encourage experimentation with nontraditional and far from healthy lifestyles. Is that how you want your taxes to be used?

A disturbing exception to Ohio laws allows these abuses to happen (note that the same law protects minors from abuse):

(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**. Section §2907.31, disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, Ohio Revised Code (all emphasis added).

Next time a teacher or librarian answers your serious complaint with the Freedom of Speech babble, explain it is about *your* right to raise *your* child as *you* see fit –not the village idiot's way!

- (1) <http://www.ala.org/>
- (2) <http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/othergroups/ftfr/freedomreadfoundation.htm>
- (3) <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm>
- (4) <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/librarybillrights.htm>
- (5) <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/professionaldev/topicguides/teensexuality.htm>
- (6) <http://www.nyacyouth.org/>
- (7) <http://www.ala.org/ala/glbtrt/welcomeglbtround.htm>

- **OH Congress:** <http://www.house.state.oh.us/jsps/Representatives.jsp>
- **OH Senate:** <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/senators/index.html>

Letter from a Huron Township Trustee

I took time a couple of weeks ago and looked at some of the sex oriented books that the Huron Library has in its circulation for Children through the Young adult ages. I considered some of the books to be educational for this age group (*), however, some the books have crossed the line from educational to propaganda and even pornographic.

For instance, "*Love Sex and Growing Up*" and "*It's So Amazing*," telling lies like 10% of the all people are homosexual, when the truth is, at the most its 1%. There was not even a hint that this is a high risk lifestyle for contracting a life threatening disease, not to mention the rising premium cost to all health insurance recipients because of their risky lifestyle.

They go on to say that abortion is a legitimate form of birth control, and that it is less dangerous than giving birth –while the mental and physical repercussions of having an abortion are not mentioned. They promote that safe sex is considered wearing a condom, however, not mentioning its failure rate, or the fact that some STDs are able to penetrate through a condom. Sex between a man and woman in the confines of a monogamous marriage is not mentioned as a viable way to keep from transmitting an STD, thus making it the safest sex.

Feel free to forward this e-mail to anyone you see fit.

Sincerely,

Ed Enderle

(*) Mr. Enderle agrees that sexual education is the parents' responsibility and although some of these books may be "educational," they should be relocated to the Adult Department of the Library; since libraries allow minors to borrow **anything** they want (also through the interlibrary loan program), these books should be only accessible to them with parental permission.

Next February 10 Huron Township Trustee Ed Enderle will announce his candidacy for Congress. At 7:00pm, EHOVE Cafeteria Building, 316 Mason Road.

Local School Board Reaction to Taxpayer's Request

On January 16 we contacted the five members of the Huron School Board. We asked them to perform an audit in the Huron public library and schools. Only one of the members answered and stated that "*school Board does not control the books put into the Huron Public Library*" – ignoring schools— and "*the role of the school board is simply as the fiscal agent for the library.*"

When asked if they think libraries should be allowed to side step parents rights to decide their children's sexual education, there was no answer. As for the job description of a Board member, "*our role is simply to approve the Board Members of the library.*"

So, does the Huron School Board just hand money over to the Library with no accountability? Is it not true that he who controls the check book, controls policy? Unless Board members believe their political position is more important than our children's well-being, these questions should be taken seriously.

From Martha Wisner (State Board District 2, Erie, Huron, Wood, part of Ottawa, and part of Seneca) we got this bewildering answer:

“What sexually graphic, harmful, and/or obscene books and materials have YOU [sic] found in our libraries and schools? Other than dictionaries, medical books, or materials related to other specifics. I realize by your letter, that you are referring to wording you note, but just what have you seen and read in those places?”

Do District 2 taxpayers have a habit of making unfounded claims? (Our newsletters have ample documentation on age-inappropriate materials in public libraries.) The representative of our school district immediately assumed we do not understand the subject of our complaint. We were left with the impression Mrs. Wisner has not visited public libraries lately.

Developing...

Ohio School District: <http://www.osba-ohio.org/schools.htm>

State Board of Education: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/board/>

Martha Wisner: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/board/members/district-2/default.asp>

Grassroots Activists Launch Political Action Committee

(West Chester, Ohio) Frustrated by the current political climate where elected officials and candidates for office too often place loyalty to partisan party politics ahead of a commitment to principle, a group of grassroots conservatives have created and launched the *BattleGround Political Action Committee*. The *BattleGround PAC* is committed to the principles of limited government, fiscal responsibility, individual liberty, fundamental tax reform and values-based leadership. The *BattleGround PAC* mission is to organize and advocate on behalf of grassroots voters to advance our principles. In doing so, *BattleGround PAC* will support issues and candidates committed to advancing these principles.

