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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.**

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

Freedom of the Press: they believe they have to tell YOU how to think!

Below is the slanted Register poll they ran in their web site for one week, where they stopped short from asking "Would you like a bunch of zealots to tell you and your kids what to read?"

Should the content of public libraries be regulated?

- Yes, we need to protect ourselves and our children from Objectionable content.
- No, libraries should make all kinds of information available so individuals can decide what they want to read.

Poll results (3/26/06, 11:59pm): NO, 282 – YES, 143



Above, cartoon about *Grassroots American Values* made by cartoonist Don Lee—a great piece of propaganda and good example of media partisanship. But... aren't newspapers supposed to report the news?

Send this great purchase suggestion to your library: www.inthefaceofevil.com



Parents and Librarians: A Broken Partnership Worth Mending

By Karen Jo Gounaud

Welcome, citizens of Huron and Sandusky, to a controversy that's been brewing across the nation for decades: minors' unrestricted access to library materials. Because of my background and experience with this topic, I have asked your editors to allow me a temporary seat at the Register discussion table in hopes that I can contribute some agreeable ideas.

In 1992 I founded a small, national organization called Family Friendly Libraries, whose purpose was to assist communities and citizens in every state of the union concerned with the same questions that have come up in Sandusky. The original website (www.fflibraries.org) still exists under the care of Phil Burress and the Citizens for Community Values in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Of course, new Huron and Sandusky policies should be determined by a local library board vote after taking broad public input from citizens and librarians.

The greatest source of controversy and disagreement seems to be regarding reading materials marketed for children but containing some adult language and themes, or dealing with family sensitive materials such as sexuality. When my organization was first seeking solutions for healing the growing rift between parents and librarians over handling the access to these materials, our criteria for library policy suggestions included:

First Amendment "friendly"

Respectful of parental authority

Not burdensome for library staff

Economical for library budget

Harmonious with community standards and statutes already in place

Encouraging parental trust of librarians

Emphasizing consensus rather than compromise, reflecting shared goals

In that spirit of Family Friendly Libraries, I support the following:

1. Establishment of a "Parental Help Shelf" or "Parental Advisory Shelf."

The most practical application is simply a high, perhaps top shelf near the children's book area, grouped and displayed for maximum chance that parents and guardians will find them first, easily and deliberately, rather than children encountering them accidentally and alone. The collection could include children's books on childbirth, pregnancy, hospitalization, divorce, death of pets, death in the family, child abuse, childhood depression, and sexuality, including homosexuality. This kind of advisory grouping also makes it easier for parents needing these books to find them. Oklahoma City, for example, has a "parenting collection" section.

2. Clear labeling and grouping (most libraries already do this) of books which the American Library Association labels "Young Adults."

These are the books by authors like Robert Cormier that lead to the most frequent parental complaints about themes and language they consider inappropriate for children. Most parents think of "adult" as being 18 or older. But any library which has adopted American Library Association standards considers 12, not 18, the beginning of adulthood. See the ALA's own website for more information on their beliefs and policies.

3. Optional opportunities for parental oversight at the checkout counter:

All minors' library cards should require the signature of a parent or guardian. The list of what is presently checked out on that card should then be accessible to those financially responsible for the safe return of those materials – the parents or guardians. ALA has fierce objections to such parental access because it considers this an intrusion of the "privacy rights of minors." But ALA is a liberal national advocacy organization with only as much authority as local library boards give it. Most communities legally and consistently recognize minors as answering to their parents' authority and having only as much autonomy and freedom as the law and their parents allow.

4. Optional opportunities for parental control at the checkout counter:

The check-out counter should be a real line between library authority and home authority. Parents should be able to list simple "stop" categories to have on file, for easy and immediate librarian access and awareness. These lists should not entail any more detail and complication than the computer can communicate easily. For example, parents could say no to checking out movies, "Young Adult" books, or "Parental Advisory Shelf" materials. Librarians simply lay those aside for the child's parents to check out later. Specific requests for stopping particular authors or titles would not be advised unless an online computer program (which parents themselves could update) could readily accommodate that level of detail without unduly burdening the staff.

