



# AGENDA

## Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Cowles Council Chambers In-Person & Via Zoom Webinar

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### Homer City Hall

491 E. Pioneer Avenue  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER, 5:30 P.M.**

**2. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA** (3 minute time limit)

**4. RECONSIDERATION**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.A. LAB Meeting Minute Approval

[Unapproved November 15, 2022 LAB Minutes](#)

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**6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

**7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.A. Library Director Report

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7.B. Legislative Update

7.C. Fundraising Update

**8. PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

**9. PENDING BUSINESS**

9.A. Appeal of Library Director's Decision Regarding Children and Young Adult Materials

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[LAB Supplemental Packet 11/15/2022](#)

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**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

11.A. Materials Submitted by Chair Finn  
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11.B. LAB Meeting & City Council Report Calendar  
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**12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE** (3 minute time limit)

**13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

**14. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

**15. ADJOURNMENT** Next Regular Meeting is **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** All meetings scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Session 22-09, a Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Kate Finn at 5:35 p.m. on November 15, 2022 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

PRESENT: BOARDMEMBERS KUSZMAUL, BAILY, FAIR, SPRINGER, MCKINNEY, FINN

CONSULTING: STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

ABSENT: BOARDMEMBER DOLMA (excused)

STAFF: LIBRARY DIRECTOR BERRY, DEPUTY CITY CLERK TUSSEY

### 2. AGENDA APPROVAL

FAIR/MCKINNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Public testimony in support of the LAB appealing the Library Director's decision regarding children and young adult materials:

Sabrina Schweitzer, non-city resident

Charlie Franz, city resident

Matt Pancratz, non-city resident

Ron Hess, non-city resident

Public testimony in support of the LAB upholding the Library Director's decision regarding children and young adult materials:

Kelly Cooper, non-city resident

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David Go Lewis, city resident

Jane Miles, non-city resident

Erin Hollowell, non-city resident

Rika Mouw, city resident

Ginny Espenshade, city resident

Cooper Freeman, city resident

Bridget Maryott, non-city resident

Van Hawkins, city resident

Elizabeth Merry, city resident

Tessa Sullivan, city resident

Heather Kallevig, city resident

Jenna Gerrety

Jay Bechtol, city resident

Matthew Puckett  
Alana and Mary Careear, city resident  
Catriona Reynolds, city resident  
Donna Beran  
Nancy Lord, city resident  
Adam Christensen, non-city resident  
Kim Fine, non-city resident  
Ann Dixon, city resident  
Janet Fink, non-city resident

Chair Finn called for a recess at 6:45 p.m. to allow staff to address technical difficulties affecting the audio system in the Cowles Council Chambers, and reconvened the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Continued public testimony in support of the LAB appealing the Library Director's decision regarding children and young adult materials:

Katie Baker, city resident  
Jenna Fabich  
Mark Edens, non-city resident  
Madeline Veldstra, non-city resident  
Nathaniel Jolly, city resident  
Dave Becker, non-city resident  
Laura Heckert, city resident  
Joanne Swanson, non-city resident  
Ian Reid, city resident  
Kasia Robotkay, city resident  
Pastor Heidom, city resident  
Jasmine Baker  
Alyssum Veldstra  
Paul Riedel

Continued public testimony in support of the LAB upholding the Library Director's decision regarding children and young adult materials:

Rachel Lord, city resident  
Nick Mumma  
Mercedes Harness, city resident  
Nancy Lee-Evans  
Susie Amundson, non-city resident  
Candy Rour  
Emily Coble  
Margarida Kondak, city resident  
Scott Bartlett  
Sarah Banks  
Jamie Roth, non-city resident  
Joey Lothian, city resident  
Kris Holderied, city resident  
Reece Cowan, city resident

Cristen San Roman, city resident  
Annie Litecky, city resident  
Lindsay Martin, non-city resident  
Tony Stanfill  
Jane Dunn, non-city resident  
Jenny Baker, city resident  
Analise Goedeke, non-city resident  
Rachel Iannelli, city resident  
Kate McGregor  
Claudia Haines

#### **4. RECONSIDERATION**

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 5.A. LAB Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

FAIR/SPRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

#### **6. VISITORS/PRESENTATIONS**

#### **7. STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 7.A. Library Director Report  
October 2022 Library Director Report  
2021 Annual Stats  
2022 Annual Stats

Library Director Berry spoke to his written report.

- 7.B. Legislative Update

Chair Finn provided a verbal report, noting their time to lobby is coming up January 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 7.C. Fundraising Update

Boardmember Kuszmaul provided a verbal report on the fish wall additions and reminded boardmembers of their endowment fund goal to find matching funds.

#### **8. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **9. PENDING BUSINESS**

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- 10.A. Approving LAB Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023

Agenda Item Report LAB 22-004

Chair Finn introduced the item by reading the title and opened the floor for discussion.

KUSZMAUL/FAIR MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD'S 2023 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

10.B. Decision to Reschedule or Cancel LAB's December Meeting  
Agenda Item Report LAB 22-005

Chair Finn introduced the item by reading the title. She explained the reasons for potentially cancelling the December regular meeting including Library Director Berry being absent, the proximity to the holidays, and giving boardmembers enough time to read all the children and young adult materials in preparation for making a determination on the appeal at their January regular meeting. The items originally scheduled for the December and January meeting will be moved to the February agenda. She opened the floor for a motion or discussion.

FAIR/SPRINGER MOVED TO CANCEL THE LAB'S DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING.

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

There was discussion on whether another motion was needed to schedule a special meeting. The board mutually agreed to not hold a special meeting in December.

10.C. Appeal of Library Director's Decision Regarding Children and Young Adult Materials  
Agenda Item Report LAB 22-006

Chair Finn introduced the item by reading the title. She reviewed Section O of the library's Collection Development Policy which states a patron may appeal the Library Director's decision on a Request for Reconsideration of Library Materials to the Library Advisory Board, and read the overview of that section to clarify the intentions of reconsideration.

Chair Finn clarified the board's job is to be deliberate and focused as they take tonight's testimony and read and evaluate each book's appropriateness for the Children's Section of the Library. There are 54 books to be read so it is recommended both by herself and city staff that the board makes a motion to postpone their final decision to the January 17, 2023 regular meeting, and use this meeting to listen. She noted the board has heard from the Appellant during Public Comments, and their written statement is included in the packet on Page 25, and she will request the Library Director provide his comments in addition to his written recommendation that is in the packet.

Chair Finn recapped the purpose of this meeting is to listen and then during the next two months before the LAB's next meeting the board shall do the following:

- Read through the 54 books. Boardmembers will coordinate with Library Director Berry to check these books out since he'll be keeping them in his office during this time.
- While reading these materials, keep in mind the library's Collection Development Policy while evaluating each book.
- Come to the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting prepared to discuss the question on whether to uphold or overturn the Library Director's decision. The board will have three options: Uphold the Director's decision in full, which leaves the materials where they are; Reverse the Director's decision in full, which means interfiling the items with the adult books; or Consider items on a title-by-title basis, moving some items and leaving others.

Chair Finn reminded everyone to refrain from discussing this matter outside of the meetings, remain bipartisan, and any questions regarding procedure can be directed to Deputy City Clerk Tussey. Ms. Tussey will continue forwarding all written testimony to the board and it will be included in the January meeting packet. She asked Library Director Berry to speak to his written recommendation, as per the appeal process, and then for a motion.

Library Director Berry thanked the board and public for staying late. He shared how he agrees with the petitioners, and specified which aspects he does not agree on.

FAIR/MCKINNEY MOVED TO POSTPONE A FINAL JUDGEMENT ON THE APPEAL OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S DECISION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS TO THE LAB'S JANUARY 17, 2023 REGULAR MEETING SO THE BOARD MAY HAVE TIME TO REVIEW THE MATERIALS.

Boardmember Kuzmaul asked what the process would be if in the situation the LAB is unable to make a decision at the January meeting. Ms. Tussey explained that at that time they would make another motion to postpone the agenda item to their February meeting.

Boardmember Springer inquired on the logistics of getting the books from the Library Director. Mr. Berry explained how the books would be checked out to boardmembers in batches, with him tracking which ones have been read/unread and sending out updates via email.

Boardmember Baily requested legal guidance on ensuring our policy is within legal rights. Ms. Tussey noted that the current policy has been approved by City Council and vetted through the City Attorney, so it is legal, and that she will verify it with the City Attorney after the meeting and notify the board.

VOTE: NON-OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

## **11. INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**

- 11.A. Outreach Letter from Alaska Library Association (AkLA) Advocacy Committee  
October 2022 AkLA Letter
- 11.B. LAB Meeting & City Council Report Calendar  
2022 LAB Calendar

Chair Finn noted the informational materials provided.

**12. COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE**

Public testimony in support of the LAB appealing the Library Director’s decision regarding children and young adult materials:

Madeline Veldstra, non-city resident

Public testimony in support of the LAB upholding the Library Director’s decision regarding children and young adult materials:

Ginny Espenshade, city resident

Kim Fine, non-city resident

Deborah Curtis

Matthew Puckett

Wayne Aderhold, city resident

**13. COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF**

Deputy City Clerk Tussey apologized for the technical difficulties but felt they made it through pretty well given the circumstances. She voiced her gratitude to all those who stuck it out and that everyone did a really good job of taking their time, being respectful, and mindful of that. She thanked everyone on Zoom and in the room for attending, and the board for their work.

Library Director Berry had no further comments.

**14. COMMENTS OF THE BOARD**

Boardmember Kuszmaul clarified that Chair Finn will be giving the LAB report at the next City Council meeting. She voiced her appreciation for everyone’s comments on the policy and thanked Deputy City Clerk Tussey.

Boardmember Fair voiced his appreciation for both sides of the issue and how the points made him consider each side. He thanked everyone for their time.

Chair Finn shared how proud she is of Homer, of everyone who came, and of the board for being listeners. She was very happy with how the meeting went and how the discussion came from people’s hearts, their backgrounds, their intellect, and passion. She thanked Ms. Tussey for her work.

**15. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chair Finn adjourned the meeting at 10:21 p.m. The next regular meeting is Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. All meetings are scheduled to be held in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska and via Zoom Webinar.

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RACHEL TUSSEY, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



# Library Director's Report

## November 30, 2022

### General Notes

Donations made to the Library Endowment Fund during December will be generously matched by an anonymous donor. The match is a 1:1 ratio up to a total of \$2,500.

The Giving Tree went up in the library lobby on Nov. 28. There are roughly 60 titles eligible for selection, plus gift certificates.

We've suffered a rash of SQL-injection attacks aimed at the library catalog. IT staff have taken steps to secure the database and we are in the process of switching over to remote hosting. Going remote will hand off the responsibility for security to a third-party vendor, and will also massively upgrade the catalog software. Patrons will see some changes in the interface and staff workflow will be affected, with some additional service options becoming available. If all goes well, we hope to complete the transition in roughly February.

### Staff Notes

Jessica Golden finished her temporary appointment as a Library Aide on Nov. 9. She contributed a great deal during the last six months, and we will miss her!

Director's meetings:

- Staff: 2
- LAB: 1
- FHL: 7
- Council: 2
- Department Heads: 5
- Other: Various IT meetings, interviews with reporters about the LAB petition, State Library SLED committee

### Facility

The library is plagued with mice. Traps got two of them by the end of the month, but others are believed to be plotting in shadowy corners.

## **Library Advisory Board (LAB)**

The LAB's Nov. 15 meeting was almost entirely taken up with public testimony regarding the petition to move certain titles from the children's and Young Adult collections into the adult shelves. Dozens of people spoke in person and online, and the written comments amounted to nearly 350 pages. The meeting ran five hours, with a 45-minute break in the middle.