BattleGround founder and Executive Director Tim Holloway said, "We launched this PAC to advance common sense principles and our first focus will be in Ohio. Nowhere is the problem of party bosses hand-picking candidates more evident than in Ohio. In a state riddled with political problems, the Ohio GOP prides itself on how few offices are contested through primaries. In return, we have elected officials such as Sen. Mike DeWine, who by pandering to special interest groups across the political spectrum, has found he has no political base and is trailing in the polls to both Democratic challengers. Had Sen. DeWine established a clear set of governing principles and followed through with them, he may have earned respect as a leader and built a strong foundation of support. Instead, his support can only be found with those who do not want to vote for a Democratic candidate." Holloway recognizes that it will be difficult to wrest political influence away from established parties and well financed special interest groups. Holloway added, "Our strength is the rapidly growing number of grassroots voters fed up with party bosses and irresponsible party politics. At the end of the day, the combined resources and efforts of tens of thousands of individuals will have greater influence than the significant resources of a select few. The challenges we face are great, but we will prevail, it is only a matter of will and courage, the courage to stand by our principles and the will to see it through to the end."

Many liberal special interest groups have focused their efforts in Ohio and have targeted Ohio's

Governor's race as the most important in the nation. DNC Chairman Howard Dean recently chose Ohio as the place to announce Democratic plans for congressional lobbying reform. Numerous professional political observers have pointed out how significant Ohio's elections are this year and the implications these races may have in 2008. The *BattleGround PAC* points to these facts as a significant reason for focusing its initial efforts in the Buckeye State. David R. Smith (<http://davidrsmith.us/>), a Republican challenger to Sen. Mike DeWine in this May's primary offered this observation, "While the Republican Party has been the traditional means through which conservative values and candidates have been promoted, that is no longer always the case. *BattleGround PAC* is providing a tremendous new institution through which conservative citizens and candidates can unite their efforts to further the cause of conservative principles. Conservatives who, in the past, have found their voices silenced, now a venue through which to advance the ideals of less government, lower taxes, controlled spending, and values-based leadership. I commend *BattleGround PAC* and whole-heartedly support their mission."

For further information contact Tim Holloway at tholloway@battlegroundpac.com
Web site: <http://www.battlegroundpac.com/>

Library Acquires Conservative Items

The Sandusky Library has purchased the following items we suggested (some are not yet available) and assured us they will "keep up the efforts" to narrow the large gap between Conservative and Liberal items:

Ronald Reagan, the Great Communicator, introduction by Nancy Reagan (only 4 copies in all CLEVNET)
The Truth about Hillary, Edward Klein (also Huron Public Library)
Disabling America, Greg Perry (the author himself is disabled)
The Essential Ronald Reagan, Lee Edwards
The Real Jimmy Carter, Steven F. Hayward
The China Threat: How the People's Republic Targets America, Bill Gertz
Taking Heat: the President, the Press, and My Years in the White House, Ari Fleischer (also Huron)
Do as I Say (Not as I Do): Profiles in Liberal Hypocrisy, Paul Schweizer
Shadow War: the Untold Story of How Bush Is Winning the War on Terror, Richard Minter
Loosing Bin Laden, idem
The Fair Tax Book, Neal Boortz (also Huron)
Because He Could, Dick Morris
Rewriting History, Dick Morris
Off With Their Heads, Dick Morris (also Huron)
The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn
The Faith of George W. Bush, Stephen Mansfield
George W. Bush on God and Country: The President Speaks Out About Faith, Principle, and Patriotism, George W. Bush
A Deficit of Decency, Zell Miller
The French Betrayal of America, Kenneth R. Timmerman
They Just Don't Get It, David Hunt (Fox News military analyst)
More Than Money, Neil Cavuto (Fox News anchor)
Back in Action: an American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith, and Fortitude, David Rozelle