None of these rules stop an unsupervised minor child from looking at materials their parents disapprove of while in the library building. But reasonable, family-friendly policies can bring parents and librarians closer together, in an atmosphere of mutual appreciation and respect, toward this shared positive goal: providing children and teens with enriching and educational experiences when they come to their public library.

Summary

The mending of parent-librarian fences and, better still, the rekindling of enthusiastic parent-librarian partnership is a worthy and achievable goal, even in the midst of contentious culture wars. The key is for each individual community to take responsibility for itself and commit to the communication necessary to reach consensus on the issues that divide the government library service specialists from the citizens they serve. The entire "village," not just the children, will benefit from the healing. Better still, all the energy that has been fed into the fires of dispute can be refocused on building the community library system together for a future more securely laid upon the rediscovered common ground.

NOTE: On 3/9/06 Mrs. Gounaud sent this well-thought 753-word article to the Sandusky Register to be considered for publication. She wrote: *"I'm open to further pruning, or you're welcome to do your own editing, but I think it's a good summary of what we talked about. You're also welcome to retitle it."* Unlike Mr. Ty Roth's 506-word outraged and highly

emotional letter published on 02/28/06, her pondered rhetoric has so far been relegated to the drawer. Mrs. Gounaud is an Ohio native now living in Columbia, SC where she writes occasional columns for The State newspaper. She is the founder (1992) and past president of Family Friendly Libraries (www.fflibraries.org) that still exists under the care of Phil Burress from Citizens for Community Values, Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Gounaud was invited by and spoke to state and national American Library Association audiences numerous times during her FFL presidency. For the long version of the above article, go to www.fflibraries.org.

Day of Truth: the Truth Cannot Be Silenced

Thursday, April 27, students from across the country will stand together on the Day of Truth. Will you be one of them? This year marks the second year of the Day of Truth, which was established to counter the promotion of the homosexual agenda (Day of Silence) and express an opposing viewpoint from a Christian perspective. Last year more than 1,100 students from over 350 schools participated and shared the Truth with their classmates. But there are so many more who need to hear the Truth, spoken in love. To get involved, go to the web site and download instructions, tip sheets, even order signs and t-shirts: www.dayoftruth.org.



New Conservative Items Available at Huron Library

If you don't live in Huron, you can log on to the CLEVNET web site (www.cpl.org) and place a hold on these items recently purchased by the Huron Public Library:

- *The Ten Things You Can't Say In America*, Larry Elder
- *What's So Great About America*, Dinesh D'Souza
- *Slouching Towards Gomorrah: Modern Liberalism and American Decline*, Robert H. Bork
- *Betrayal*, Bill Gertz
- *Back in Action: an American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith, and Fortitude*, David Rozelle
- *Fidel: Hollywood's Favorite Tyrant*, Humberto Fontova
- *The Connection*, Stephen F. Hayes
- *Countdown to Terror*, Curt Weldon
- *Spin Sisters*, Myrna Blyth
- *The Truth About Hillary*, Edward Klein
- *Clarence Thomas, a Biography*, Andrew Peyton (on order)
- *The New Racists*, Armstrong Williams (July 2006)
- *Basic Economics*, Thomas Sowell (on order)
- *Disinformation: 19 Media Myths that Undermine the War on Terror*, Richard Minter (on order)
- *The War on Christmas*, John Gibson (on order)
- *Do as I Say (Not as I Do)*, Peter Schweizer (on order)

G.A.V. picks –watch these excellent videos available at the Sandusky Library:

- *Michael Moore Hates America* (DVD 791.4302 MI) Great documentary.
- *Salute to Reagan* (DVD 973.927 SA)
- *Ronald Reagan, the Great Communicator* (DVD BReagan)
- *George Bush, Faith in the White House* (DVD 973.931 GE) Outstanding documentary!
- *Fahrenheit 9/11* (DVD 973.931 FA)
- *Celsius 41.11* (DVD 973.931 CE); it took the Library five months to catalogue this item!
- *Exposing the Da Vinci Code* (DVD 270.1 EX)

