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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**

## **REAL FREE SPEECH** **Coshocton Citizens Protest Public Library Policies**



Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 was a snowy, freezing day in Coshocton, but some two dozen citizens did feel the need to make their thoughts heard, so they gathered in front of their Library. Inside, Nancy McFarland met with the Library Board of Directors, and read a report of her research on the Children and Young Adult departments of the Library.

According to her *"the children's department has a parent/teacher shelf, containing books with fully nude pictures of men and women, including explicit details of intercourse, accessible at knee-hi level to the youngest of children."*

The *Coshocton Tribune* was notified in advance of the event, but did not send a reporter to document it. A local radio talk show host, Mike Bechtol of WTNS, made it a three day debate, from Friday to the following Tuesday.

Mrs. McFarland explained that *"Mike Bechtol didn't want it discussed and ended the debate on the third day."*

She and her group recommended that the Coshocton Library:

- \* transfer books containing homosexuality and sexually explicit content from the Young Adult to their Adult section;
- \* transfer a few books from the Children to the Young Adult section;
- \* accurately describe the book "*Conversations With God for Teens*" which wrongfully states in the on-line catalog to be "*Christian Education for teens*";
- \* move the Parent/Teacher shelf out of the reach of minors (requested for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time);
- \* withdraw its affiliation to the American Library Association;
- \* change the age for "Unattended Child Policy" from six to thirteen years old.

The suggestions were not accepted by the Library. Mrs. McFarland can be contacted at [nancymcf@clover.net](mailto:nancymcf@clover.net).

## G.A.V. MUST READS

- ***Why International Baccalaureate (IB) is un-American***, Dr. Allen Quist. Read the article at EdWatch: <http://www.edwatch.org/> (look for the link: **IB is un-American**, April 7, 2006)
- *Welcome to the Ivory Tower of Babel: confessions of a conservative college professor*, by Mike S. Adams. There is a vast number of this Conservative book available through CLEVNET: two... You can also read Dr. Adams at [www.townhall.com](http://www.townhall.com) and [www.dradams.org](http://www.dradams.org).
- *The Global War on Your Guns: inside the U.N. plan to destroy the Bill of Rights*, Wayne LaPierre (available through CLEVNET)

## Huron Taxpayers Pay for Blog

On March 26<sup>th</sup> the Sandusky Register ran the article "*Huron wants your opinion*" about "*an online message board that allows anyone to start discussion topics, post comments and reply to other comments.*" The "*City Forum*" is "*part of extensive Web site improvements*" –i.e. paid by taxpayers. These messages will be "*brought before council as part of City Manager Andy White's report.*" Mayor Terry Graham wants citizens to help him because the city has "*just so many eyes and ears.*"

Is it the business of a town to spend taxpayers' money so a few "*Web-savvy residents*" can act as their "*eyes and ears*"? In a letter to Milla Kette, the mayor explained: "*the only cost associated with the forum [is the] administration's time [spent] reviewing and replying*" to the posts. Since the City Council meets twice a month, when locals can "*address the council and administration,*" the time spent "*reviewing and replying*" is taken away from administrating!

Government should only provide essential services. With a city that competes with private businesses by owning and operating a marina, clearly they have a problem discerning between "essential" and "frivolous." It is easy to understand the power government has over us when a company like Exxon made \$34 billion, but had to pay \$99 billion in taxes!

## Conservative Children's Book Placed in "Conflict Resolution" Area!

For the librarians at the Elyria Public Library Conservatism is an age-inappropriate subject. The Conservative best-seller children's book *Help! Mom! There Are Liberals Under my Bed!: a Small Lesson in Conservatism*, by Katharine DeBrecht is in their Conflict Resolution area, the place for "*controversial books*" (see GAV newsletter of December/05, page 6).

Consider the following books specifically available to minor children in the Elyria Library:

- *All Families Are Special*, by Norma Simon. A picture book about little Hannah who has “two mommies, Michelle and Annie.” (16 copies available, mostly in Children’s areas)
- *Love and Sex and Growing Up*, by Eric W. Johnson. Some subjects: homosexuality, prostitution, incest, masturbation, handling genitals. It has illustrations on how to put on a condom. Abortion is depicted as “a simple procedure” and perpetuates the myth that “about 10% of people are homosexual.” (14 copies in Children’s)
- *Oasis*, by Gregory Maguire, is in the ALA reading list for “Gay Teens”. (7 copies, all in Children’s and Young Adult)
- *Zack’s Story: Growing Up with Same-Sex Parents*, by Keith Elliot Greenberg. Eleven year-old Zack’s “second mother” Margie gets pregnant by “a medical procedure, sort of like an operation, but not as complicated.” (19 copies, 13 of which in Children’s areas)

Maggie Savoy (Main Department Manager) believes that “*if you are a Liberal maybe you would be offended by it.*” Also, it seems the fact this book was praised by Rush Limbaugh and Melanie Morgan raised red flags to Maggie. So, the books listed above are not controversial, but one with a Conservative message is? Only 2 copies are available of “*Help, Mom!*” in the CLEVNET Consortium of 31 Libraries.