Since the meeting a counterpetition, requesting that the items remain in their present locations, has gathered more than 1,000 signatures.

LAB members are now reading all the challenged titles. There will be no meeting in December, and a final decision is scheduled for the regular meeting on Jan. 17.

## **Friends of the Homer Library (FHL)**

FHL is still debating which title to pick for the NEA Big Read, and the decision will be partly dependent on author availability. The committee on Celebration of Lifelong Learning received a number of nominations for the Youth and Adult Lifelong Learner Awards, and the FHL board should select final winners at the Dec. 7 meeting. Based on input from the public, the plans for the western lot are being consolidated into one final proposal.

## **Ongoing Events**

Mondays, 1:30-4:30: Knitting Club

Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30: LEGO Club

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:00: Toddler Time

Wednesdays, 12:00-2:00: Community Defined Youth Outreach

Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30: Chess Club

Fridays, 10:30-11:30: Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 1:00-4:00: LARP

Saturdays, 12:30-2:30: Green Dot Bystander Training

First Tuesday, 6:30-8:00: SPARC Radio Club

First Thursday, 1:00-3:00: Literary Ladies

First and Third Saturdays, 10:00-12:00: Tech Help

Second Sunday, 1:00-4:00: Second Sunday Shakespeare

Third Thursday, 10:30-11:30: Radio Storytime on KBBI

Fourth Tuesday, 4:30-6:30: FHL/HPL Book Club

Tuesday following the first City Council meeting of the month, 12:00-1:00: Lunch with a Councilmember (schedule may vary depending on availability)

## Special Events

Nov. 2: Virtual author talk by Lisa Napoli, author of *The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR*.

Nov. 10: Virtual author talk by Bonnie Garmus, author of *Lessons in Chemistry*.

Nov. 10, 6:00-7:30: Beekeeping program.

Nov. 11: Library closed for Veteran's Day.

Nov. 15: Virtual author talk by Kwame Christian, author of *How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race*.

Nov. 15, 12:00-1:00: Lunch with Councilmember Caroline Venuti.

Nov. 17, 12:30-2:30: Connections STEAM Session 2.

Nov. 24-25: Library closed for Thanksgiving.

**Nov. 28: Giving Tree in the library entryway.**

Dec. 6: Virtual author talk by Geraldine Brooks, author of *March*, *People of the Book*, and others.

Dec. 10, 10:00-11:00: Virtual author talk by Fredrik Backman, author of *The Winners*.

Dec. 14: Virtual author talk by Nicole Eustace, author of *A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*.

**Dec. 21: Local author Madeline Veldstra reads her book, *A Christmas Parade*, as part of morning storytime.**

Dec. 24: Library open 10:00-1:00 for Christmas Eve.

Dec. 25: Library closed for Christmas.

Dec. 31: Library open 10:00-1:00 for New Year's Eve.

**Jan.-Mar.: The Art in the Library program displays acrylic and graphite paintings by Counsel Langley.**

Jan. 1: Library closed for New Year's.

**Jan. 13, 6:00-10:00 (tentatively): Showing of *King Lear*.**

Feb. 14, 12:00-1:00: Lunch with Councilmember Caroline Venuti.

**Feb. 25 (tentatively): Celebration of Lifelong Learning.**

**Apr.-Jun.: The Art in the Library program displays photographs by R. J. Nelson.**

**Jul.-Sept.: The Art in the Library program displays oil paintings by Achim Jahnke.**

# Library Director's Report

## December 31, 2022

### General Notes

December 2022 once again proved what an outstanding and supportive community Homer has. Through the giving tree, patrons donated 46 new books to the library and purchased \$625 worth of gift certificates from the Homer Bookstore. The Library Endowment Fund raised \$1,634.97 from donations during the month.

### Staff Notes

Director's meetings:

- Staff: 3
- LAB: 0
- FHL: 3
- Council: 0
- Department Heads: 0
- Other: Interviews for Chief Technology Officer

### Facility

No major problems this month!

### Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The LAB did not meet during December. LAB members focused on reading all of the 55 titles currently being challenged in the children's and young adult collections. A decision regarding that challenge will be made at the Jan. 17 meeting.

### Friends of the Homer Library (FHL)

FHL has chosen *The Cold Millions*, by Jess Walter, as the NEA Big Read title for 2024. Planning is underway for the Celebration of Lifelong Learning, scheduled for Feb. 25.

The library, FHL and the Voznesenka school are collaborating on a trial program to provide students with access to materials via delivery to the school. As with the existing homebound program, the school will designate a coordinator to reserve materials for classes and pick them up from the library, then return them when the checkout period is over. Students will only be able to use the books on school grounds. If the program is successful, we may roll it out to more sites in future.

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- Dec. 8, 12:30-2:30: Connections STEAM session 3.
- Dec. 8, 4:30-6:30: Teen Games Night explores *Settlers of Catan*.
- Dec. 10, 10:00-11:00: Virtual author talk by Fredrik Backman, author of *The Winners*.
- Dec. 13, 5:00-6:00: Homer Opus.
- Dec. 14: Virtual author talk by Nicole Eustace, author of *A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*.
- Dec. 20, 6:00-7:45: Kachemak Swim Club.
- **Dec. 21: Local author Madeline Veldstra reads her book, *A Christmas Parade*, as part of morning storytime.**
- **Jan.-Mar.: The Art in the Library program displays acrylic and graphite paintings by Counsel Langley.**
- Jan. 5, 4:15-6:15: Kachemak Bay Recovery Connection.
- Jan. 5, 6:15-7:45: Lower Kenai Trans Support Network.
- Jan. 12, 12:30-2:30: Connections STEAM session 4.
- **Jan. 13, 6:00-9:30: Showing of *King Lear*.**
- Jan. 14, 2:30-5:00: Homer Seed Library.
- Jan. 17, 1:00-3:00: KPBSD Homer Connections.
- **Jan. 17: The Library Advisory Board responds to the petition to remove titles from the children's and young adult collections.**
- Jan. 19, 4:30-6:15: Teens and Tweens Get Crafty with Yarn.
- Jan. 23, 10:30-12:30: Digital Equity Town Hall.
- Jan. 24, 6:30-7:45: Kachemak Swim Club.
- Jan. 26, 4:30-6:45: Teen Games Night.
- Feb. 14, 12:00-1:00: Lunch with Councilmember Caroline Venuti.
- **Feb. 25: Celebration of Lifelong Learning.**
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Homer Public Library Statistical Summary for 2021

Date: 09-Feb-22

	Jan	Feb (n. 2)	Mar	Apr (n. 3)	May	Jun	Jul (n. 4)	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y.T.D.
<b>CIRCULATION</b>													
<b>TOTAL (*Included)</b>	5,815	6,915	8,758	9,024	8,281	10,456	11,035	9,828	10,424	10,856	10,692	9,979	112,063
*Physical Print/Audio/Video	3,218	4,669	6,236	6,656	6,259	8,511	9,038	7,755	8,309	8,527	8,391	7,698	85,267
*Other Physical items (n. 5)							68	53	58	69	52	48	348
*Alaska Digital Library	2,509	2,174	2,466	2,308	1,973	1,911	1,910	1,989	1,985	2,225	2,180	2,183	25,813
*Flipster e-magazines	88	72	56	60	49	34	19	31	72	35	69	50	635
<b>INTERLIBRARY LOANS</b>													
Incoming (Borrowed)	0	6	16	12	13	13	15	12	10	16	12	15	140
Outgoing (Lent)	4	23	19	17	8	13	7	21	25	19	20	13	189
<b>BUILDING USE</b>													
Gate Count	0	1,162	1,810	2,781	3,342	4,702	5,932	4,632	5,026	4,303	4,521	4,314	42,525
Study Rooms (# of groups)	0	1	9	48	43	87	113	124	130	118	122	91	886
Study Rooms (# of people)	0	1	13	61	93	130	167	170	190	176	198	155	1,354
Meeting Room (# of groups)	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	7	6	7	10	11	52
Meeting Room (# of people)	0	0	0	0	0	14	126	68	53	20	63	82	426
<b>INTERNET USE</b>													
<b>TOTAL (*Included)</b>	566	842	953	1,360	1,745	2,085	2,587	2,583	2,355	1,829	1,450	1,461	19,816
*Wireless Internet sessions	556	625	669	896	1,156	1,358	1,802	1,818	1,638	1,175	843	882	13,418
*Hardwired Internet sessions	10	217	284	464	589	727	785	765	717	654	607	579	6,398
Website visits (sessions)	4,541	4,285	4,931	4,664	4,574	5,162	5,623	5,571	4,569	4,186	3,556	3,797	55,459
<b>PROGRAM ATTENDANCE (n. 1)</b>													
<b>TOTAL (*Included)</b>	72	288	116	211	38	79	179	106	96	73	129	224	1,611
*Programs for Age 0-5							21	45	0	0	0	40	106
*Programs for Age 6-11							86	0	0	15	0	40	141
*Programs for Age 12-18							31	32	15	0	0	12	90
*Programs for Age 19+	35	32	25	30	38	56	11	8	56	10	117	104	522
*Programs for All Ages							30	21	25	48	12	28	164
*Youth Programs (all types)	37	256	91	181	0	23							588
<b>OUTREACH</b>													
# Events	10	9	14	9	3	5	4	1	1	4	2	2	64
# People	3,707	3,524	2,742	3,480	17	25	20	5	4	7	15	8	13,554
<b>NEW CARDS ISSUED</b>													
City	11	20	18	20	25	32	26	38	30	25	27	14	286
Borough	2	4	8	16	22	27	35	29	23	21	29	9	225
Temporary	0	0	0	0	4	9	5	1	1	0	0	0	20
Reciprocal	0	1	0	0	2	4	3	5	2	2	0	0	19
<b>VOLUNTEER HOURS</b>													
# of people	15	13	23	69	30	43	37	31	47	51	45	53	457
# of hours	131	114	131	211	155	202	134	124	176	119	127	161	1,784
<b>MATERIALS ADDED</b>													
Books	382	210	300	242	187	430	153	233	248	225	165	254	3,029
Audio	9	2	4	19	0	0	5	8	50	2	13	19	131
Video	70	45	29	60	51	61	38	36	30	45	20	48	533
Serials	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
Electronic Resources	0	1	0	0	0	0	284	0	306	35	60	83	769
<b>MATERIALS REMOVED</b>													
Books	238	172	269	510	148	126	299	0	221	378	71	80	2,512
Audio	149	56	40	0	0	3	2	0	82	0	0	0	332
Video	38	3	85	20	110	60	1	0	1	2	0	12	332
Serials	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	4	0	0	1	0	11
Electronic Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>REVENUES DEPOSITED</b>													
Fines/Fees/Copies	0.00	548.50	436.00	337.00	768.00	325.00	874.00	712.00	698.50	422.00	276.00	604.00	6,001.00
Building Fund (151-)													0.00
Library Gifts (803-)													0.00
Endowment													0.00
Grants								7,000.00				2,509.00	32,091.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>548.50</b>	<b>436.00</b>	<b>337.00</b>	<b>768.00</b>	<b>325.00</b>	<b>874.00</b>	<b>7,712.00</b>	<b>698.50</b>	<b>422.00</b>	<b>276.00</b>	<b>25,695.00</b>	<b>\$38,092.00</b>

Data not available yet or incomplete

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Note 2: HPL opened with reservations Feb. 1.

Note 3: HPL opened without reservations and extended hours Apr. 26

Note 4: Program attendance broken out by age, starting in July 2021.

Note 5: Other physical items includes electronic devices, kits, toys, board games, sports equipment and videogames. Prior to July 2021, these circulation figures were included in the overall total but not broken out.