G.A.V. suggestions –help your caring librarian build a more balanced inventory:

- *Great American Conservative Women*, Clare Boothe Luce Policy Institute (ISBN 0972139907)
- *White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era*, Shelby Steele
- *Menace in Europe: Why the Continent's Crisis Is America's Too*, Claire Berlinski (ISBN 1400097681) A brilliant young journalist who lives in Turkey
- *American Conservatism: An Encyclopedia*, Bruce Frohnen (ISBN 1932236430)
- *Public Education Against America*, Marlin Maddoux (ISBN 0883688131)
- *Fight Back*, G. Gordon Liddy (ISBN 0312199457)
- *Jawbreaker: the Attack on Bin Laden and Al Qaeda: A Personal Account by the CIA's Key Field Commander*, Gary Berntsen
- *The Party of Death: the Assault on the Sanctity of Life*, Ramesh Ponnuru
- *The Harsh Truth About Public Schools*, Bruce N. Shortt
- *The Return of Anti-Semitism*, Gabriel Schoenfeld
- *Silent Witness: the Untold Story of Terri Schiavo's Death*, Mark Fuhrman –Available at Sandusky Library
- *Terri's Story: the Court-Ordered Death of an American Woman*, Diana Lynne
- *A Life that Matters: the Legacy of Terry Schiavo*, Mary and Robert Schindler (ISBN 0446579874) –Available at Huron Library
- *Global Deception: The UN's Stealth Assault on America's Freedom*, Joseph A. Klein
- *Manliness*, Harvey C. Mansfield
- *Hoodwinked: How Intellectual Hucksters Have Hijacked American Culture*, Jack Cashill – Available at Sandusky Library
- *So Help Me God*, Roy Moore –Available at Sandusky Library
- *Hillary's Secret War*, Richard Poe
- *The Gay Agenda: It's Dividing the Family, the Church, and a Nation*, Dr. Ronnie W. Floyd
- *The Heroes of Flight 93* DVD (to order: http://shop.wnd.com/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=1812)
- *The Marketing of Evil: How Radicals, Elitists, and Pseudo-experts Sell Us Corruption Disguised as Freedom*, David Kupelian
- *The Professors*, David Horowitz
- *Inside the Asylum: Why the UN and Old Europe are Worse than You Think*, Jed Babbin
- *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam*, Robert Spencer
- *Stratagery, How George W. Bush Is Defeating Terrorists, Outwitting Democrats, and Confounding the Mainstream Media*, Bill Sammon
- *The Heritage Guide to the Constitution*, Edwin Meese
- *While They're at War*, Kristin Henderson
- *Is it True What they Say about Ann?* DVD (ASIN B0007GAEBM)
- *Michael & Me* DVD (ASIN B0009PW03Q) –A documentary made by Larry Elder
- *A Distant Thunder* DVD (ASBN B000BT030M) –A Conservative view on abortion
- *Buried in the Sand: The Deception of America* DVD (ASIN B00030NS8S)
- *Weapons of Mass Destruction: The Murderous Reign of Saddam Hussein* (to order: <http://www.iraqitruthproject.com/>)
- *Before you Arrived*, Adriane Lance Lucas (Children's book; ISBN: 0976957108; to order <http://www.beforeyouarrived.com/>)
- *The Birds' Christmas Carol*, Kate Douglas Wiggin (Children's book)
- *Hannibal and the King*, Emily Quintero-Spongberg (Children's book)
- *Kingfisher Book of Toy Stories*, Laura Cecil (Children's book)

- *Nonsense and Common Sense: A Child's Book of Victorian Verse*, John Grossman
- *Newsmax* -magazine (for subscriptions: <http://www.newsmax.com/>)
- *Human Events* -paper (for subscriptions: <http://www.humanevents.org/>)
- *First Freedom* -NRA magazine (for subscriptions: 1-800-672-3888, select option #2) –Be gentle: this suggestion may cause your librarian to have a heart attack!