### Are these Items for Children?

*Teaching True Love to a Sex-at-Thirteen Generation*, by Eric & Leslie Ludy –authors of *When God Writes Your Love Story*— is a book you will not find in the Children or Young Adult Departments of CLEVNET. Rightfully so, since it is about sex. Yet, books like *Two Teenagers in Twenty*, *Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth*, by Ann Heron are in the Young Adult department of three Libraries (although the audience reads **Adult**).

This book suggests an extensive bibliography for homosexual fiction and non-fiction for minor children: “*Choices*, by Nancy Toder [is a] classic story of lesbian love and identity” and “*Coming Out Right*, by Wes Muchmore and William Hanson” tells “*how to meet other gay people, what to expect at bars...*” God forbid your kids have access to a book that talks about sex with a Christian perspective! (GAV does not advocate pushing books about sex to minor children, be them Christian or not.) The book also suggests to people who “*work with teenagers*”: “*Buy books with gay and lesbian themes. [P]lace them where they can be perused easily and privately. Post flyers [...] about gay hotlines and support groups [...] in a place with other notices ... so it’s safe to stop and read.*” In other words, attract children to these specific kinds of books.

The author believes “*young people who are beginning to think about their sexuality need honest information about gay issues, yet it’s difficult to get [it] into the places where those young people can read.*” What happened to parental consent? “[*You*] will be in a position to help.” In other words: take advantage of your position to impose an agenda. “*After you’ve read several books directed at gay teenagers, ask your local library to order the ones you think are best...If you are a teacher –or an unusually brave student—ask your schools library to also order those books. If you work in a youth center, make these books available there.*” So, youth centers are pushing kids into suggesting these books to Public Libraries.

*New Direction for Library Service to Young Adults*, by Patrick Jones is a book written for adults. CLEVNET owns 14 copies (3 on order); 4 are in Young Adult departments. Why is a book for adults available to children? Their Strategic Plan of the Young Adult Library Services

Association explains that the ALA Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) “*advocates extensive and developmentally appropriate library and information services for young adults, ages 12 to 18.*”

YALSA advises librarians to “*seek sponsorships for Teen Read Week*” and to “*use Teen Read Week as a vehicle for promoting equity of access in the provision of resources in libraries.*” Teen Read Week specifically targets age inappropriate books (\*). Besides, “equity of access” guarantees that 12 year-olds can check out **ANY** book they fancy –librarians will not stop them. Another strategy is to “*plan a program or web Equity of Access course that will train members to train young adults to be advocates for equity of access.*” Also “*use Teen Read Week as a vehicle for promoting equity of access in the provision of resources in libraries*”; this is to be under the responsibility of a “*Teen Read Week Task Force/Staff.*” That, Mom and Dad, is what YALSA and ALA believe is “equity of access” –and this is just the tip of the iceberg. Read Nancy Toder’s words and check the American Library Association’s own “Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered Round Table” ([www.niulib.niu.edu/lgbt/bylaws.htm](http://www.niulib.niu.edu/lgbt/bylaws.htm)) to learn their goal.

(\*) *Bitches, Bimbos, and Ballbreakers: The Guerrilla Girls' Illustrated Guide to Female Stereotypes*, is one of the (**Adult**) books YALSA suggests to minor children: [www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2006/booklists.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2006/booklists.htm)

## **A Search Engine You Won’t Want Your Kids to Check**

The Ohio Public Library Information Network (1) exists to “*ensure that all Ohio residents have fast, free public Internet access*” (i.e., paid by Ohio taxpayers). OPLIN Board (1) consists of “*eleven members appointed by the State Library Board from among the staff of public libraries and past and present members of boards of trustees of public libraries, based on the recommendations of the Ohio library community.*” (Eleven members of the Board of Education are elected and eight are selected by the Governor; this Board selects the State Library Board; Libraries Trustees are selected. Almost no participation of taxpayers in the process.) From the State Budget \$7.330 million are allocated to this “*free public Internet access*” (2); it states that “*In order to limit access to obscene and illegal materials through internet use at [OPLIN] terminals, local libraries with OPLIN computer terminals shall adopt and implement policies that control access to obscene and illegal materials.*”