10-Jan-23

Homer Public Library Statistical Summary for 2022

Date:

CIRCULATION	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Y.T.D.
TOTAL (*Included)	11,269	10,348	12,360	11,394	9,965	11,919	12,015	13,136	11,843	11,313	10,441	10,467	136,470
*Physical Print/ Audio/Video	8,788	8,085	9,856	8,940	7,892	9,717	9,620	10,614	9,583	8,849	8,267	8,163	108,374
*Other Physical Items (n. 2)	93	78	80	109	76	118	122	117	101	92	73	86	1,145
*Alaska Digital Library	2,295	2,112	2,376	2,297	1,974	2,043	2,242	2,367	2,141	2,329	2,033	2,176	26,385
*Flipster e-magazines	93	73	48	48	23	41	31	38	18	25	39	22	499
*Kanopy streaming video	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	29	20	67
INTERLIBRARY LOANS													
Incoming (Borrowed)	59	46	20	14	21	11	18	22	11	20	32	28	302
Outgoing (Lent)	25	21	28	15	18	13	16	19	22	13	27	15	232
BUILDING USE													
Gate Count	4,929	5,120	6,573	7,613	6,719	7,675	8,905	8,794	12,042	9,628	6,919	6,570	91,487
Study Rooms (# of group sessions)	102	136	145	147	269	194	160	261	222	161	174	156	2,127
Study Rooms (# of people)	152	214	218	219	370	264	203	342	363	302	296	235	3,178
Meeting Room (# of group sessions)	13	13	20	19	19	23	28	28	28	30	23	20	258
Meeting Room (# of people)	55	70	144	115	149	217	222	169	286	284	228	132	2,071
INTERNET USE													
TOTAL (*Included)	1,414	1,683	2,053	2,265	2,396	2,995	3,383	3,678	2,399	2,035	1,827	1,700	27,828
*Wireless Internet sessions	765	951	1,147	1,389	1,560	2,075	2,348	2,548	1,488	1,242	1,176	1,039	17,728
*Hardwired Internet sessions	649	732	906	876	836	920	1,035	1,130	911	793	651	661	10,100
Website visits (sessions)	4,283	3,558	4,217	4,375	4,640	4,583	4,980	4,931	4,618	4,437	4,300	3,604	52,526
PROGRAM ATTENDANCE (n. 1)													
TOTAL (*Included)	1,206	1,453	1,006	1,351	1,286	997	1,154	1,285	1,250	1,324	1,003	294	13,309
*Programs for Age 0-5	1,130	990	914	1,184	665	768	658	983	810	930	748	116	9,896
*Programs for Age 6-11	15	19	8	66	329	183	213	80	170	215	137	59	1,494
*Programs for Age 12-18	22	1	3	4	2	18	9	0	5	31	3	12	110
*Programs for Age 19+	32	53	49	15	10	3	78	149	143	84	90	81	787
*Programs for All Ages	7	90	32	82	280	25	196	73	122	64	25	26	1,022
OUTREACH													
# Events	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	21
# People	6	7	11	8	8	15	6	7	12	21	10	6	117
NEW CARDS ISSUED													
City	14	12	25	27	31	40	32	39	34	21	23	22	320
Borough	20	24	33	33	21	39	34	28	31	20	18	26	327
Temporary	1	0	2	1	2	7	3	3	2	1	0	0	22
Reciprocal	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	3	4	3	1	0	16
VOLUNTEER HOURS													
# of people	60	53	56	39	39	43	46	50	48	47	72	58	611
# of hours	203	206	193	232	159	133	182	183	179	146	288	309	2,413
MATERIALS ADDED													
Books	282	207	219	231	277	327	272	285	108	295	147	239	2,889
Audio	3	8	33	4	46	11	9	17	1	4	7	9	152
Video	25	23	47	68	73	45	35	43	10	27	20	33	449
Serials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electronic Resources	79	45	183	93	73	118	68	0	163	252	19	59	1,152
MATERIALS REMOVED													
Books	168	304	543	567	531	139	272	157	270	229	329	252	3,761
Audio	0	0	1	44	25	2	68	0	0	9	1	0	150
Video	0	0	0	33	131	72	0	4	1	79	116	0	436
Serials	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	9
Electronic Resources	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUES DEPOSITED													
Fines/Fees/Copies	260.00	679.00	504.00	757.00	901.00	1,075.00	517.20	1570.00	566.00	908.00	455.00	1,378.00	9,570.20
Building Fund (151-)													0.00
Library Gifts (803-)													0.00
Endowment													0.00
Grants													15,058.00
TOTALS	260.00	679.00	504.00	757.00	901.00	1,075.00	517.20	8,570.00	8,624.00	908.00	455.00	1,378.00	\$24,628.20

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# AGENDA ITEM REPORT

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## Appeal of Library Director's Decision Regarding Children and Young Adult Materials

<b>Item Type:</b>	Action Memorandum
<b>Prepared For:</b>	Library Advisory Board
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	15 Nov 2022
<b>Staff Contact:</b>	Dave Berry, Library Director
<b>Department:</b>	Library/IT
<b>Attachments:</b>	<a href="#">Library Director Response to Petition to Remove Materials 07-05-22</a> <a href="#">Appellant Letter to LAB 11-03-22</a> <a href="#">Petition to Remove LGBTQ+ Books - Website as of 11-09-22</a> <a href="#">Petition to Remove LGBTQ+ Books - Written Submitted 10-25-22</a> <a href="#">Written Testimony as of 11-09-22</a> <a href="#">HPL Collection Development Policy</a>

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### Library Director's Statement:

Over the past several months, petitioners have gathered signatures requesting that the City of Homer move certain titles from the library's children's area to the adult collection. The text of the petition reads, in full:

*We, the undersigned residents and parents of Homer and surrounding areas, do hereby petition that the Homer Public Library remove all books promoting transgender ideology, drag queens, homosexuality, and all other books which are intended to indoctrinate children in LGBTQ+ ideologies from the children's and juvenile sections of the library. If the library must have them, we petition that a section outside of the children's area be designated for such books so that parents who do not wish for their children to stumble across these confusing ideas may allow their children to browse freely.*

On July 1, 2022, a patron submitted a copy of the petition to me. The petition specifically mentioned three titles:

- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*
- *Julián is a Mermaid*
- *Two Grooms on a Cake: The Story of America's First Gay Wedding*

In accordance with the library's Collection Development Policy (CDP), I reviewed the materials, discussed them with library staff, and decided to keep the items where they are. On July 5, I sent the patron a written statement explaining the decision.

The judgement was based on the long-recognized understanding that the public library serves all members of the community, regardless of political affiliation or religious belief. The CDP explicitly acknowledges a parent's right to supervise their children's reading, but further states that it is not the library's role to stand in the parent's stead. No family is compelled to read or view anything in the collection, but no one has the right to prevent other families from doing so—including through methods that make it more difficult for young patrons to find their own books.

My current recommendation remains the same as it was in July. These books provide value to children, parents and families, and should stay in their present locations.

**Summary of the Current Appeal to the LAB:**

On Oct. 25, 2022, the petition was formally filed with the City Clerk's office. The petitioners are exercising their right, under the CDP, to appeal the Library Director's decision to the full Library Advisory Board.

On Oct. 28, 2022, the petitioners submitted a revised list of specific titles for reconsideration. The library owns all these items in print; items marked with an asterisk are also available in other formats.

1. *A Crow of His Own* by Megan Dowd Lambert
2. *A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo* by Marlon Bundo
3. *A Family is a Family is a Family* by Sara O'Leary
4. *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson\*
5. *Big Bob, Little Bob* by James Howe
6. *Black is a Rainbow Color* by Angela Joy
7. *Drawing on Walls: A Story of Keith Haring* by Matthew Burgess
8. *Everywhere Babies* by Susan Meyers
9. *George* by Alex Gino\*
10. *Grandad's Camper* by Harry Woodgate
11. *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Lesléa Newman
12. *Home at Last* by Vera B. Williams
13. *It's Okay to Be Different* by Todd Parr
14. *Julián at the Wedding* by Jessica Love
15. *Julián is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love
16. *Keeper* by Kathi Appelt
17. *Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing* by Kay Haring
18. *Littles and How They Grow* by Kelly DiPucchio
19. *Lumberjanes* by Noelle Stevenson and others\*. The library owns volumes 1-12 of the Young Adult graphic novel, plus *Lumberjanes: Unicorn Power!*, a novelization for younger readers.
  - a. *Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy*
  - b. *Lumberjanes: Friendship to the Max*
  - c. *Lumberjanes: A Terrible Plan*
  - d. *Lumberjanes: Out of Time*
  - e. *Lumberjanes: Band Together*

- f. *Lumberjanes: Sink or Swim*
  - g. *Lumberjanes: A Bird's-Eye View*
  - h. *Lumberjanes: The Infernal Compass*
  - i. *Lumberjanes: On a Roll*
  - j. *Lumberjanes: Parents' Day*
  - k. *Lumberjanes: Time After Crime*
  - l. *Lumberjanes: Jackalope Springs Eternal*
  - m. *Lumberjanes: Unicorn Power!*
20. *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino
  21. *Mr. Watson's Chickens* by Jarrett Dapier (*item was added to list November 9, 2022*)
  22. *My Footprints* by Bao Phi
  23. *My House* by Byron Barton (*item is on order but has not arrived yet*)
  24. *One Family* by George Shannon\*
  25. *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders
  26. *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall\*
  27. *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg
  28. *Stella Brings the Family* by Miriam B. Schiffer\*
  29. *Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution* by Rob Sanders
  30. *The Adventures of Honey and Leon* by Alan Cumming
  31. *The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell
  32. *The Hips on the Drag Queen go Swish, Swish, Swish* by Lil Miss Hot Mess
  33. *The Lotterys Plus One* by Emma Donoghue\*
  34. *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris\*. The library owns volumes 1-3.
    - a. *The Magic Misfits*
    - b. *The Magic Misfits: The Second Story*
    - c. *The Magic Misfits: The Minor Third*
  35. *The Sleeper and the Spindle* by Neil Gaiman\*
  36. *The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets* by Gayle E. Pitman
  37. *They, She, He, Me: Free to Be!* by Maya Christina Gonzalez
  38. *This Day In June* by Gayle E. Pitman
  39. *Two Grooms on a Cake: the Story of America's First Gay Wedding* by Rob Sanders
  40. *Were I Not a Girl: The Inspiring and True Story of Dr. James Barry* by Lisa Robinson
  41. *What Are Your Words? A Book About Pronouns* by Katherine Locke

### **Appeal Process:**

Per Section O of the Collection Development Policy:

*If the patron remains dissatisfied, an appeal can be heard before the Library Advisory Board. The Board will read the material in its entirety, hear the appeal, review the recommendation by the librarian, and make a final judgment. The Board shall notify the complainant of its decision in writing. No further appeals will be heard. No other reconsideration of this material will be addressed for one full year from the date of final*

*judgment unless the grounds for complaint are substantially different from the previous reconsideration.*

LAB members must read and thoroughly review all items on the list before making a judgement. Given the considerable number of titles for review, staff recommend hearing the appeal and public testimony at the regular meeting on Nov. 15, 2022 and rendering a final determination at the regular meeting in January.

The question before the LAB is whether to uphold or overturn the Director's decision. The LAB has three options:

- Uphold the Director's decision in full, which leaves the materials where they are.
- Reverse the Director's decision in full, which means interfiling the items with the adult books.
- Consider items on a title-by-title basis, moving some items and leaving others.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Hear the appeal and testimony from the general public, and review the Library Director's recommendation. Make a motion to hold the final determination at the January regular meeting.

**Attachments:**

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[Written Testimony as of 11-09-22](#)

[HPL Collection Development Policy](#)

Good morning!

