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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 2A
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FULL NAME: Kevin Marino

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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✓ I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 2D
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FULL NAME: Joyce H Flayn

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Slide 11

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] EMAIL: [Redacted]

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FULL NAME: Charlotte Miller

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Mandeville, LA 70471

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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FULL NAME: _____

Melissa Capelard

ADDRESS: _____

70420

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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FULL NAME: Gary Lacoste

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] 70420

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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FULL NAME:

DAVID CAMPBELL

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

FALSON

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

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✓ I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: D - Section 205
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.)
Materials Display

FULL NAME: IRIS GALLATIN

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] COVINGTON, LA 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL: _____

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FULL NAME: PATRICIA FARIS

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] - COU

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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New Agenda Rules + Regulations update

FULL NAME: Ms. Miner

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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___ I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 2 E
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.) *milk & Honey*

FULL NAME: Rachel R Rhodes

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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FULL NAME: Kevin Marino

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Mandeville LA

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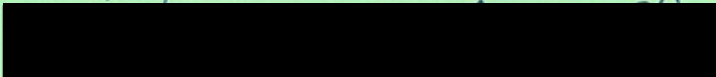
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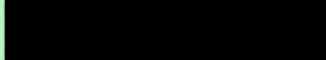
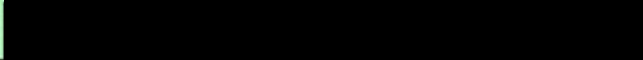
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FULL NAME: Hilary ALBARADO

ADDRESS:  Folsom

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  EMAIL: 

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FULL NAME:

Roxanne Newman

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED], Mandeville

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: E
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.)

FULL NAME: Cynthia Weatherly

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Covington LA 70435

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Rupi Kaur, author of Milk and Honey

Public Libraries are meant to help the public develop a love of books and reading while also providing free access to resources they may not otherwise have available. These libraries are the bedrock of our society. The idea that 'milk and honey', a book that has provided millions of people with support and comfort might now be banned from a public library breaks my heart. My readers have shared that they love this book because it helped them process some of life's most painful experiences from abuse to heartbreak. I've been told it's even helped young people recognize that they were being sexually assaulted. This recognition is lifesaving. 82% of sexual assault victims are girls under the age of 18. Taking away books that explore this abuse for the purpose of healing and catharsis doesn't erase the fact that abuse happens in real life- it just takes away another support system from those who need it most.

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___ I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 25

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FULL NAME: Daphne Misuraca

ADDRESS: Mandeville

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: E
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IF THIS BOOK VIOLATED OBSCENITY LAWS
WHY HAVEN'T ARRESTS BEEN MADE

FULL NAME: JAMIE SEGURA

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
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People who need this (and the other books being
taken off the shelves) may end up taking their
own lives thinking they are alone suffering their
homosexual problems in society.

FULL NAME: Virginia Fortson

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

Mand., La 70448

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 2 F
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Pink Blue and Yacc is appropriate for our libraries

FULL NAME: Barbara Mamoulides

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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FULL NAME: Roxanne Newman

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Mandeville,

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]



United Against Book Bans Resolution

Approved by a vote of the JCRC at the April 24, 2023 meeting.

The American Library Association reported 1,269 attempts to censor library books and resources in 2022, the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago.

Jewish reasoning for opposing state and local book bans is rooted in a number of core values and beliefs that are central to Jewish tradition and culture. Some of these reasons include:

1. **Respect for knowledge and learning:** Judaism places a high value on knowledge and learning. Jewish tradition emphasizes the importance of studying and questioning, and recognizes the power of education to transform individuals and society. Book bans represent a threat to this value by limiting access to information and ideas.
2. **Commitment to freedom of expression:** Judaism has a long tradition of valuing freedom of expression and resisting censorship. Jewish history is full of examples of Jews who spoke out against oppression and challenged the status quo. Book bans represent a form of censorship that runs counter to Jewish values of free speech and expression.
3. **Resistance to oppression:** Jewish history is also marked by periods of oppression and persecution. Throughout these periods, Jews have resisted efforts to silence them and have worked to preserve their culture and identity. Book bans can be seen as part of a larger pattern of oppression and as a threat to Jewish culture and identity.
4. **Embrace of diversity and pluralism:** Jewish tradition recognizes the value of diversity and pluralism. Jews have historically lived in many different cultures and have been influenced by a wide range of ideas and perspectives. Book bans represent a narrow, one-sided view of the world that runs counter to Jewish values of tolerance and understanding.

