



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 _____

Name _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Representing _____ (self) _____ (organization)

1. Resource on which you are commenting:

____ Book ____ Newspaper ____ Other
____ Magazine ____ Content of Library Program
____ Audiovisual ____ Electronic Resource

2. Title _____

Author/Producer _____

3. What brought this title to your attention?

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

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

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.

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

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.

3. What brought this title to your attention?

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:

- “[T]he intentional sale, allocation, distribution, advertisement, dissemination, exhibition, or display of material harmful to minors ... to any unmarried person under the age of eighteen years”
- “[T]he possession of material harmful to minors with the intent to sell, allocate, advertise, disseminate, exhibit, or display such material ... at a newsstand or any other commercial establishment¹ which is open to persons under the age of eighteen years.”

(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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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 very pretext of this book relates to sexuality. The citizens of St. Tammany Parish do not subscribe to the AIA Bill of rights. We do not believe that children are sexual from birth. We believe that they are innocent and should be protected from confusion and predators. Therefore, if you think your child needs this book to understand themselves then find it in the adult section and check it out there.

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

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46 Right now, I'm dressed as a dude. ..."This fluid thing you have going is a thing of substance." 63 "You want me to find a country girl to have sex with?" 79 Out there, I might be straight or gay or bi...or anything. Out there, I choose. No one cares whether I wear jeans or dresses. It'll feel like jumping in a coffee shop to a song called "I Cannot Be Contained." 122 ...and both of them missed my sexuality or gender or both by a mile. 131 ...I was thinking the same thing when you let Woods put me on the guy's side... 152 Daddy, I'm Atreyu. Those words are hazy, but I do remember the words that followed: "Elizabeth, Atreyu is a boy. You are a girl." 163 But I am the girl-who-isn't-a-guy who lives perpetually on the guy's side. A brother, a dude, a... 172 "No," Dad asserts. "I'm asking if Davey Winters is sexually fluid." ...Sexually fluid? ..."...they all say your generation doesn't care to define sexuality." ..."There's a whole alphabet of letters. L-G-B-T-Q-I-A-B-C-D-" 178 That sex dream. My first sex dream. My first sex anything. And...I was a guy. And...I was with Janie Lee. ...Morning doesn't care about my sexuality. 179 According to "experts" I am starved for intimacy and have a "masculine mind-set." 180 ...had a sex dream where I was a guy. 184 "Thinking of yourself as boyish is one thing, but your friends assigned you a gender- without asking- and that flayed you. If I had to speculate, you're actually upset because you believe they should know you well enough to avoid such an error. Which isn't totally fair to you or them. Gender, sexuality, fluidity: those areas require stumbling around in the dark, feeling, and bumping into things..." 185 Maybe, when it comes to sexuality, my foregone conclusions are not all that foregone. Sometimes tomboys are gay. Sometimes they're not. I wonder which kind of tomboy I am or if there is room to not know until later. 186 "And do you think you're not overly excited about the Corn Dolly because you're wrestling with what it means to be a girl?" 277 "...'Hey homos,' I heard them, but I knew I wasn't gay. I'd...well, I'd given it my best go, and I still liked girls. He liked girls too. And boys. And anyone who made him feel deeply..." 284 "Are you straight, B?" "I'm complicated," I answer 326 Two boys dancing. Two girls dancing. No one cares.

Profanity Count

Bitch

4

Fuck

4

Piss

3

Shit

11

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Anything that does not violate the state Harmful to Minors Statute

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