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts about the children's section in the library. As a mother, I'm sure you know the difficulty of looking after children in a world that gets more chaotic all the time. Protecting your children from social pressure, while simultaneously training them to confront that pressure on their own, seems like an impossible task. It's a parent's right to guide their children's reading, as recognized in our Collection Development Policy (<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/library-policies>), and I commend you for talking with them, reading with them, and helping them shape the society they will inherit.

By design, the library includes a wide array of viewpoints on controversial topics, for all age groups and across the full political spectrum. The library is a halfway station between the security of childhood and the wilderness of the adult world, a "safe space" for kids to expand their horizons in the company of a parent. Having reviewed the petition and the three titles mentioned in it, we've decided to keep these titles where they are. If you'd like recommendations for your own children, our Youth Services Librarian will be happy to help you find the perfect books for your family. We also take purchase suggestions from patrons, so if you see a gap that needs to be filled, please let us know at the front desk or through our website (<https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/suggest-purchase-0>).

Feel free to call me if you'd like to talk further. My cell phone, below, is the best way to reach me.

Best wishes,

Dave Berry

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**Rachel Tussey**

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**From:** Madeline Veldstra <maddyveldstra@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Statement for Library Advisory Board

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Dear Members of the Library Advisory Board,

I and the diverse community of parents and residents of the Homer area, whose different backgrounds, races, and religions have intersected on this singular issue, would like to request that you reconsider the decision taken by director David Berry dismissing our request. We have noticed a variety of books hidden among the different genres of the children and juvenile sections of the Homer Public Library which are meant to teach LGBTQ ideology. These books have been marketed as LGBTQ by the authors and publishers, and a complete list of those we found in the Homer collection is attached. We have requested that “a section outside of the children’s area be designated for such books so that parents who do not wish for their children to stumble across these [topics] may allow their children to browse freely.” Such action would be in keeping with historic precedent of placing sexual education books in a separate section of the library. We propose the section be somewhere in the parent resource section of the adult area so that parents looking for these resources can find them easily. But regardless of where you decide to relocate them, we urge that they be located outside of the sectioned off children’s area of the library and that they not be relocated to a prominent place on the way into the children’s section as this is obviously not in keeping with the spirit of our request.

We strongly urge you to reverse the decision made by David Berry, and choose to restore parental sovereignty over this highly sensitive topic. LGBTQ picture books present three potential areas of concern for us: 1) their role in childhood development, 2) their potential for creating premature sexual openness in minors, and 3) their failure to include potential health risks and concerns.

We feel that childhood innocence is an attribute to be protected, preserved, and cherished. Childhood is a time of developing robust non-sexual relationships with family and friends, exploring nature, and nurturing wonder, creativity, and curiosity unhindered by the complexities of the adult world which many of these books represent in both their illustrations and writing. Books like *Jerome by Heart* introduce sexual categories into friendship at a time when young children should be developing bonds

uncomplicated by sexual desire and attraction. This is a time in which children develop a sense of self and personal-worth which transcends sexual behavior, preference, fetish, performance, or societal beauty standards. Illustrations which display sexual elements like drag queens, leather bondage gear, and underwear-clad parade-goers (*This day In June*) intrude upon the platonic innocence of childhood and the rich time of cognitive and emotional development that it affords. Additionally, books like *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* and *A Family is a Family is a Family* raise complex biological questions regarding sex and reproduction which are necessary but should be left to the discretion of parents.

Parents possess the sacred responsibility to protect their children from sexual abuse. Picture books which contain sexual images, language, and concepts normalize sexual dress and behavior to minors and could cause them to be more susceptible to sexual grooming and abuse. According to “Stages of Grooming: Recognizing Potentially Predatory Behavior of Child Molesters” by Georgia M. Winters and Elizabeth L. Jeglic, 27% of child molesters choose their victims based on how the child is dressed (1). Illustrations like those mentioned above glorify and celebrate kinky attire at a time when children should be dressed in a way that suggests innocence, free of any sexual undertones. According to the fifth stage described by the study, child molesters seek to erode the victim’s sensitivity to touch and exploit their natural childish curiosity. Picture books normalizing sexual behavior and activity (*The Hips on the Drag Queen go Swish, Swish, Swish*) dull children’s natural instinct to detect inappropriate attention and interactions and activate sexual curiosity before the child possesses the emotional, cognitive, and physical maturity to make safe decisions about their sexual activity.

Finally, at a time when children are developing their relationship with reality and sense of self and personal worth as they imagine, pretend, and mimic, LGBTQ picture books introduce sexual concepts into this process of experimentation and play—concepts which can have long lasting or permanent effects. By normalizing drag, cross-dressing, and gender fluidity, books like *Julian is a Mermaid* and *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* contribute to the social contagion of gender dysphoria while neglecting to show the health risks and concerns related to this transition process. The drastic effects of this social contagion are demonstrated by data from the NHS documenting, over the course of 10 years, a 4,000% increase in young people in the UK seeking “gender treatment”(2). Picture books with glowing illustrations of little boys happily transforming into mermaids and princesses neglect to show the realities of the gender treatment process which includes the administration of cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers, both shown to cause stunted growth, loss of bone density, mood swings, infertility, sexual dysfunction, and more; they neglect to depict the numerous surgeries required



to add and remove body parts, the skin grafts, the permanent side effects (3). The ideas we present to children influence their sense of reality, personal identity, and worth. In the name of acceptance would we include picture books glamorizing girls dissatisfied with the size and shape of their bodies (i.e. anorexia) into the children's section? Of course not. We sympathize with those within the transgender community. And yet, in the name of compassion and inclusion, we cannot introduce children to a glamorized view of gender dysphoric characters and encourage children towards a path of experimental drugs and permanent surgeries, the realities of which they cannot begin to comprehend.

For these reasons, we have joined together to urge you, dear board of directors, to take steps to restore the sacred right of parents to determine when and if their children are ready to be exposed to LGBTQ content. We acknowledge that the library relies on parents to participate in the selection process and determine which books come home with our children. However, we believe that this policy is being abused to the detriment of impressionable young minds who are forced to encounter material which they are not developmentally prepared to see. Parents must choose between using an unsafe library facility and not taking our children to the library at all. Please protect the innocence of our youngest library patrons by placing LGBTQ content in the adult section. Parents and only parents should be deciding if their children see these books.

Thank you for seriously considering this,  
Maddy Veldstra

P.S.

The following list states which books we would like relocated. Going forward we request that any books added to the library catalogue be checked on sites like [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com), and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) to see if they fit into the LGBTQ category:

1. *Julian is a Mermaid*
2. *Julian at the Wedding*
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39. *What Are Your Words? A Book About Pronouns*
40. *Everywhere babies*

P.P.S. I will send a follow up email with the links to sources cited, but wanted to make sure this one would go through.

## Rachel Tussey

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Hey Rachel,  
 Here is the list of links for the sources.  
 Thanks,  
 Maddy V.

Sites used to find LGBTQ books:

[https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/15355.LGBTQ\\_Children\\_s\\_Literature?page=1](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/15355.LGBTQ_Children_s_Literature?page=1)

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# Greater Parental Discretion in the Homer Public Library

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/relocate-lgbtq-books#comments>

214 people have signed this petition.

**Madeline Veldstra**

70 Comments



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# Comment

- **Aaron Ford** Nov 10, 2022

The world is changing as it always has. You cannot keep young people from discussing identity. You, as a parent, attempting to control 100% of the ideas and conversations your child has, is impossible. Why not talk to them and discuss the world? They will encounter ideas that differ from your own eventually. Why not prepare them in stead of corral them??

Go ban yourself.

- **Peter Hale** Nov 08, 2022

I'd rather my children read about happy people being nice to one another than see hateful petitions like this one cross my eyes. Please rethink your petition, and consider opening your minds to the possibility that your own children might grow up to be someone you don't expect. Will you hate them as much as you hate these children's books?

- **Peter Hale** Nov 08, 2022

I will not allow bigotry and hate to rule our town, and I hope others will join me in speaking up against this petition. Knowledge is power, and open access to literature is one of the few freedoms women and children have in this country. Don't step in to limit knowledge about something that you don't understand.

- **Peter Hale** Nov 08, 2022

Was bigotry a part of daily life in the home you grew up in? Do you continue to accept that as the norm? Do you forgive bigotry in some family members more than others? Do the "rules" about what gets said — and what doesn't — change from one home to another? Who shares your views opposing such bigotry? Working together, will you find greater success in speaking out?

- **Peter Hale** Nov 08, 2022

I don't think there is a lot of indoctrination going on in the books you listed. Are you confusing the LGTBQ with a different alphabet organization? Maybe try not going to the library, maybe that would help. Try using Libby instead.

- **Vol Demort** Nov 08, 2022

Wouldn't really want to live in the world that you are presenting here; I'd rather the children learn to love rather than hate. Much like I hated that whole middle part of Moby Dick on the history of whaling, mostly because it was so boring. What books are we banning next?

- **Draco Malfoy** Nov 08, 2022

“ I wanted people to know we were together, but only the ones who wouldn't hurt us for it.”  
Naoise Dolan,

- **Stiles Stilinski** Nov 08, 2022

“Coming out of the closet was one of the most liberating things I’ve done in my life. All the worry, concern, anxiety, all that mental chatter was gone. I didn’t have to carry a secret on my shoulder anymore. Fear, doubt, shame, and worry was suddenly replaced with love and pride.”  
Joel Annesley,

- **Ideology of idle minds** Nov 08, 2022

If you're reading this and you think that maybe you could love someone of the same gender (or nongender), all I have to say to you is this: Congratulations! You're perfect and wonderful and more alive than you ever knew. Be proud of who you are because you're already more than enough. - quote from author Hannah Hart

- **Feminine Alure** Nov 08, 2022

Please define “Brows” confused by spelling error. Who is the alphabet army after this time? Your children?? Please don’t vote.

- **Bad Hair** Nov 08, 2022

Use your library cards to check out books for once, please!

- **Gay Dar** Nov 08, 2022

I’m confused... is this pro LGTB or anti education? I’d rather my kid be trans than stupid, haha.

- **Super Unhappy** Nov 08, 2022

This is dumb. What exactly is hard to explain? What agenda? I’d love to join these happy rainbow people in the pic you posted!

- **This is a terrible idea** Nov 08, 2022

This is the worst petition I’ve seen this month. Learn how to spell, and let your poor kids read whatever the hell they want to.

- **Anonymous** Nov 08, 2022

Have fun explaining to your kids why they can’t check out the brightly colored books. Free speech for everyone, and freedom of access for all ages. Librarians literally cannot stop your children from checking out those books when you aren’t there.

- **Cruella DeVille** Nov 08, 2022

I thank god (the one that professes to love all \*his children) that I was raised with the influence of many flaming homosexuals in my life, who, in spite of their best efforts, failed to “indoctrinate” or “recruit” anyone into their “ideology.” I’m not sure who’s responsible for your indoctrination, but identity is not a choice, it’s simply who you are. This terminology you employ seeks to politicize and marginalize, and, god forbid your own children identify as what you’ve deemed “other,” is far more dangerous than the inclusive and loving books you seek to banish. SHAME

\*yes, even god’s gender is debatable

- **Shannon fritz** Nov 05, 2022

Please remove this content from an area where impressionable minds can see this

- **Adam Greenwald** Oct 20, 2022

Sad that this petition has to exist.

- **Daniel Reutov** Aug 30, 2022

This lgbtq is wrong and against all god fearing fokes  
Needs to get removed from all schools. It’s disgusting

- **Evdokia Karayel** Aug 27, 2022

It's one thing to have this 'helpful' information available, and it's another thing to push it in our children's faces. With all respect, we are not asking you to exterminate the LGBTQXYZ community, we are asking you to move these books in the appropriate section. Good grief.

- **Angela Renee Blake** Aug 24, 2022

Remove books re subject matter immediately.  
Thank you.