One Nation Under Therapy, Christina Hoff Sommers and Sally Satel (Mrs. Sommers wrote the **must read** “*The War Against Boys*” that can be found in the Adult section of the Library)
Dawn Over Baghdad: How the U.S. Military is Using Bullets and Ballots to Remake Iraq, Karl Zinsmeister
Center of the Storm, Katherine Harris
God and Ronald Reagan: a Spiritual Life, Paul Kengor
Black Rednecks and White Liberals and Other Cultural and Ethnic Issues, Thomas Sowell
Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know About Wealth and Prosperity, James D. Gwartney, Richard L. Stroup, and Dwight Lee
Intellectual Morons: How Ideology Makes Smart People Fall for Stupid Ideas, Daniel J. Flynn
The Rosenberg File, Ronald Radosh
Letters to My Daughters, Mary Matalin
Happiness Is a Serious Problem: A Human Nature Repair Manual, Dennis Prager
A History of the American People, Paul Johnson
Things That Matter Most, Cal Thomas
Winning the Future: A 21st Century Contract with America, Newt Gingrich (also Huron)
When Washington Crossed the Delaware: a Wintertime Story for Young Patriots, Lynne Cheney (Children’s)
Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes (Children’s)
George W. Bush: Our Forty-Third President, Ann Graham Gaines (Children’s)
Fahrenheit 9/11 (video; CLEVNET has 10 copies of this video and **261** copies of Moore’s *Fahrenheit 9/11 –7* are in Sandusky— plus 56 on-order, 9 copies of the book and 1 CD)
Hotel Rwanda (video; excellent example of why the world does not need the UN)
George W. Bush, Faith in the White House (video)
Michael Moore Hates America (DVD)
Salute to Reagan - A President’s Greatest Moments (DVD; **none** of the other 32 Public Libraries that form CLEVNET has this item; political bias at its best!)
American Enterprise magazine (one of the best Conservative magazines)
The Weekly Standard magazine (also Huron)
The American Spectator magazine

To contact the Sandusky Library to congratulate them for their effort:

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

Keeping Age-Inappropriate Literature Away from Minors

National Library Legislative Day on **May 2006** is an excellent opportunity to alert Congressmen and Senators to what is available in Public Libraries for minors.

↗ Ohio House of Representatives: <http://www.house.state.oh.us/index.html>

↗ Ohio Senate: <http://www.senate.state.oh.us/index.html>

When they get a library card, parents are given a disclaimer that explains they are responsible for what their children borrow. (Have you read your credit card small print?) Schools have flashing lights, speed limit signs, special cross walks and crossing guards –because children do not exercise good judgment. Why are they treated different in libraries? To help parents,

Libraries should offer a card that will limit the kind of books minors can check out and keep age-inappropriate materials restricted to the Adult department.

↗ 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

↗ Huron Public Library, 333 Williams St., Huron OH 44839

Phone: 419-433-50009, Fax: 419-433-7228 E-mail: huron@oplin.org

↗ Library Board members: <http://www.sandusky.lib.oh.us/public/aboutthelibrary.asp>

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

↗ Other Libraries: <http://www.publiclibraries.com/ohio.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>). Includes “*lesbian and gay-parented families*” and is aimed at “*audiences of all ages - from early childhood to adults.*” Should your tax dollars be used to encourage non-traditional family values?

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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.imnotchocolate.com/> Willie Nagin and the Chocolate Factory ☺
- http://www.article8.org/latest_email.htm Are we going to let things go *this* far in OH?
- http://www.alexsanchez.com/gay_teen_books.htm Great homosexual books for... teens!
- <http://www.peytonwolcott.com/> The **BIG** lie: 3 X more homosexual teens commit suicide
- <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1560268/posts> ALA: **real** censorship
- http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15953408&BRD=1918&PAG=461&dept_id=333252&rfi=8 Parents fighting back!
- <http://365gay.com/Newscon06/01/013106vaSchools.htm> A good solution
- <http://www.townhall.com/opinion/columns/thomassowell/2006/01/31/184355.html> The great Thomas Sowell
- http://www.carolinajournal.com/exclusives/display_exclusive.html?id=3079 Homosexual teens?
- <http://www.vcrisis.com/?content=letters/200506210442> ALA, always on the wrong side...
- <http://www.renewamerica.us/analyses/060124adams.htm> AOL condones homosexuality
- <http://www.nymag.com/nymag/toc/20060206/index.html> *Ambisexual, Heteroflexible* teens
- <http://thepoliticalteen.net/2005/09/20/stuckonstupid/> Don't be stuck on stupid! ☺

- http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/12/14/60minutes/main1127684_page2.shtml Morgan Freeman is color blind
- <http://www.townforumpress.com/index.html> Send Cindy (Sheehan) a letter
- <http://www.richardmullenax.com/?page=abortionboycott> Boycott pro-abortion celebrities
- <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/3587727.html> Right to kill... in privacy
- <http://www.townhall.com/opinion/column/BurtPrelutsky/2006/01/10/181671.html> Oh, France
- <http://www.lower-lights.org/> Lower Lights Ministries
- <http://www.grasstopsusa.com/> GrasstopsUSA
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/1/112006f.asp> More women are experimenting with homosexuality
- <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/10753446/site/newsweek/from/ET/> For Public School
- http://wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=48649 Shepherders, **not** cowboys!
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=48313 The Sound of Silence

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@bex.net.

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@bex.net.

Do you know what your children are reading? Ask us for a list of the shocking literature available in Ohio Libraries: grassroots@bex.net