Therefore, it is antithetical to Jewish values to ban books, as such a policy would be contrary to our fundamental beliefs and practices. The banning of books limits the pursuit of knowledge and the exploration of new ideas, which are essential to Jewish learning and scholarship.

Furthermore, the Jewish tradition teaches us to approach even controversial or challenging ideas with an open mind and a willingness to engage with them thoughtfully and critically. The

Talmud instructs us to "seek out the truth from whoever says it" (Talmud Bavli, Shabbat 23a), and to engage in respectful debate and discussion with those who hold differing viewpoints.

Banning books also runs counter to Jewish cultural values, which have historically been characterized by a deep appreciation for the power of the written word. From the Torah to the Talmud to contemporary Jewish literature, the written word has always been central to Jewish life and culture. Banning books would therefore represent a serious affront to Jewish cultural heritage.

As a Jewish community, we stand firm in our commitment to the pursuit of knowledge and the free exchange of ideas. We must resist any attempts to ban books or limit access to information, as such actions run counter to our most deeply held beliefs and practices.

Therefore, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New Orleans supports taking the following action steps:

- Speak out publicly against book bans and advocate for the protection of the freedom to read.
- Educate the Jewish community, the general public and public officials about the importance of free and open access to information, and the dangers of book banning.
- Advocate for legislative and administrative action at the local and state level that protects intellectual freedom and access to information.
- Build or join coalitions with other organizations and individuals who share a commitment to opposing book bans.
- Monitor and respond to instances of book banning and censorship in the community, and take action to oppose these efforts.

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Pink Rue & You

FULL NAME: Lisa Rustemeyer

ADDRESS: Cou LA 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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FULL NAME: Gary Lucote

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] ASita Spring

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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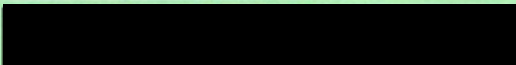
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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: F Pink, Blue, & you!
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FULL NAME: IRIS GALLATIN

ADDRESS:  COVINGTON, LA 70433

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FULL NAME: PATRICIA FARRIS

ADDRESS: See other one

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Pink Blue & You

FULL NAME:

Laura Dinapolis

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

Covington LA

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: F
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THIS BOOK IS FINE FOR CHILDREN.
PARENTS SHOULD ATTEND LIBRARY W/
KIDS

FULL NAME: JAMIE SEGURA

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] COV.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: _____

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: G
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.)

My personal thoughts about the book
"Sex is a Funny Word"

FULL NAME: Laurence de Quay

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Slidell, LA 70458

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] EMAIL: [Redacted]

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___ I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 26

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Sex is a funny word

FULL NAME:

Lisa Rustemeyer

ADDRESS:

Cov LA 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 6
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FULL NAME: Garry Laaste

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] 70420

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: G
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FULL NAME:

Cynthia Weatherly

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

Covington LA

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

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Thank you to the St Tammany Parish Library Board of Control for the opportunity to be heard.

This opportunity is, of course, one of the beautiful things about a public library. It is a space where people can share different thoughts and perspectives in a respectful manner, for the betterment of all of us.

As an author and educator, whose books have been targeted for erasure, I want to respond to the claims that our books are harmful to young people.

As a professional educator, who has spent the past 20+ years studying, teaching, and writing about body safety and autonomy for young people, I am both familiar with, and disturbed by, the many ways that young people are harmed, mostly by adults, and sometimes by peers. Often this violence is sexual or gender based.

We know that young people cannot speak out about the ways they are being harmed if they lack the language to do so. Our books, which are created collaboratively with parents and mental health professionals, contain lifesaving information for young people, explaining to them precisely what bullying, harassment, and abuse can be, and what they can do about it if they, or someone they know, is being targeted or experiencing violence.