- **Anonymous** Aug 24, 2022

I am a father of five believe in values of Christianity One man and one woman reproduce men and men or woman woman cannot reproduce it’s abomination and disgusting keep homosexuality to yourself and keep it out of the minds of children

- **Alex Sanarov** Aug 24, 2022

It's adam and Eve not adam and Steve,

- **barbara Martusheff** Aug 24, 2022

Get those books out of the childrens section

- **Antanina Martushev** Aug 24, 2022

Yes have a separate labeled section for this content out of the childrens sections

- **Feodora Basargin** Aug 24, 2022

I agree with this! I think it should be my choice to show kids these books. Please place them in another section. Thank you

- **Valentina B** Aug 24, 2022

We dont need to confuse children when they know common sense.

- **Anonymous** Aug 24, 2022

Pushing agendas or ideas like this to kids or any human beings shouldn't be allowed. People know it's not right and still push it towards people. It seems that these days the more something isn't right or humane the more they push towards the public.

- **Avram Kalugin** Aug 24, 2022

Disgusting

- **Anonymous** Aug 24, 2022

I would it to be in the adult section and not the children's

- **Anfisa K** Aug 24, 2022

I believe those kind of books only should be seen by adults only! Keep them only in adult section! Young children don't need to see or read any of it because their brains are like sponges. We need our children to be how God created them!

- **Lucifer** Aug 20, 2022

We must keep the heart of Christians filled with hate and contempt for LGBT children. We need them to torment queer kids into suicide. We need them to think harassing children is bringing God Glory and protecting their family. We need them to be so depraved that when a 7 year old takes their life because of the mistreatment by Christians, the Christians see that horror as something good. By this I will turn them all against God while they think they do it in his service so that their ignorance will keep them from entering the gates of heaven. For they will be mine to devour for eternity!

- **Frankie Weber** Aug 13, 2022

Let our kids be kids  
Stop pushing sex on them

- **Anonymous** Aug 12, 2022



- **Lei Loni Marie Bowlus** Aug 09, 2022

Revolting

- **Crys Whipple** Aug 06, 2022

Please do not keep these books in the Childrens' section. Life is confusing enough.

- **Ernest Whipple** Aug 02, 2022

Disgusting ! Lost All affinity for HPL.  
REMOVE THIS TRASH !

- **Anonymous** Jul 30, 2022

The promotion of this crap is part of what is horribly wrong with Homer. Frankly, I would prefer the Homer library not cater to the alphabet agenda at all, but certainly it is incredibly inappropriate to be promoting this stuff to children.

- **Penny Johnson** Jul 30, 2022

This is a parents decision to offer, peruse or direct attention to the LGB issue with their young, impressionable children. It is not for the library to decide or administer indoctrination ideology. LG et al, is at best 6 (six) percent of the population.

- **Adam Hykes** Jul 30, 2022

Teach children age appropriate sexual content, not Alfred Kinsey garbage.

- **Megan Lurus** Jul 29, 2022

I fully support this!

- **Carlton Erikson** Jul 29, 2022

Stop trying to indoctrinate the young and impressionable children with this destructive ideology.

- **Jason Kerrone** Jul 29, 2022

Promoting gender dysphoria is the same as promoting psychoticism or schizophrenia. It is glorifying a disorder. We don't glorify alcoholism or drug addiction. Why are we as a society normalizing mental illness?

- **Nathaniel Jolly** Jul 29, 2022

As Pastor of Homer Reformed Baptist Church, I stand firmly in support of removing this material. It is vital that we protect children from the perverse nature of these books.

- **Shannon pretzel** Jul 28, 2022

Please keep these inappropriate books away from our children.

- **Kay Thomann** Jul 28, 2022

Thank you for taking action

- **Agnieszka smerecka** Jul 28, 2022

I'm speechless

- **Danny Mathes** Jul 28, 2022

Not needed for Children or anybody.

- **William A Ward** Jul 28, 2022

Remove them

- **Anonymous** Jul 28, 2022

As I Homer resident I support removal of all material containing this content being removed or as presented here, having a confined section separate from the designated children's area.

- **Crystal Riedel** Jul 28, 2022

Thank You!

- **Dorothy DeBlauw** Jul 28, 2022

Let's keep a close eye on what is being presented to our children. Parents have the say in what is allowed.

- **Randy Rush** Jul 27, 2022

STOP invading the family... Parents and ONLY parents should raise their kids! Government, stop overriding the rights of the family!!!

- **Marie Nell Trombley** Jul 27, 2022

These books shouldn't even be in a library.

- **Sham Aliquam** Jul 27, 2022

Books that feature women in positions like doctor or manager should be likewise kept in the adult section. Stop indoctrinating our children into forced gender roles that violates God's ordained order.

- **Vicki Sarber** Jul 27, 2022

Absolutely NOT appropriate to have in the children's section of our library!

- **Greg Sarber** Jul 27, 2022

Don't groom children with alphabet propaganda.

- **Tracy Sumption** Jul 27, 2022

Let children be children and the responsibility of the parents.

- **Jana Kralick** Jul 27, 2022

- **Maggie Joyner** Jul 26, 2022

Enough is enough!! Stay out of this subject schools, Parent Rights! Let our children be children! Our children not yours.

- **Dixie Banner** Jul 26, 2022

Get the books off the shelves and our kids are not for sale or available for experimentation! The LBQT is an agenda that needs to be contained in your own home!!!

- **Rhonda Hubbard** Jul 26, 2022

This movement is aggressively trying to sexualize and groom our children, and it needs to stop.

- **Gene L martin** Jul 26, 2022

not in the children section, NO

- **Frances Merrill** Jul 26, 2022

Leave our children alone with inappropriate sex book

- **Robert McMorrow Sr** Jul 26, 2022

Parents should decide how their children are educated on this content, not the library! Just part of the plan. Beware what is going on.

- **S Gibson** Jul 26, 2022

Good Luck and Godspeed.

- **Alyssa Goulet** Jul 26, 2022

I 100% agree. These types of content should never be available for children to stumble upon but rather should be brought up in conversation only between a child and their parent.

- **JTC** Jul 26, 2022

Stop taking your precious innocents to the library until these books are removed!

- **De** Jul 26, 2022

Wrong on so many levels. This IS a parents decision.

## Signatures

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- David Bartelmay United States
- philip needham United States
- Nancy Kleine United States
- Norma McLay United States
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- David Web United States
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- 1- I live in the Homer Alaska area.
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Signature: Charlene A. Jump Date: 7/4/22

Printed name: Charlene A. Jump

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

Just feel parents should have more say  
about what pre-teen children have  
access to. I have no ill-feelings towards  
anyone of any gender - just feel parents  
need more control.

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Signature:  Date: 7-14-22

Printed name: Cameron Corbell

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

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~~It~~ Nobody wants to see that stuff.

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Signature: Marvin D Smith Date: 7-10-22

Printed name: MARVIN D. Smith

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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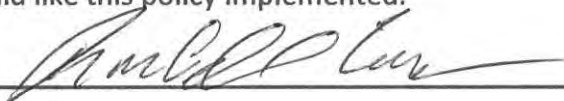
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Signature: Leah L Campbell Date: 7/10/22

Printed name: Leah L Campbell

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Signature: Joan G. Edens Date: Oct 2, 2022

Printed name: JOAN G. EDENS

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Beth Tuttt Date: 10-4-22

Printed name: Beth Tuttt

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Elissa McLean Date: 10-4-22

Printed name: Elissa McLean

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: *Christina Smith* Date: 7.4.2022.

Printed name: Christina Smith.

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: Bruce J Alborn Date: 7/4/2022

Printed name: Bruce Alborn

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): Not necessary

Additional comments:

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Signature: Meghan Redmond Date: 6-12-22

Printed name: Meghan Redmond

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature:  Date: 6/14/22

Printed name: Hayden Chase

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact (phone, email, or mailing): \_\_\_\_\_  
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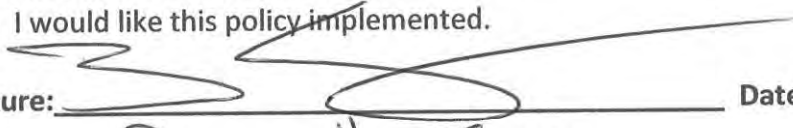
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Signature: Diane J. Address Date: 6/26/22

Printed name: Diane J. Address

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Signature: Andrew Miller Date: 6/28/2022

Printed name: ANDREW MILLER

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Signature: Jean M. Steele Date: July 4, 2022



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Printed name: CHRISTINA DOMEIKA

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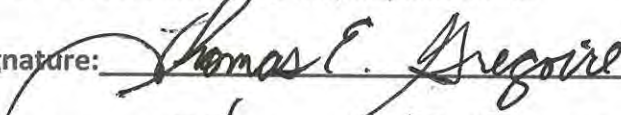
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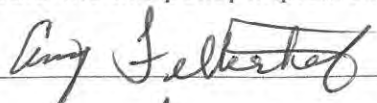
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 Printed name: THOMAS E GREGOIRE

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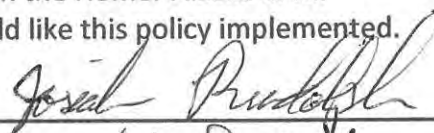
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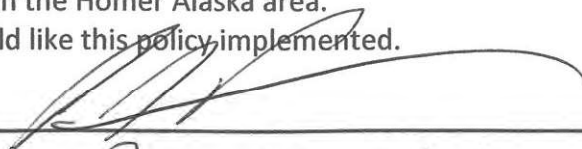
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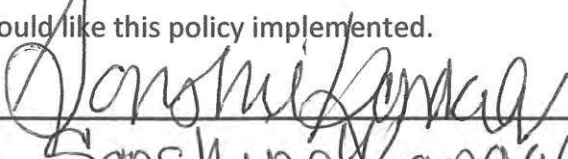
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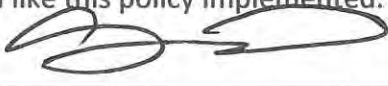
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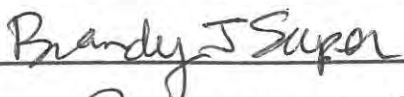
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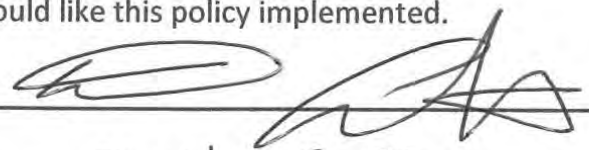
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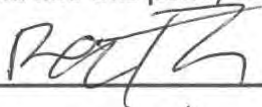
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Signature:  Date: 10/16/22

Printed name: Dale Seekins

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Printed name: JANDRA D. SUAREZ

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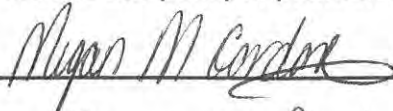
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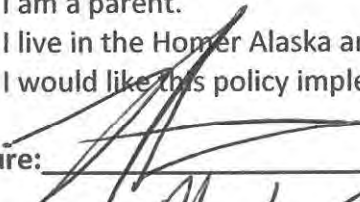
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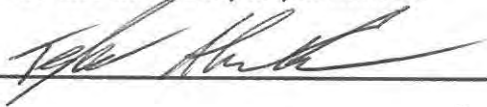
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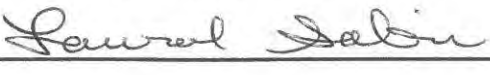
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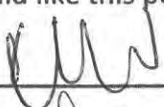
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Signature: Ruth C Andree Date: 7-4-22  
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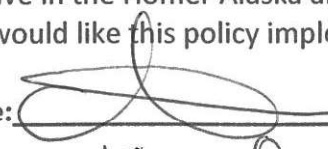
Printed name: Hannah Cook

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Printed name: Autumn B Johnson