In Japanese the word *yaoi* means male to male sex. The CLEVNET consortium (www.cpl.org) is considering the acquisition of the *Yaoi* comics *Saihoshi*, *the Guardian* and *Desire of the Gods*, to be added to their Young Adult department (“Young Adult” = anyone under 18). We asked Chrystal Jeter (ChildLit@cpl.org, Chrystal.Carr.Jeter@cpl.org) to reconsider this absurd purchase. No answer yet. See the pictures for yourself (they were too graphic to be printed here) and understand why these comics should not be available to minors: http://www.guidemag.com/temp/yaoi/a/mcharry_yaoi.html.

When the National Media Makes Us Sick!

From: "Green, John R" <John.R.Green@abc.com>

Date: Thu, 30 Sep 2004 19:13:07 -0700

Subject: Re:

Are you watching this? Bush makes me sick. If he uses the "mixed messages" line one more time, I'm going to puke.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

*John R. Green is top producer of the weekend edition of *Good Morning America*.

RED ALERT TO PARENTS

Good read: *Hit List for Young Adults: Frequently Challenged Books*, by Teri S. Lesesne. This book will open your eyes for what your minor children are reading in Public Schools and Public Libraries. The book's Preface starts by paraphrasing Charles Dickens: "*it is the best of times and the worst of times in the field of young adult literature.*" It goes on to explain that the "*large majority of the challenges were to material in schools or school libraries and were brought by parents.*" Wondering why? The very first book listed explains: *Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence* has been challenged for "*graphic description of a sexual act.*" Four of the nine copies (+ 1 on order) available at the CLEVNET are in the Young Adult department of Libraries –according to the ALA, Young Adult=kids between 12 and 18. Children cannot drive, because they do not exercise good judgment. Teachers and librarians pick children's books and *they* should exercise good judgment! Teri S. Lesesne wrote *Making the Match: The Right Book for the Right Reader at the Right Time –Grades 4-12*. Do you really want this woman to tell your kid what to read?! For more good insight on the ALA agenda check the web site of Safe Libraries at www.safelibraries.org/.

ALA National Library Legislative Day on 1 & 2 May 2006 is an excellent opportunity to alert Congressmen and Senators to the horrible literature 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>

This year as part of their *Diversity Celebration* Firelands Campus had *In Our Family: Portraits of All Kinds of Families*, an exhibit that celebrated, among others, "*lesbian and gay-parented families*". On March 2nd GAV sent a proposal to Lesley Ruszkowski (assistant director, Office of College Relations, One University Drive, Huron, OH 44839; Phone: 419-433-5560, extension 20613; E-mail: lesleyr@bqnet.bgsu.edu) for next year to a *Consensus Celebration* exhibit that, novel concept, will focus on that which we all can agree. We are still waiting to hear from Firelands, but are sure they will embrace our suggestion. So start

Deep Thoughts and Other Idiocies

- *"It feels to me that we have an opportunity... to choose understanding in a new way. We are just a breath away from a peaceful co-existence (in the Middle East). We are not far apart. We can choose to have this alternative kind of growth that is a collective nuance of understanding."*
"Young people talk to me about what to do if they're being pressed for sex. If you're in a situation where you cannot get out of sex, offer a blow job. I'm not embarrassed to tell them."
Sharon Stone

- *"I seek social ownership of property, the abolition of propertied class, and sole control by those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal."* Roger Nash Baldwin, founder of the ACLU.

- *"Don't be a jerk to me personally when I'm asking you a serious question."* David Gregory (who might soon see a fist meeting his face) to White House press secretary Scott McClelland.

- *"I was —remember that movie 'Arthur' with Dudley Moore where he just thinks funny things and that's what was going on. If I could find this sheet, actually I just found it. Anyway."*
Reporter David Gregory reporting, drunk, to Imus.