OH! Kids (<http://oplin.org/ohkids/>) and OH! Teens (<http://oplin.org/teenhome.php>) are OPLIN’s children search engines. The latter has links to web sites with book suggestions, such as *Reading Rants*, *Out of the Ordinary Teen Booklists!* that does it by theme. For example, *Closet Club* is actually *Gay Fiction for Teens*. *Reality Bites!* suggests *The Shared Heart: Portraits and Stories Celebrating Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Young People*. There are also books about *Stoned: Druggie Fiction for Teenaged Masses*. *Teen Top Ten Books of All Times* lists Toni Morrison’s *Beloved*; contains oral sex, incest, rape, pedophilia, graphic sex and extreme violence ([www.newtotalitarians.com/Beloved.html](http://www.newtotalitarians.com/Beloved.html)).

*Webtweens* (OH! Kids) has “*cool sites for 9-11 year olds.*” Go to *Fun Things to Do* click on *E-Zines* and check *Girls World* (<http://www.agirlsworld.com/>). It has an ever changing link to Amazon.com. When the page was refreshed three times, we got linked to *Girls Gone Wild* (“*camera crews catch real college girls going wild*”) and the books *Natural Beauties* (“*A compilation of color nude photos from 20 erotic photographers*”) and *Gossip Girls* (see next article). Now click on *Web Teens* and go to *Searching Tools for Kids* then to *Kids Click* and it will take you to *Teenreads.com* (<http://www.teenreads.com/clubs/index.asp>); under *Literature*,

click on *Books* then go to *Teen Reads*. Among many suggestions is *I Know Why the Caged Birds Sing* ([www.pabbis.com](http://www.pabbis.com)). This site allows access the World Wide Web. A search on “rainbow party” will lead to explanations such as this: “teens engaged in ‘rainbow parties’ in which *fellatio* (3) is performed on one boy or several boys in sequence by girls wearing various colours of lipstick, thus leaving a ‘rainbow’ of colours on each boy’s penis. [...] girls reportedly enjoy the competitive aspect of the event by using the lipstick to essentially ‘mark’ the depth of penetration” (Wikipedia).

According to Stephen Hedges (Executive Director) OPLIN does “not make any attempt to control Internet content” and is “only responsible for the content of our site, which is the only content under our control.” But the fact is OPLIN offers a service specifically for minor children, but not the next obvious step –filtering “obscene and illegal materials.” If “OH! Kids’ webpage searches [OPLIN] only, and not the general Internet” how was GAV able to access the information exposed above? “OH! Teens webpage [...] contains links to sites selected by librarians because they contain information about issues which older adolescents routinely ask questions about.” Without parental consent! He also said that “all of the webpages for which we are responsible contain a link to our disclaimer: <http://oplin.org/disclaimer.php>.” Simply not taking responsibility for the inadequacy of a service provided **explicitly** for minor children does not make it less harmful. The examples above speak volumes of the poor choices made by Ohio librarians, Board of Education and Library Board.

Why does OPLIN allow children to access age inappropriate sites? Why do Libraries offer children such books as *Looking for Alaska*; *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*; *Skull of Truth: a Magic Shop Book*; *Speak*; *Dreamland, a Novel*; *Hello: I Lied, a Novel* (4); *Geography Book*; *Hard Love* (4); *Tenderness and Girl Goddess #9: Nine Stories*? Read these books and explore the OPLIN search engines designed for children to learn what is happening behind the family-friendly façade of your local Public Library.

(1) <http://oplin.org/page.php?Id=62-1-238&msg=>

(2) [www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText126/126\\_HB\\_66\\_EN2\\_N.html](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/BillText126/126_HB_66_EN2_N.html)

(3) Technique explained in detail: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oral\\_sex](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oral_sex). Graphic images available to your kids: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Sixtynine.png> and <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Fellatio.jpg>

(4) Biography for Gay Teens:

[www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/gayteens21stcenturyaccessfuture.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/olos/outreachresource/gayteens21stcenturyaccessfuture.htm)

### **So, Much, *Much* More than Just Books...**

The Sandusky Register run a column about the Huron Public Library on May 5 titled “*So Much More than Just Books*.” Among the author’s praises, one actually makes GAV point: “*Huron’s [sic] library wanted to continue to be a hub for all members of the community, so they came up with a plan to give the kids a safe place to hang out and some fun things to do.*” Through their partnership with the Boys and Girls Club the Library gets a daily “average of about 20 boys and girls from grades 5-8.” One of the “fun things” these kids can do (without parental knowledge) in this “safe place”? Reading, of course. Like the following books available in their Children and Young Adult departments:

- *Green Angel*, by Alice Hoffman and *Cut*, by Patricia McCormick, both about self mutilation;
- *Hello, I lied : a novel*, by M.E. Kerr, *Girl Goddess #9: nine stories*, by Francesca Lia Block, *Pretty things*, by Sarra Manning and *The perks of being a wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky, about rape, homosexuality and bisexuality;

- *Gossip Girl*, by Cecily von Ziegesar (series) sex and drugs among high school teens;

These are just a few examples. But if the Huron Library doesn't have, say, *Rainbow Party*, by Paul Ruditis, children "can order it from one of the 31 libraries in the CLEVNET system." Other than a rainbow party per se (refer to note #3 of above article), this book "[has] plenty of racy material, too, including oral sex between two boys in a school bathroom [and] a character talks about oral sex not really being sex."

CLEVNET has 15 copies of this filth available. Safe and fun, ain't it? This, it seems, is the way to "encourage middle school-age [sic] students to learn to enjoy the library." We suggest parents do not take our word –after all, we might really be that bunch of wackos trying to censor Public Libraries the Register described once in their editorial page! Read the books and be aware of what is available in this "safe place" your kids "hang out" after school.

How the ALA pushes its agenda: [www.ala.org/ala/pio/availablepiomat/commhandbkIV.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/availablepiomat/commhandbkIV.htm) and [www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/tipsenc/tipsencourage.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/tipsenc/tipsencourage.htm).

### **Before you Open Your Wallet...**

Think twice before making a donation to Round Table of Ohio or F10. Rather than trying to reform the Republican Party, they seem to count on its collapse. They support "Independent" candidates in lieu of Conservative candidates. They are also against the Tax Expenditure Limitation, TEL. Their web site explains that "Placing an artificial mechanism like TEL in the Constitution limits the ability of state lawmakers to do their job." Since when is putting a cap on our Representatives' spending bad? With a spending cap, how much more of your hard-earned money would government spend to, for example, acquire land? On how many other pointless programs would they spend your money? They might have learn a new word: PRIORITIZE!

Ohio Roundtable: [www.ohioroundtable.org/](http://www.ohioroundtable.org/); F10: [www.find10.org/](http://www.find10.org/); TEL <http://www.cftr.org/>

### **From the Office of Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC)**

*H.R. 2295 - Parental Empowerment Act of 2005  
Introduced by Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) on 5/11/2005*

- ❖ *Empowers parents on the local level to play a significant role in the acquisition of elementary school library books for their children.*
- ❖ *Requires states to have in place a proactive system to screen highly objectionable materials.*
- ❖ *Creates local Parental Review Boards with the authority to make recommendations before books are purchased regarding the appropriateness of materials for elementary school libraries.*
- ❖ *Parental Review Boards consist of between 5 and 15 parents; a majority must have students enrolled in a local elementary school and are required to meet at least once every 6 months.*
- ❖ *Addresses the problem of elementary school children being exposed to books with inappropriate content - such as homosexuality, violence, or profanity - without proper oversight or parental consent.*

To support H.R. 2295, contact the offices of Rep. Buck McKeon (202-225-1956) and Rep. Mike Castle (202-225-4165) and voice your support for H.R. 2295 and urge them to "move" the bill. Contact the offices of their elected Representative in D.C. and ask them to cosponsor H.R. 2295 ([www.congress.gov/cgi-lis/bdquery](http://www.congress.gov/cgi-lis/bdquery)).

## New Conservative Items Available at Public Libraries

The following items had been donated to the Sandusky Library and are now available:

- Statecraft, Margaret Thatcher –Also available at the Huron Library
- George W. Bush, a Heroic First Year, Jeffrey Rosenberg
- In the Arena, Caspar W. Weinberger
- The Venona Secrets, Herbert Romerstein and Eric Breindel –McCarthy was wrong: there were more communists infiltrated in US government than he thought!
- The Roosevelt Myth, John T. Flynn
- Ike's Spies, Stephen E. Ambrose
- The War on Christmas, John Gibson –Also available at Huron
- True to Life, Janet L. Folger –She helped pass the first ban on partial-birth abortion and secured passage of the Woman's Right to Know Law, Parental Consent, Fetal Homicide, Clinic Regulations, Adoption reform, as well as removing all state funding of abortion; she worked with Dr. James Kennedy. No other CLEVNET Library has this title.
- Men in Black, Mark R. Levin –Also available at Huron
- Freedom Will Conquer Racism and Sexism, J. Edward Pawlick
- In the Face of Evil, DVD –Outstanding documentary on how President Reagan fought communism –and won.