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Printed name: Jacob Kestendieck

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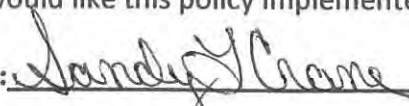
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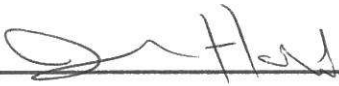
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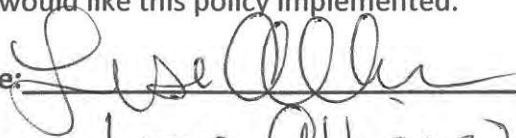
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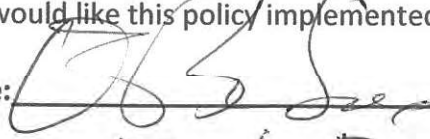
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Signature: Kim Faust Date: 6.19.22

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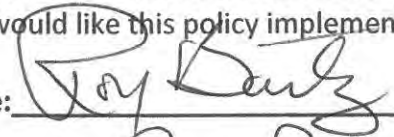
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Signature: Louise G. Hall Date: 7/4/2022

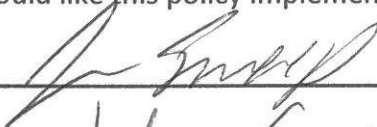
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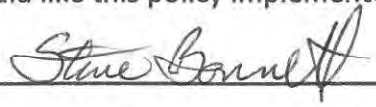
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Printed name: Steve Bonnett

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Signature: Tamekia Brock Date: 6-15-22

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Signature: Randal Kinder Date: 4-12-22

Printed name: RANDAL KINDER

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Signature: Lonnie Zuccaro Date: 8/7/22

Printed name: LONNIE ZUCCARO



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Printed name: FRANCES LORRAINE Haas

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Signature: Martha Hendrickson Date: Jul. 26, 2022

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Signature:  Date: 07/16/2022

Printed name: Sarah Marie Riedel

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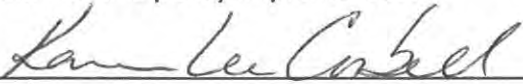
Printed name: JOHN T. COWAN

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Signature:  Date: 7-13-22

Printed name: Karen Lee Corbell

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): karenleecorbell@gmail.com

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Signature: Shayla Plourd Date: 7/12/22

Printed name: Shayla Plourd

Contact (phone, email, or mailing): Shayla\_1989@yahoo.com

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Signature: Kevin Barnett Date: 7/12/2022

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Contact (phone, email, or mailing): 907-299-8292 Kbnrnet5@kentech

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Signature: Richard Hoover Date: 7/9/22

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Signature: Louis M. Krivitsky Date: 7/10/22

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Printed name: Travis R Robotkay



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Signature: Starlet F. Tangman Date: 8/11/22

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Signature: *Palmer Bailey* Date: 7/28/22

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Signature: JL Date: 8/13/2022

Printed name: JONATHAN HAMILTON

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Signature: Brandon D. Cross Date: 8/6/2022

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Signature: Karen Ham Date: 08/02/22

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Signature: Julia A Kinder Date: 10-12-22  
 Printed name: Julia A Kinder

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Signature: Mark Schneider Date: June 19th 2022

Printed name: Mark Schneider

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Signature: Andrew Redmond Date: June 17, 2022

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Signature: Ryan Carlson Date: 6/12/22

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Contact phone email or mailing: 907-336-4600 / rcarlson@homerak.org

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... .. (907) 772-9761

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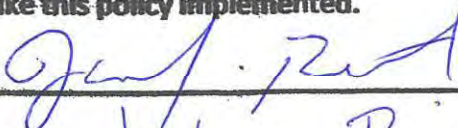
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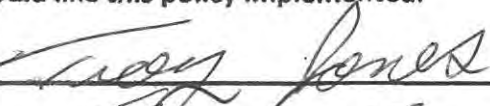
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 Printed name: Jacquyn Rainwater

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Signature: Bryan A Edwards Date: 6-14-2022

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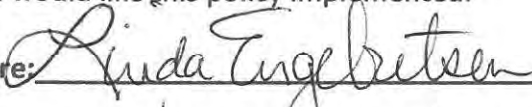
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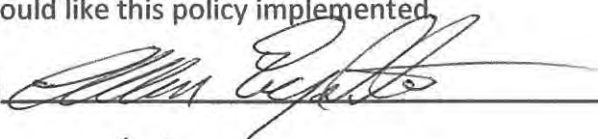
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Printed name: Diane Bartz

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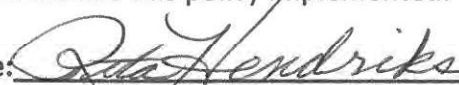
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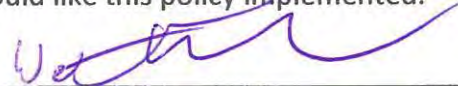
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Signature: John Baker Date: June 12, 2022  
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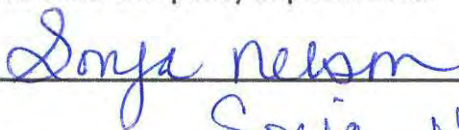
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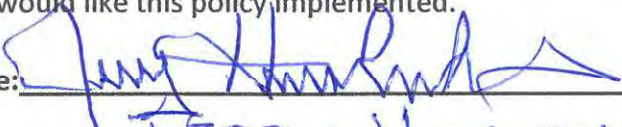
Signature:  Date: 6-12-2022  
Printed name: Sonya Nelson

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Printed name: JERRY HENDRIKS

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Signature: Paulina Baker Date: June 12, 2022

Printed name: Paulina Baker

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Signature: Marie Bader, Date: 6-12-22

Printed name: Marie Bader

Additional comments: Remove or at least place in the  
adult section

**Some examples of titles we would like removed:**

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Signature: Ronald L Hess Date: 6-12-2022

Printed name: Ronald L Hess

Additional comments:

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Joy G. would not like this LGBTQ+ books

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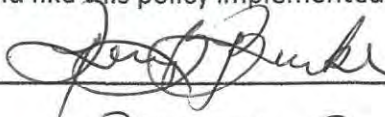
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Signature:  Date: 6/12/22

Printed name: RENITA B BURKE

Additional comments:

I do not want our children to be  
confused of their IDENTITY.

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Signature:  Date: 10/22/22

Printed name: Kira Tipikin

Additional comments:

I am concerned for my children &  
grandchildren.

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Signature: Sylvia Francine Trygstad Date: 7/11/2022

Printed name: Sylvia Francine Trygstad

Additional comments:

We're not asking you to remove  
completely from the library. But  
they do not belong in the  
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Signature: Nicole Kohl Date: 7/16/2022

Printed name: NICOLE KOHL

Additional comments:

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in the air force. His husband is native american.  
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Signature: Meyanna Fairbank Date: 6/12/22

Printed name: Meyanna Fairbank  
Additional comments:

As a mom to two young children, I don't  
feel comfortable with these types of books in  
the childrens section.

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Signature: Jacob Baker Date: 8-7-22

Printed name: Jacob Baker

Additional comments:

Sexual preferences and discussions are best left  
in the hands of adults, children should be allowed  
to discuss these matters with parental guidance  
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Signature: John A Bacher Date: 7/4/22

Printed name: John A BACHER

Additional comments:

More content to Adult section with  
limited access.

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Signature: Daniel I. Buckwalter Date: 6/20/22

Printed name: Daniel I. Buckwalter

Additional comments:

Exposure to any topic before an age where a child is capable of making a reasoned decision should be the responsibility of their parent. This should keep any gender based/sexual information out of the childrens section at the library as well as the early school years curriculum.

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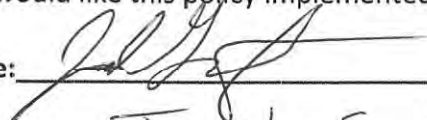
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Signature:  Date: 12 Jun 2022

Printed name: Jacob S. Gerasimov

Additional comments:

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*This subject is extremely inappropriate for children and must be moved elsewhere. Let's come together & agree to protect the innocence of our children. Thank you!*

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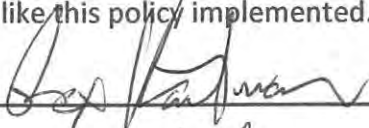
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Signature:  Date: Aug. 6 2022

Printed name: Rex Kautzman

Additional comments:

LGBTQ should never be allowed in schools or  
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Signature: John Ross Date: 7/11/22

Printed name: Joshua Ross

Additional comments:

And ... what next in the kids section? Pot adult material in adult sections. NOT where kids have free access.

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Signature: Myra Ryan Date: 7/14/2022

Printed name: Myra Ryan

Additional comments:

Let the parents teach the children  
 Let kids decide @ 21 what they want to do  
 w/ their bodies

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Signature:  Date: 06/12/2023

Printed name: Joshua J Kremer

Additional comments:  
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Putting books like this in the reach of children  
is a way to bypass parental rights and  
subversive.

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Signature: Frankie J. Weber Date: 6/19/22

Printed name: Frankie J. Weber

Additional comments:

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if being gay is Natural it does

NOT need to be taught or Shoved

down our throat !!!

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Signature: Jenny L Holgate Lemieux Date: 7-4-22

Printed name: Jenny L Holgate Lemieux

Additional comments: It would be better for parents  
to educate thre kids on this  
subject.

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Signature: Marilyn A Hess Date: 6-12-2022

Printed name: Marilyn A. Hess

Additional comments:

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Signature: Karen A Shedy Date: 6/18/22

Printed name: Karen A Shedy

Additional comments:

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Please consider this message.

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Signature:  Date: 6/12/2022

Printed name: William Kueen

Additional comments:  
Any sexualization of children before  
they come to maturity is entirely  
unacceptable.

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Signature:  Date: 7/3/22

Printed name: Randy Arndt

Additional comments:

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Nothing prevents parents who want to trust  
their children from doing it on their own.  
Not something that should be funded by those

Some examples of titles we would like removed: who find it offensive

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Signature: Joseph E Brewer Date: 10-16-22

Printed name: JOSEPH BREWER

Additional comments:

THIS MATERIAL HAS NO PLACE IN  
THE LIVES OF CHILDREN

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Signature: Katie Baker

Date: 6/8/22

Printed name:

Katie Baker

Additional comments:

If these types of books are permitted to remain  
in the children's section of the Homer library  
I believe your organization will not only lose  
attendance but support from a large majority  
of our community.

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Signature: Jasmine Baker Date: 6-19-22

Printed name: Jasmine Baker

Additional comments:

Even though I i'm 16 year's old, girl, I

believe that young children should not be filling  
there heads with this wrongly pushed movement/agenda

they need to read books like the bible and how to count,  
read etc. we don't need these kinds of books, they will not help the next  
Some examples of titles we would like removed: generation grow into strong christain  
leaders.

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Signature: *Curtis Olson + Lorna Olson* Date: 6/19/22

Printed name: CURTIS OLSON + LORNA OLSON

Additional comments: MAKE AMERICA GREAT!

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Signature: Nancy Luabs Date: 6-19-22

Printed name: Nancy Luabs

Additional comments:  
As a mother and grandmother it saddens  
me to think society has stooped so low to  
allow such degrading ideas especially to  
our children.

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Signature: Yan Kandror Date: 07/04/2022

Printed name: YAN KANDROR

Additional comments: I believe that those  
who do not share this worldview  
are entitled to safe space.  
In no way I support removing these

Some examples of titles we would like removed: materials  
altogether

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Signature: *Michael Shane Campbell* Date: 7-10-22

Printed name: Michael Shane Campbell

Additional comments:

School is to teach our children the basics with impartiality  
It is not the school's job or right to teach issues of gender or  
sexual choice ESPECIALLY to young children. Please  
remove <sup>the</sup> books that are trying to indoctrinate our children to  
a special interest. It not your job or duty.