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.hurontalk.org/?p=73> Censorship in Huron (scroll down to the last message)
- <http://asifnews.blogspot.com/2006/03/what-to-do-about-sexually-explicit.html> How authors of "Young Adult" literature think (leave your 2 cents)
- <http://www.alainsnewsletter.com/article.php?id=219> Thought Police on the Internet?
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/10/afa/132004a.asp> "Philadelphia 11"
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=39806 Abortion not appropriate for pictures!
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49573 Ex-gays not welcome
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=40710 Bible reading = hate speech
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=39505 Gay pride

- <http://www.freedommag.org/english/vol36i2/page24.htm> Defend Christ and you go to jail
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=44753 What the other side is allowed to do
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/1/302006e.asp> Freedom of Speech = Trespassing
- <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2002/04/23/national/main506975.shtml> Is the Ten Commandments offensive?
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/3/302006a.asp> Child's depiction of Jesus: offensive
- <http://www.worthynews.com/christian-persecution.html> Anti-Christian America
- <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1517961/posts> Is this America's future?
- <http://www.alainsnewsletter.com/article.php?id=239> A nice "non-traditional" family
- <http://www.traditionalvalues.org/urban/one.php> Some background
- <http://lp-web.ala.org:8000/guest/archives/ALACOUN/log0603/msg00145.html> A twist of ALA
- <http://www.discoverthenetwork.org/groupProfile.asp?grpId=6348> ALA agenda exposed
- <http://www.webfilteringsoftware.com/> Filters that help protect your kids
- <http://www.christianhartsock.com/> "Hitler was a Liberal" (check "Columns")
- <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pubs/hivcompendium/HIVcompendium.htm> Lies don't prevent AIDS
- <http://ije.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/reprint/26/3/657?maxtoshow=&HITS=10&hits=10&RESULTFORMAT=&searchid=1&volume=26&firstpage=657&resourcetype=HWCIT> *Modeling the Impact of IV Disease on Mortality in Gay and Bisexual Men* (excellent scientific study)
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/4/62006b.asp> California SB 1437 is pure... BS
- <http://www.okhouse.gov/OkhouseMedia/pressroom.aspx?NewsID=676> Lost battle, not war
- http://www.seventeen.com/health/smarts/spc/0,,625884_636711,00.html Sex Quiz for girls
- <http://www.humaneventsonline.com/article.php?id=13238> A victim's victim?
- <http://www.humaneventsonline.com/article.php?id=13602> Hillary's misrepresentations
- <http://www.gaypeopleschronicle.com/stories06/march/0324062.htm> Distortion 101
- <http://www.united93movie.com/index.php> *United 93*, a flight to remember!
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/4/32006a.asp> *Da Vinci* lies
- http://www.city-journal.org/html/13_2_queering_the_schools.html Just stereotypes?
- <http://www.newswithviews.com/Bresnahan/david6.htm> Illegal in Mexico ☺
- <http://www.safelibraries.org/pushers.htm> Safe Libraries against *Porn Pushers*
- <http://www.kidspeakonline.org/> Brainwashing kids (check the bookstores supporting them)
- http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=49543 Christian educators?
- <http://lobbysense.com/files/Summary-of-grassroots-in-S-2349.pdf> SB 2349: bad law!
- <http://www.newswithviews.com/Devyv/kidd183.htm> California craze
- <http://wizbangblog.com/2006/04/07/dhs-child-sex-sting-official-is-a-democrat.php> More lies
- http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/daily/site_041106/content/the_limbaugh_laws.member.html Mexico immigration laws should inspire US
- <http://www.familypride.org/site/pp.asp?c=bhKPI7PFIImE&b=992293> The real agenda
- <http://www.firstthings.com/ftissues/ft9611/articles/arkes.html> A Culture Corrupted
- <http://www.earnedmedia.org/pfl0325.htm> To Michael, without love

Reporters & Writers Needed

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.