
Fw: [External] Board Packets, Book Resumes

From: Lisa Rustemeyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2026 4:36:33 PM
To: lboc <lboc@stpl.us>
Cc: Council Members <councilmembers@stpgov.org>; Trevor Collings <trevor.collings@stpl.us>; Willie Swett [REDACTED]
Subject: [External] Board Packets, Book Resumes

Make part of the record for Monday night's meeting, please.

Dear Board Members,

I perused the [sixty-three book resumes](#) that are part of the information for Monday night now posted on the website. I looked at all the 'Other Library Holdings' for each title with interest.

Sample entry from the Book Resumes compiled for Monday's board meeting (Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic):

OTHER LIBRARY HOLDINGS
Held in 3,242 libraries.
Marshall (TX) Public Library – Adult Non-fiction
Lamar County (MS) Library System – Young Adult Graphic Biographies
Decatur (AL) Public Library – Adult Graphic Novels

As you can see it shows how many libraries in the country have this title and then a sampling of two or three of those libraries, which I notice appear to be selected as peer libraries in states close to Louisiana. Where these titles are shelved at these peer libraries should be taken under advisement.

Please look down over the materials and notice this entry for each title. **Not one shows that any of these listed libraries restricts any of these titles STPL has behind the desk!** And I saw several of the ones on our list for Monday that are shelved in the teen or young adult sections in peer libraries. Thirty three have awards, mentions or other distinctions. And, if you recall, there were eleven Louisiana peer libraries contacted as to whether they had a restricted section like St Tammany's and **zero** of them have this level of censorship.

What distinction are we going for here with books restricted behind the desk? This censorship is unwarranted, solves no actual patron problem, is expensive in terms of staff time, energy and work satisfaction for those who looked forward to actually helping make the library a place ready for the future and for the benefit of all citizens. Yet more and more of it appears on the agenda with the resolutions put forward. Does the board plan to continue to hide more and more books and create more and more busywork for librarians? I hope not.

Sincerely,

Lisa Rustemeyer
Mandeville 70448

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3C
Example: # 3A

COMMENTS: _____

FULL NAME: Kevin Marino

ADDRESS: Mandeville

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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FULL NAME: Dustin McGeed

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Example: # 3A

COMMENTS: Graphic novel appeals should
be given the same amount of time
as Requests for Consideration - 5
minutes per book by the Filer + Public comment

FULL NAME:

Roxanne Newman

ADDRESS:

Mandeville

PHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Example: # 3A

COMMENTS: _____

FULL NAME: Erin Kennedy

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Folsom, LA [REDACTED]

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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COMMENTS: _____

FULL NAME:

LISA RUSTENBERG

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

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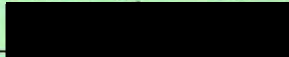
Example: # 3A

COMMENTS: _____

FULL NAME:

Rebecca Bohm

ADDRESS:



Mandeville LA

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

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Agenda Item #: 3C

free people read freely.

FULL NAME:

Wynne Jackson

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

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Agenda Item #: 26-009

It is a travesty that this board ignores, and refuses

to meet with groups and individuals who support

First Amendment rights + advocate for intellectual freedom
while bending over backward to appease fascist trolls. over →

FULL NAME:

Wendy Stuchay

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

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I would also like to commend Kevin Marino for his hard work + dedication. I urge you to allow him the opportunity to present his research at the next meeting (although this one would be preferred).

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COMMENTS: _____

FULL NAME: Devin Mcgee

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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3D

Three
Rocks

Example: # 3A

COMMENTS:

Place ~~books~~ graphic novels
currently behind the circulation
desk back in Adult section.

FULL NAME:

Roxanne Newman

ADDRESS:

Mandeville

PHONE NUMBER:

[REDACTED]

EMAIL:

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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26-010

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COMMENTS: _____

FULL NAME: Lisa Rustameye

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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FULL NAME: Rebecca Bohm

ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Mandeville 70421

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

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