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Signature: Matthew Rafferty Date: 7/10/2022

Printed name: Matthew Rafferty

Additional comments:  
there are only 2 genders!

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Signature: Colette S. Walker Date: 7/10/2022

Printed name: Colette S. Walker

Additional comments:

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I have never believed in propaganda.

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Signature: Lora L. Craig Date: 07/04/2022

Printed name: LORA L. CRAIG

Additional comments: Remove entirely!

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Signature: KE Brock Date: 6/22/2022

Printed name: Keith E. Brock

Additional comments:

*Just have it to the parents <sup>discussion</sup> ~~discussion~~ as to whether or not they want their children to learn about this subject. Let them ~~buy~~ buy their own books and teach their kids at home.*

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Signature: *Dinah Rae* Date: 7.4.22

Printed name: Dinah Rae

Additional comments:  
Adult content only  
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Signature: Kathryn Cowdrey Date: 7/4/22

Printed name: Kathryn Cowdrey

Additional comments:  
Not really necessary for little kids to see/read  
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- ② I live in the Homer Alaska area.
- ③ I would like this policy implemented.

Signature: Bruce E. Hendrickson Date: 9/17/2022

Printed name: BRUCE E. HENDRICKSON

Additional comments:

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ACROSS AMERICA, MILLIONS OF TEACHERS DO NOT

SHARE THEIR CHRISTIAN FAITH IN PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ORDER TO NOT

ESTABLISH A STATE RELIGION. WHY SHOULD THE NEW "GAY IS GREAT"  
RELIGION BE ESTABLISHED NOW? AS A STATE RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE  
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Signature: Susan Engelhardt Date: 7-11-2022

Printed name: SUSAN ENGELHARDT

Additional comments:

This is essential to protect our next generations!

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Signature:  Date: 7-10-22

Printed name: RICHARD ROBOTNIK

Additional comments:

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PLEASE REMOVE THESE BOOKS FROM THE CHILDREN'S SECTION & PLACE THEM IN AN ISOLATED AREA THAT ISN'T EASILY ACCESSABLE WITHOUT PARENTS SUPERVISION.

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Signature: Shane Corbell Date: 7-14-22

Printed name: Shane Corbell

Additional comments: Just stop

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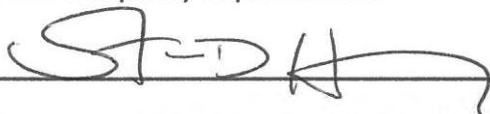
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Signature:  Date: 4/17/22

Printed name: STEVEN D. HOBY

Additional comments:

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OUR CHILDREN need to be protected AND PARENTS

need to have the right to either shield or allow

their kids to view this. (Although my personal belief  
is that it should not

Some examples of titles we would like removed:

even be available, THIS  
compromise is fair.)

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Signature: Ann M. Dahlgren Date: 8/7/22

Printed name: Ann M. Dahlgren

Additional comments:  
Parents need to be  
able to determine — not kids

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Signature: Rachel D. Kremer Date: 06-17-2022

Printed name: Rachel D. Kremer

Additional comments:  
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This content is not appropriate for children.  
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Signature: Judah D. Rainwater Date: 6/19/22

Printed name: Judah Daniel Rainwater

**Additional comments:**

IF it be in Gods will, and with His love poured  
out over this project so His heart and  
truth is open to all affected, to see,  
let it be done!

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Signature: Matthew Stillman Date: 7-4-2022

Printed name: Matthew Stillman

Additional comments:

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Please don't allow our children to be indoctrinated

at the public library.

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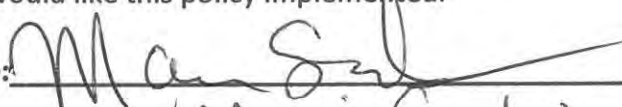
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Signature:  Date: 7/4/22

Printed name: Maria Santa Lucia

Additional comments:  
Please move to ADULT section  
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Signature: Jackie Alward Date: 7/4/22

Printed name: Jackie Alward

Additional comments:

It's child abuse and disgusting!

Those books should never be in kids section!

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Signature: David John Date: 7/4/22

Printed name: David John

Additional comments:

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Kids don't need to see that crap!

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Signature:  Date: 7/4/2022

Printed name: David N. Johnson

Additional comments: NO means NO!

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Signature:  Date: 7/28/22

Printed name: Andrea Cross

Additional comments:

we ask that parents be allowed to seek out  
these titles<sup>out</sup> if they would like to make them  
available to ~~them~~<sup>their own</sup> children + not force all peoples'

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children to be confronted  
with them in the  
children's area.

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- 1- I am a parent.
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Signature: Steven Smith Date: 08/23/22

Printed name: Steven Smith

Additional comments:

I would like kids to just be kids. The brain  
is not fully developed till the age 25.

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Signature: Gloria Stuart Date: 7/11/2022

Printed name: GLORIA STUART

Additional comments:

This is an issue children's  
parents are to be in charge of  
educating them for. NOT BOOKS!

Some examples of titles we would like removed:

*Julian is a Mermaid*

*Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*

*Two Grooms on a Cake: the Story of America's First Gay Wedding*

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Signature: Margaret Retera Date: 07-11-2022

Printed name: Margaret Retera

Additional comments:

Keep Our School Clean and proper learning

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Signature: Beverly J Robot Kay Date: July 8, 2022

Printed name: Beverly J Robot Kay

Additional comments:

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take it out of the fam kids area -  
 put <sup>the books</sup> ~~them~~ into a separate category  
 when <sup>parents</sup> ~~adults~~ can approve or disapprove

Some examples of titles we would like removed:

Thank you!

*Julian is a Mermaid*

*Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*

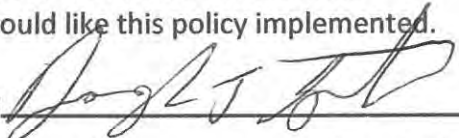
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Signature:  Date: 2/12/22

Printed name: DOUGLAS J STUART

Additional comments:

HOW ABOUT WE LET KIDS MATURE A BIT BEFORE  
INFLUENCING THEM!!!

Some examples of titles we would like removed:

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Signature:  Date: 7/11/22

Printed name: Toni Ross

Additional comments:

I have quit bringing my 8 and 12  
year old boys to the Homer Library  
because of this type of media that  
they may accidentally encounter.

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Signature: Shannon Pretzel Date: 6/12/22

Printed name: SHANNON PRETZEL

Additional comments:

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This is completely inappropriate for children. This is an adult issue.

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Signature: Mary T. Rainwater Date: 6-19-22

Printed name: Mary T. Rainwater

Additional comments:

I believe that children should have a  
happy, care free life. They don't have to  
be introduced to grown up situations.  
They are to be protected at this  
stage of their lives.

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Signature: Cora E. Trowbridge Date: 6-14-2022

Printed name: CORA TROWBRIDGE

Additional comments:

Against placement of these books / Kids section

Some examples of titles we would like removed:

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Signature: Janet Bacher Date: July 4, 2022

Printed name: Janet Bacher

Additional comments:

Please move these books out of the kids section -  
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Signature: Christine K Bonnett Date: 7/4/2022

Printed name: Christine K Bonnett

Additional comments:

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*I definitely think this is an important consideration worthy of implementing. Thank you.*

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Signature: Demi Charron Date: 7-4-22

Printed name: Devielle Charron

Additional comments:

Please move to adult section

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Signature: Domnika Martishev Date: 07/04/22

Printed name: Domnika Martishev

Additional comments:

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let kids be kids!!!  
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Signature: Ray Wigdal Date: 8-1-22

Printed name: Ray Wigdal

Additional comments:

We as a community need to  
promote healthy family role  
models, not friase abnormal  
lifestyles.

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Signature: Kevin L Dahtgren Date: 8/7/22

Printed name: Kevin L Dahtgren

Additional comments:  
The Above petition  
I Agree with

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Signature: Carol J. Liebers Date: 7-3-22

Printed name: CAROL J. LIEBERS

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Signature: Shelly Fraley Date: 7/2/22

Printed name: Shelly Fraley



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Signature: *Patty Thomas* Date: 7-3-22

Printed name: Patty Thomas

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Signature: *Marlene G. Fizette* Date: 7-3-2022

Printed name: Marlene G. Fizette

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Signature: Jill Fraley Date: 7/3/2022  
Printed name: Jill Fraley

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Signature: Aspen Struider Date: 7/3/22  
Printed name: Aspen Struider

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#### Submission information

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 Submitted by Visitor (not verified)  
 Sun, 10/30/2022 - 4:28pm  
 72.235.186.34

**First Name** Andrew

**Last Name** Haas

**Email** yatra@ak.net

**Phone Number** 9072353270

**Are You A City or Non-City Resident?** City Resident

**Which commission/board meeting do you want to attend?** Library Advisory Board

**What is the type of meeting you want to participate in?** Regular Meeting

**Date of Meeting you want to participate in?** Tue, 11/15

**What type of comments will you be giving?**

Comments of the Audience - Citizens may comment on any topic.

#### Written Testimony

I am a life-long fan of libraries, books and education. First, I'd like to thank you for your service to our town and your continued support of our library.

I am writing to emphasize the importance of supporting our library's policy of book selection and for keeping diverse library items available to all readers.

According to the US Supreme Court decision in *Island Trees vs. Pico*, 457 US 853 (1982), materials may not be removed from libraries just for the ideas contained in them. The Court viewed that school libraries are places for voluntary inquiry. District selection policies support that by asking librarians to select materials that speak to a wide range of maturity levels, interest levels, cultural differences, and that explore various sides of controversial issues.

In determining whether a book should remain on the shelves of a children's library, we are faced with many conflicting criteria that require education, training and experience. Fortunately, in my 30 years in Homer I have witnessed that all of our head librarians are well-trained and extremely competent. They are the ones that should decide this rather than us.

In this partisan age, this challenge to books may be the first in a series of challenges. Therefore, your most important threshold decision is to determine what level of scrutiny should be applied. In doing so, it

is helpful to consider how Alaska Courts determine the level of deference that should be provided. The Alaskan Courts apply the reasonable basis standard, under which they give deference to an agency's interpretation so long as it is reasonable, when the interpretation at issue implicates the agency expertise or the determination of fundamental policies within the scope of the agency's functions. *Marathon Oil v. Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources*, 254 P.3d 1078, 1082 (Alaska 2011).

Why should there be such a deference? The Alaska Courts have realized that the City may broadly delegate powers to a city officer such as the Head Librarian. Delegation promotes efficient government: "without the power to delegate duty and discretion the affairs of [a municipality] could not be carried on." *Municipality of Anchorage v. Anchorage Police Dep't Emp. Ass'n*, 839 P.2d 1080, 1084 (Alaska 1992). And in doing so a reviewing body does not substitute its less trained analysis for that of the expert.

What that means to us is that if the Head Librarian makes a decision that is based upon an expertise greater than ours, or if his decision is a fundamental policy to the library, then we should not disturb his decision if it is reasonable.

Obviously the decision to stock books in our library, along with their placement, is a decision that falls within the training and expertise of our Head Librarian. And equally obvious that decision is quite reasonable.

Subjectively banning or hiding books that makes one person uncomfortable is a disservice to children's education and freedom. No book is right for everyone—but it can make a significant difference in one's life.

While a particular parent may find a book concerning, a parent or group of parents do not get to make a decision for all young readers; a parent reserves the right to decide only for their own student. The orderly operation of a city library relies on following published and approved policies on any subject.

In addition, I ask for your support of our credentialed librarians, who are trained professionals with a wide body of knowledge in the area of book development. You should rely on the judgment and professional skills of library personnel while retaining books on a variety of viewpoints in the library collection.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Andrew Haas

**Electronic Signature**

Andrew Haas

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree that I am the person identified above and that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.

