



Statement of Concern about Library Resources

Intellectual freedom in a public library necessitates selecting some materials that may be considered controversial by some individuals or groups. Reasons often cited for materials considered offensive include use of profanity, divergent viewpoints, controversial authors, sexual content, and depictions of violence and criminal acts. The acquisition of such materials does not imply approval or endorsement of their contents. The selection criteria used by the St. Tammany Parish Library must remain broad and flexible in order to provide a collection that supports the broad range of interests and diverse backgrounds of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish.

Date 12-23-2022

Name Connie Phillips



City Mandeville State LA Zip 70471



Representing _____ (self) St. Tammany Parish LAP (organization)

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

- Book
- Magazine
- Audiovisual
- Newspaper
- Content of Library Program
- Audio Book Electronic Resource
- Other

2. Title A Costume for Charlie

Author/Producer C.K. Malone

3. What brought this title to your attention?

Gender Identity - La Save Our Schools has provided a list with sexual content and we checked your content and also found the books which violate stature

La. R.S. 14:91.11 Guidelines

(1) Sale, exhibition, or distribution of material harmful to minors, La. R.S. 14:91.11, pertains to:

4. Did you review the entire item? If not, what sections did you review?

Summary of Concerns:

The book contains sexuality alternate genders ideologies. Parents should check out these books about sexual preference; This book should not be shelved in the children's section of the library. Small children should not be exposed to sexual material. The verv pretext of this book relates to sexualitv. The citizens of St. Tammanv Parish do

5. What course of action do you recommend in regard to this resource?

Move to minor restricted area of the library where kids cannot have access without an adult checking out the material.

6. Please state your reasons for making this recommendation. To what in the resource do you object? Please be specific: cite pages, scenes or sections. Consider commenting on the resource as a whole, as well as being specific on the matters which concern you.

Not suitable for children in St. Tammany Parish See La. R.S. 14:91:11

The material is offensive to the average adult applying contemporary community standards. "A gender-fluid teenager who struggles with identity creates a blog on the topic that goes viral, and faces ridicule at the hands of fellow students"--

NO GENDER IDENTITY BOOKS IN THE MINORS SECTION OF THE LIBRARY.

7. In its place, what materials would you recommend on this topic?

Anything that does not violate the state Harmful to Minors Statute
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NOTE:

This statement will be referred to a Library Resource Review Committee. You will be advised in writing of the committee's decision. Thank you for your concern and input.

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(2) These provisions do not apply to “the spouse, parent, or legal guardian of the minor”

(3) “Material harmful to minors” is defined as material “which exploits, is devoted to or principally consists of, descriptions or depictions of illicit sex or sexual immorality for commercial gain, and when the trier of fact determines that each of the following applies:”

- “The material incites or appeals to or is designed to incite or appeal to the prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of minors.”
- “The material is offensive to the average adult applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable for minors.”
- “The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.”

(4) Commercial establishments² “shall require the individual purchasing the material harmful to minors to provide a driver's license, selective service card, military identification card, birth certificate, or other official form of

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