I am deeply concerned that under the guise of "protecting children", adults are trying to prevent young people from accessing this lifesaving information. I shudder to think of why an adult would not want a child to be able to recognize abuse, and speak about it.

Some claim that our books are pornographic. This is a lie. Laws offer us definitions regarding what is and is not obscene material. None of our books fit these definitions, and they have never been found by any medical or legal authority to fall under this category. People may not like our books, but that does not make them pornographic or obscene.

To the contrary, the tens of thousands of families, teachers, and professionals who read and use our books in their homes, classrooms, and clinics tell me that far from being pornographic, our books provide an opportunity for young people to learn, with trusted adults, about their bodies and their rights in ways that are not sexualized, but bounded and inclusive. This opinion is shared by the committees of educators and librarians who have awarded our books with multiple awards in both Canada and the United States.

What those who call our books pornographic seem to actually mean is that they don't like the education our books offer. They may not like the way our books include more types of families. They may not like that our books reflect the beauty of lesbian, gay, bisexual families, of trans and nonbinary people, of intersex people, of disabled people. They may wish for a time when books told only the stories that are familiar to them and reflect their family. This is their right. They can choose to never look at our books, or to not share them with their own families. But I sincerely hope that they will not be empowered to tell other families what to read and how to speak. I hope they do not have the right to deny that we live in a world that is rich and beautiful not in spite of our differences but because of them.

Finally, I hope that the board affirms the trust that most of us put in our libraries and our librarians. Librarians are trained to be the trusted guides to young people (and the rest of us) helping us all access information we seek to make sense of our world, to live with each other in ways that feel respectful and safe. Librarians are not there to tell us what to read or not read, what to learn or not learn. They are vital community partners helping us, and our children, safely navigate the overwhelming sea of information and misinformation of our age.

Thank you for your time.

Cory Silverberg
May 18, 2023

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: G Sex is a Funny Word
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.)

FULL NAME: Iris Gallatin

ADDRESS: Covington 70433

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 6

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YES SEX IS A FUNNY WORD -
LA LEADS NATION IN STD, HIV & AIDS -
THIS BOOK IS APPROPRIATE

FULL NAME: JAMIE SEGURA

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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FULL NAME: Rebecca Bohm

ADDRESS: 

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  EMAIL: _____

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I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 2 H
(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.) *Who Has What*

FULL NAME:

Rachel Rhodes

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

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FULL NAME: Roxanne Newman

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Mandeville

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]



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___ I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: 14
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FULL NAME: Corey Leake

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] 70420

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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FULL NAME: Daome Mizuraca

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Mandeville

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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X I request to speak on the following topic/Agenda Item #: H

(Your name will be called to approach the Board to speak.)

THIS BOOK IS PERFECT FOR KIDS
TO SHOW DIFFERENCES IN A NON-
THREATENING WAY.

FULL NAME: JAMIE SEGURA

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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FULL NAME:

Jeanine Meeds

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED]

Lacombe 70445

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

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I do not wish to speak but would like my written comment below added to the public record of this meeting. (Your name will not be called to approach the Board to speak.)

Agenda Item #: 00 General Comment

Displaying all our displays for the public
Thank you for everything you do for our
community

FULL NAME: Keisten Luchsinger

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: E / FTG / IT

Is this Nazi Germany?
Do not ban books

FULL NAME: Terrice Moore

ADDRESS: 

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  MAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: 275, 6, #

I reviewed these books on list & their subject matter. I do not find anything sexually inappropriate in them & feel they should be reshelved. It is a minority of our community making this an issue.

FULL NAME: Rebecca Bohm

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Mandeville 70471

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] EMAIL: _____

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The Director's Report:

It is very helpful to see the cost per challenge, noting it doesn't include the reading of the books that range from 32 to 700 pages or if I'm reading it right, it also does not include the costs of postage, paper, any additional copies of the books past one and other supplies or the opportunity cost for other projects that may be delayed, such as the strategic plan. So, this estimate is a conservative one.

Most every book on our challenged list, the number and method of production constitute an abuse of our system. Those of us who have been following the attack on our library are exasperated with the behavior of the few entitled complainers who've submitted statements of concern, who do not even read the books, yet cost our system time and money meant for the majority of parish residents.

