



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.

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1. Resource on which you are commenting:

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

2. Title ~~Two Boys Kissing~~

Author/Producer David Levithan

3. What brought this title to your attention?

Content violates the state obscenity statues
2021 Louisiana Laws
Revised Statutes
Title 14 - Criminal Law

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

yes

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

Restrict access to minors as outlined in statute above. Require parent to check out for minor. The book should be shelved in a section where minors do not have access. A separate place in the library. A room or some section where minors do not have entry without parent and minors cannot check out.

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.

Violates Content violates the state obscenity statues for minors.

2021 Louisiana Laws

Revised Statutes

Title 14 - Criminal Law

Not suitable for minors

Summary of Concerns:

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

Something that does not violate the state obscenity statues for minors.

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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§91.11.

2) "Material harmful to minors" is defined as any paper, magazine, book, newspaper, periodical, pamphlet, composition, publication, photograph, drawing, picture, poster, motion picture film, video tape, video game, figure, phonograph record, album, cassette, compact disc, wire or tape recording, or other similar tangible work or thing 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:

(a) The material incites or appeals to or is designed to incite or appeal to the prurient, shameful, or morbid interest of minors.

(b) The material is offensive to the average adult applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable for minors.

(c) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(3) For the purpose of this Section "descriptions or depictions of illicit sex or sexual immorality" includes the depiction, display, description, exhibition or representation of:

(a) Ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual, simulated, or animated, whether between human beings, animals, or an animal and a human being;

(b) Masturbation, excretory functions, or exhibition, actual, simulated, or animated, of the genitals, pubic hair, anus, vulva, or female breast nipples;

(c) Sadoomasochistic abuse, meaning actual, simulated, or animated, flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude or clad in undergarments or in a costume which reveals the pubic hair, anus, vulva,

genitals, or female breast nipples, or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained, on the part of one so clothed;

(d) Actual, simulated, or animated, touching, caressing, or fondling of, or other similar physical contact with, a pubic area, anus, female breast nipple, covered or exposed, whether alone or between human*, animals or a human and an animal, of the same or opposite sex, in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or gratification; or

(e) Actual, simulated, or animated, stimulation of the human genital organs by any device whether or not the device is designed, manufactured, and marketed for such purpose.

(4) "Minor" means any person under the age of eighteen years.

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This book contains inexplicit sexual activities and sexual nudity; alternate sexualities; inexplicit violence involving self-harm; and profanity.

5 He's only seventeen, but online he can be twenty-two, fifteen, twenty-seven.

Whatever the other person wants him to be. He has fake profiles, fake photos,

fake stats and fake histories.

7 There are few things that can make us as happy as a gay prom.

9 We think of the boys we kissed, the boys we screwed, the boys we loved, and the boys that didn't love us back,...

44 The blue-haired boy smiles as he approaches the pink haired boy. ...They say hello.. Then they teeter into a welcome hug, a reunion hug, a this means something hug...Harry leans over and whispers into Craig's ear "I love you". And Craig leans over and whispers into Harry's ear, "I love you"...They kiss

69 There are moments where Harry is so revved up, is so horny, that he'd sleep with just about anything.

101 It's time to move in. He's seen so many scenes of guys doing this- gotten hard to them doing this, jerked off to them doing this. Now here he is . Julian's got a great body...

118 We would wake up in the middle of the night. Sometimes there were tubes down our throats.... The last stop. The final destination. And there we were, trapped in those endless, unforgiving hours. Unable to sleep. Unable to live

143 There's one guy, thirty-four, who says he's long-term relationship oriented. Cooper writes back "How long term do you think these relationships are? Two hours? Three? IF you want to find a husband, maybe you should stop looking for someone to fuck.

185 But I am dead... I am already dead

190 It does not bring back the twelve-year-old who put a gun to his head. It does not bring back the fourteen-year-old who hung himself. It does not bring back the nineteen-year-old strung up on the side of an empty highway and left to die...It does not bring back any of us.