Donated items now available at the Huron Library:

- In the Face of Evil, DVD –Also available at Sandusky
- Commies, Ronald Radosh –Also available at Sandusky
- Breakdown, Bill Gertz –Also available at Sandusky
- The Black Book of Communism, Stéphane Courtois –A must read to understand the horrors of communism. Also available at Sandusky Library
- The Kennedy Curse, Edward Klein –Also available at Sandusky
- The Rosenberg File, Ronald Radosh and Joyce Milton –The truth about the Rosebergs. Also available at Sandusky
- Losing the Race: Self-Sabotage in Black America, John McWhorter –also at Sandusky

## Deep Thoughts and Other Idiocies

*"Just go to Texas and suck George Bush's d\*\*k."* Madonna interpretation of *"I Love New York"* at a music festival in Coachella (California), April 30.

*"We've come here to work: we clean your toilets."* Antonio Villaraigosa, Los Angeles mayor supporting illegal aliens.

*"First lesson is, don't trust direct democracy."* Rubem Fernandes, founder and general manager of *Viva Rio* (Brazilian anti-gun NGO) speaking at a UN forum, New York, January 17.

## 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.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/1618776/posts> Oh, those firm thighs...
- <http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/5/42006c.asp> Unwatchable
- <http://www.responsible-ed.org/Press%20Release.htm> ACLU modus operandi
- <http://www.ceopa.org/InternationalBaccalaureate.html> IB, the BIG lie
- <http://mnedreform.blogspot.com/> *Where's the Math?*
- <http://www.wheresthemath.com/pages/7/index.htm> Math for dummies
- [www.curewashington.org/](http://www.curewashington.org/) The CURE for WASL
- <http://www.5shock.com/womantalk/pages/education.html> Julie Quist: right on all counts!
- <http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200605/CUL20060505b.html> Not my History, not your History: "Gay History"
- [http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE\\_ID=50136](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=50136) AP, wrong yet again
- <http://www.marxists.org/archive/gramsci/editions/spn/problems/education.htm> A commie inspires American educators!
- <http://www.cwfa.org/articles/10594/CFI/family/index.htm> A Knight for traditional families
- <http://www.send-a-brick.com/> Throw us a brick here, will ya?
- <http://www.sosborders.com> Check the borders
- <http://www.homemakersforamerica.com/cgi-bin/HFA.pl> They make a difference
- <http://www.katharinedebrecht.net/> This Mom can help
- <http://www.worldmag.com/articles/11553> Who (really) is Martha Wise?
- <http://www.townhall.com/opinion/columns/walterwilliams/2006/04/26/194892.html> Williams on wages
- <http://www.bls.gov/cps/minwage2004tbls.htm#10> (To understand Williams)
- <http://www.townhall.com/opinion/columns/dennisprager/2006/04/25/194915.html> Lib Jews?
- <http://www.opinionjournal.com/forms/printThis.html?id=110008318> White Guilt
- <http://66.241.236.181/elect/oherie/results.htm> 2006 primary election results
- [http://www.nationalreview.com/nrof\\_comment/comment-new110402.asp](http://www.nationalreview.com/nrof_comment/comment-new110402.asp) A worthy bill
- <http://freedomwatchusa.us/index.php/immigration/2006/04/15/villatoilet> Brush-off Villa
- <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=3531> Racist Villa
- <http://www.worldahead.com> Great books
- <http://www.stopungunban.org/> UN's assault on the Second Amendment
- <http://www.newtotalitarians.com/> Restore the Republic
- [http://www.massresistance.com/latest\\_email.html](http://www.massresistance.com/latest_email.html) Massachusetts down the drain
- <http://www.johngibson.com/> Gibson's word
- <http://www.clevescene.com/Issues/2006-05-03/news/news.html> Why HIV rates don't drop
- [http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/eibessential2/the\\_occupation\\_of\\_germany.member.html](http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/eibessential2/the_occupation_of_germany.member.html) American media: always unfair, unbalanced and wrong!
- <http://www.boycottford.com/> Worth doing
- <http://www.erie-county-ohio.net/veterans/> Local heroes
- <http://www.nraila.org/> Support H.R. 5005 and H.R. 5092
- <http://www.11abril.com/index/videos/ChavezHitBush20060319.wmv> Bovine scatology

### 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](mailto:grassroots@bex.net).