We might conclude that the STPL reconsideration process is in need of changes to meet the current environment of book banning viruses. It is not okay that a dozen complainants are going to cost the rest of us paying taxes about \$85K (408*209). One complainant alone is responsible for \$70K of this amount. And this process is on track to last 3 years, if there are no more SOC's submitted. This amount does not take into account the PRRs submitted and the new person hired to do that job.

Challenging our freedom of speech should be an intentional process that takes several days instead of a few minutes and a knee-jerk reaction.

Here are a few ideas I've read about that may make sense:

- One of the amendments to SB7, which is still active in the current Louisiana legislative session, requires between 10-20 patrons objecting to the same material in order to trigger a review process. It should not include one complainant signing for a FB group. Individuals should be the complainants.
- If SB7 is adopted, it would be reasonable for each of the patrons objecting to the material to complete their own original Statement of Concern. With more than one complainant, we'd likely not all prepare for, assume the cost of and spend the time reviewing a book at an LBOC meeting for which no complainant appears.
- Limit SOC submittal to card carrying patrons
- Require a patron to come to the branch to collect an SOC form rather than make them so easily available online.

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Agenda Item #: *Milk and Honey*

I do not think a child should be able to read with out parents. It should be behind the counter

FULL NAME: *Rebecca McVey*

ADDRESS:  *Madisonville, La*

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  EMAIL: 

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Agenda Item #: 2E

Please Keep book behind
the counter

FULL NAME: Joyce H HAUN

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Slidell

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted]

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Agenda Item #: 2F

I do not agree with censorship of any library books. It's insulting to librarians and the review process is an incredible waste of time & resources -

FULL NAME: Tackie Bell

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #: E

This book needs to remain accessible
to all library patrons. I believe to do
otherwise would be censorship

FULL NAME: Joan Simon

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Covington 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #:

I am opposed to any censorship.
It is a parent's job to decide if a child
should read a book. This is all a huge waste
of time & taxpayer \$. Jean Wiggins

FULL NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: 2 E

I am amazed that the people trying to
curtail my child's access to this book just
read what they consider the worst part aloud to my
kid, here tonight.

FULL NAME:

Felicia Indest

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED] Slidell, LA 70458

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

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Agenda Item #: 2 F

Any book containing gender identity should be placed behind the counter. If a parent would like to read such book to their children they can

FULL NAME: Daphne Misuraca

ADDRESS: Mandeville

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: Books of this sort are an attempt to indoctrinate our children.

check the book out. ~~scribble~~

~~scribble~~

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Agenda Item #: F *Pink Blue & You*

*Should not be available to children
without adult supervision -*

*This title this would cause confusion
& needs guidance from resp. adult*
FULL NAME: Mary hea

ADDRESS:  Co. LA 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER  EMAIL: 

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Agenda Item #: 2F

Keep book behind counter

FULL NAME: Joyce H Haen

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Slidell

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #:

Please leave on shelf

FULL NAME: Cynthia Weatherly

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Cov. 70435

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Why are we discussing this when it
is obvious ~~that~~ Ms. Francis was looking
at a different book as she listed page #s
not even in the book. This
is a huge waste of time
over

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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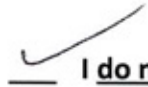
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Agenda Item #: 2F

Keep the Book on the shelf.

FULL NAME: Krista Schaefer

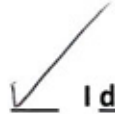
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Agenda Item #: F

Pink, Blue + Yae should remain in an accessible
place in our library, not restricted.

FULL NAME: Joan Simon

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Covington 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] EMAIL: [Redacted]

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Agenda Item #: 2F

I don't agree with censorship of any library book. It's insulting to the librarians and an incredible waste of time & resources.

FULL NAME: Becky Hall

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #: 6

"Sex is a Funnyword" should remain
on the shelf in its original +
appropriate location

FULL NAME: Kim Turner

ADDRESS: [REDACTED], Mandeville 70448

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: 2G

Keep the Book on the shelf

It is important to tell the children the truth about their bodies & how they work. Great book for a guide for parents to introduce topic of how their body works

FULL NAME: Krista Lechse

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: G

There is absolutely no reason for any concern over the book "Sex is a Funny Word." It should be returned to its appropriate place on our library shelves.

FULL NAME: Joan Simm

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Covington 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #: 26

Sex is a funny word
Keep on the shelves / Do not
restrict

FULL NAME: Laura Dingopolis

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Covington LA

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] MAIL: [Redacted]

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Agenda Item #: G - Sex is a funny word

This book is a tool for parents to talk to their kids about sex.

Please keep ^{or buy} this book. ~~the~~ Decision to not read it is at the family level.

Removing/^{banning} this book is removing a tool for parents.

FULL NAME: Karla P. Hardwick

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Madisonville, LA 70447

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #: 25

It is my opinion this book could be very confusing to young people. It should be placed behind the counter & only read out by an adult. It is inappropriate and not factual information.

FULL NAME: Daphne Misuraca

ADDRESS: Mandeville

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: 6

Sex is a Sunny Word

*This book should be kept behind the counter
It is not appropriate for a young child
to read without their parents.*

FULL NAME: Rebecca McVey

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] madisonville, La

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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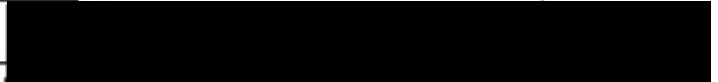
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Sex is a funny word

I believe this book should be kept behind the circulation desk.

FULL NAME: Rebecca McVey

ADDRESS:  Madisonville, La

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  EMAIL: 

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Agenda Item #: G Sex is a Funny Word

I do not think it should be available for a child to review without a parent/guardian

FULL NAME: Maryhea

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Cov. LA 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #: 26

leave behind the counter

FULL NAME:

Joyce H HAAR

ADDRESS:

[Redacted] *Slide 11*

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

MAIL:

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Agenda Item #: 2.H

who has what
 This book is a sexual education book
 and therefore should be behind the
 counter & checked out by a parent. Children mature
 at different ages & a parent would
 know when best to allow a child to
 read this book - Daphne Mizuraca

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

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Agenda Item #: # *Who Has What*

*This above book needs to be read with
a guardian or parents and kept behind
counter*

FULL NAME:

Rebecca McKay

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED] madisonville

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

L:

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Agenda Item #: H "Who Has What"

good reference with supervision
not a book a child should be able
to review without an adult

FULL NAME: Mary Lea

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Cov. LA 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED] EMAIL: [REDACTED]

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Agenda Item #: 24

Keep the book on the shelf

FULL NAME: Ute Luchsen

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: H

Please leave on shelf.

FULL NAME:

Cynthia Weatherly

ADDRESS:

[Redacted] Covington LA 70435

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

[Redacted]

EMAIL:

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Agenda Item #: 24

Who Has What
keep on the shelf / Do not restrict

FULL NAME: Laura Dinapoli

ADDRESS: [Redacted] Covington LA

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] MAIL: [Redacted]

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Agenda Item #: H

Please keep the book "Who Has What" in its original + appropriate location in our PUBLICLY FUNDED library.

FULL NAME: Kimi Turner

ADDRESS:  Mandeville, 70448

TELEPHONE NUMBER:  EMAIL: _____

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Agenda Item #: H - who Has what

This book is also a tool for parents to use to talk to their kids.
As long as there is no act between 2 people that is sexual, it should not be banned. The decision whether or not to read a book should take place at the FAMILY level. The government or library board should not make the decision for the family.

FULL NAME:

Karla P. Hardwick

ADDRESS:

[REDACTED] Madisonville, LA 70447

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

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EMAIL:

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Agenda Item #: H

"Who Has What" is an important book that needs
to remain unrestricted, subject only to the library's
document card system

FULL NAME: Joan Simon

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Covington 70433

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

EMAIL: [REDACTED]

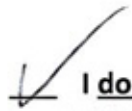
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You should require more than one person to make a book complaint. Tomorrow the State Legislature will probably pass SB 7 that requires 10 people to make a

FULL NAME: Rebecca Bohm

ADDRESS: [Redacted] 704 71

TELEPHONE NUMBER: [Redacted] EMAIL: _____

complain it before it can be reviewed. Ms. Phillips is wasting our time and mistakes!!!