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**From:** Melissa Jacobsen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 1:59 PM  
**To:** Rachel Tussey  
**Subject:** FW: Comment for the Library Advisory Board about Childrens books

**From:** Mia Barrett <mia.e.barrett@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 1:39 PM  
**To:** Department Clerk <clerk@ci.homer.ak.us>  
**Subject:** Comment for the Library Advisory Board about Childrens books

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Hello,

I would like the following comment to be sent to the Library Advisory Board for inclusion in their packet.

I am writing in defense of children's books that represent LGBTQ+ storylines and characters. These books are crucial for the mental health of young people who are LGBTQ+ or questioning or have LGBTQ+ people in their lives. This representation makes people feel less isolated and connected. Decreasing feelings of isolation decrease the risk of suicide. As adults, we have the responsibility to protect young people by helping them experience the richness of the world and help them see their place in it. I urge the Library Advisory Board to continue to keep LGBTQ+ children's books in the childrens section.

Thank you,  
Mia Barrett

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 Submitted by Visitor (not verified)  
 Mon, 11/07/2022 - 2:09pm  
 69.161.17.202

**First Name** Brianna

**Last Name** Allen

**Email** bri.m.allen@gmail.com

**Phone Number**

**Are You A City or Non-City Resident?** City Resident

**Which commission/board meeting do you want to attend?** Library Advisory Board

**What is the type of meeting you want to participate in?** Regular Meeting

**Date of Meeting you want to participate in?** Tue, 11/15

**What type of comments will you be giving?**

Public Hearings - Citizens may comment on items scheduled for public hearing when the Presiding Officer opens the Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing Agenda Item:** LGBTQ book relocation

#### Written Testimony

Books like these teach confidence, inclusion and appreciation for all and help to create a more loving community at home today and beyond tomorrow. Please continue to include these books for children to explore the wide beautiful world of diversity, with safety and support, at their own public library.

#### Electronic Signature

Brianna Allen

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#### Submission information

Form: [Submit Written Testimony for Commission and Board Meetings](#) [1]  
 Submitted by Visitor (not verified)  
 Mon, 11/07/2022 - 5:28pm  
 104.254.226.133

**First Name** Joy  
**Last Name** Steward  
**Email** joysteward579@gmail.com  
**Phone Number** (907) 299-9902  
**Are You A City or Non-City Resident?** Non-City Resident

**Which commission/board meeting do you want to attend?** Library Advisory Board

**What is the type of meeting you want to participate in?** Regular Meeting

**Date of Meeting you want to participate in?** Thu, 11/10

**What type of comments will you be giving?**

Public Comments - Citizen may comment on regular agenda items not scheduled for public hearing or Plat Considerations (Planning Commission only) such as Consent Agenda items, Minutes, Reports, Pending Business, New Business, and Informational Materials.

#### Written Testimony

November 7, 2022

Dear Library Advisory Board Members,

We are longtime community members who cherish our Homer Public Library. We believe the Library's highest purpose is to provide free access to information for everyone without constraints of any one individual or group's personal beliefs. That said, we appreciate that there is a process for members of the public to bring their concerns to the Library.

In this most recent instance, we support Library Director Dave Barry's decision to not remove the materials in question from the children's room. We strongly urge you to support his decision as well.

Regards,

Joy Steward and Stuart Schmutzler

PS: We are both retired, live outside the City limits, and Joy is currently serving on the Friends of the Homer Public Library Board.

#### Electronic Signature

Joy Steward

I understand that checking this box constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and agree that I am the person identified above and that I acknowledge and agree to the above Terms of Acceptance.

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## Rachel Tussey

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**From:** Melissa Jacobsen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 1:52 PM  
**To:** Rachel Tussey  
**Subject:** FW: Library Advisory Board Meeting comment

**From:** Jaime Roth <waterfal29@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 11:36 AM  
**To:** Department Clerk <clerk@ci.homer.ak.us>  
**Subject:** Library Advisory Board Meeting comment

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Hi this is Jaime Roth and I would like to leave a comment.

LGBTQ themed children books should not be removed from the children's library because they represent real people in our community in a respectful manner. Books such as these teach inclusion, empathy, diversity and freedom to make our own choices as long as we don't hurt others, which is a long-held value of this country. These books can prevent hate and bullying and also support the mental health of others who relate to these stories. These books say, "Its Ok and normal to be different. It's Ok to be you."

On a personal note, I have a beloved friend who grew up believing from elementary age through her teen years that she was the only gay person in the entire world. The isolation and shame she felt led to depression, suicidal ideation, eating disorders and anxiety. Now she is happily married to the love of her life, a woman, has 2 beautiful children and is working on her masters degree in graphic design. Having access to books that tell stories of people like her could have spared her some suffering.

Children will not lose their innocence hearing about someone having two mommies. Children will not change their sexual orientation or identity after hearing a story about a boy who likes to wear a dress. My friend grew up not hearing a single story and is still very gay. And for the children who relate to these stories, it can improve and perhaps even insure their very life. Thank you for your time.



## Rachel Tussey

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**From:** Melissa Jacobsen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 8:56 PM  
**To:** Rachel Tussey  
**Subject:** FW: Library Advisory Board Meeting (11/15/22)

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From: Brianna Lee <brianna\_bryngelson@me.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 10:05 AM  
To: Department Clerk <clerk@ci.homer.ak.us>  
Subject: Library Advisory Board Meeting (11/15/22)

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I'm writing in to express my opposition for the petition that wants to remove books from the children's shelves dealing with LGBTQ+ stories and people. "That is just wrong!" is what my seven year old daughter said. She asked me "why would anybody want to take books away from kids?!"

I am furious that I even have to write this letter. Imagine how a parent or child who identifies as LGBTQ+ feels navigating the world and living amongst a community who wants to remove them?

We have gay and transgender friends and family members. To remove stories of people just because of how they exist in the world is wrong, ignorant, hateful and homophobic. Just because you have an opinion about these types of people and stories does not make them bad. You have a choice and I hope you can make your own choice when picking out the best books to read with your kids. What my kids might want to read might not be the same as your kids. It doesn't mean that you should take those stories away from my kid. That's not how things work.

To those who went out of their way to make this petition I would directly urge them to go read more stories written about and by LGBTQ+ people. Have you actually read these children's books? They are wonderful stories. Maybe they would teach you a few things and open your heart and mind? Just a thought?

Also, you can simply just not read the books. If your child happens to stumble upon one of these stories and it's confusing for them then perfect, read it and you'll learn something and maybe you won't be confused anymore. LGBTQ+ people have always existed and always will exist in our world. That is why books and libraries are so important and you cannot take these books away from us or our children.

-Brianna Lee

Sent from my iPhone

November 8, 2022

Dear Library Advisory Board Members,

It has come to my attention that you will be listening to a group with a petition asking that certain types of books be removed from the library or at the very least, moved out of the children's section to another place in the library. I was able to find the body of the petition on the AlaskaWatchman.com website.

I am a local resident and an avid library user. I currently volunteer on the Friends of the Library board, but that is not the hat I'm wearing as I write this. I'm writing to you as an individual citizen of Homer, a retired educator, a parent of grown children, and an auntie.

At the outset, I can appreciate parents not wanting their children to be exposed to certain elements, be they clothes, books, foods, friends, TV shows, or situations. It's our job as a parent to protect and guide and keep safe our children as long as we can.

That said, let's take it a step further. We make choices about where, when and how we protect and guide, and when we make the choice to enter a public library, we need to understand that there might be 'elements' (books) that we simply don't like, or more pertinent to this petition, books we just don't want our children to encounter so that they may browse freely. One of the great things about public libraries is that they are open to and serve the whole public, and that means everyone, with tastes and interests as diverse as the individuals themselves.

I can't help but think this is really a case about equal access. Let's imagine that a patron is disgusted by a book that their child pulled off the shelf in the children's section, a book that is about a little boy who wants to wear tights and skirts and maybe even some make up once in a while. Notwithstanding how the situation is handled in the moment, we can expect that this parent says no to their child for this book, and directs/guides them to other books. This parent may then complain to library staff, might start a petition (all appropriate actions), or may even try to 'hide' the book, so that it can't be easily seen or accessed by others (not appropriate). Now let's imagine that I take my young nephew to the library, he discovers the same book, and he sits down and reads it cover to cover, several times over, and is clearly engrossed and processing the information. Maybe he's connecting to it, maybe he's horrified or maybe he's even a bit confused. But I'm watching and I notice he's spending quite a bit of time with it, and he seems intrigued and interested. And maybe this nephew likes to wear tights and skirts, and he's making some important connections. So, we have two different patrons with two different reactions to a children's book.

If this book stays where it is, in the children's section, then we both continue to have equal and free access to it. If the patron's petition results in removing the book, then that action impedes and prevents me as another patron from equal and free access to it. Perhaps the essential question here is: should both patrons have equal access to books located in their

designated sections, and then are free to make their own choices and selections from there? If adopted city library policy is to be followed, the answer to that question would be a resounding yes.

I found the Homer Public Library's Collection Development Policy on the library's website. The third paragraph under Section D, Intellectual Freedom, states: (italized & bolded are mine)

***Access to library materials are not to be restricted beyond what is required to protect materials from theft or damage. Items are not labeled to indicate point of view or bias. The Library assures free access to its holdings for all patrons, who are free to select or reject for themselves any item in the collection. Individual or group prejudice about a particular item or type of material in the collection may not preclude its use by others.***

In my opinion, the last two sentences of this paragraph thoroughly yet succinctly capture the essence of equal and free access. These two sentences provide a foundational and compelling argument against removing or moving public library materials that some patrons may find inappropriate. If I don't like a book about Hitler or white nationalism, I may not preclude it from you. If you don't like a book about a little boy who dresses differently than other little boys, you may not preclude it from me. It simple as that.

As I mentioned above, when we make the choice of entering a public place or space, we do so acknowledging that there will most likely be a fair amount of diversity in that environment, and there's no better example of this than a public library and its collection. I'll defend a parent's right and responsibility to guide and protect their children, and I can respect the skill and navigation required to do so in a variety of situations, having been there, done that. What I'd have a hard time defending is one parent's guidance and protection practices precluding those of another parent's guidance and protection practices, especially in public libraries.

I imagine addressing any kind of petition is stressful, and one involving public library materials viewed as controversial by some patrons even more so. It appears there is solid policy to use as a guideline in your decision-making process. Because of this, there should be no basis for approving this petition.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Cordially,  
Judy Gonsalves  
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Homer, AK 99603

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#### **Written Testimony**

Dear Members of Homer Library Advisory Board:

I am a non-resident, owning business properties within Homer City limits. I rely on access to the library through the online services due to medical disability but in the past have benefited greatly from the use of the physical offerings of the library including witnessing the joy my child experienced every time he was able to visit the children's section of the library as a small child. I am strongly opposed to any efforts to move books that are written for children from the children's section to the adult's section (or any other space) in the library.

One of the issues that appears to be of concern for the petitioners bringing this issue forth is regarding change in language that relates to "pronouns" that expand definitions of personal and group identity. Language is living and constantly evolving. A good example of exactly this issue is the use of "you" and "thou" representing second-person singular that changed in the 17th century. The use of "thou" as second-person singular came to be viewed as impolite, but as we all know, civilization has continued despite this language shake-up. This shift in pronoun use requires some flexibility on the part of the language user but that doesn't mean that our public library shouldn't be a resource for the next generation of citizens on how to navigate language that will likely be used for the rest of the 21st century.

In reviewing the books that were mentioned by the petitioners, I think the petitioners are sexualizing these children's books. These books are written for children. A child, having no idea of "the act of sex" or the term "sexual identity" isn't going to interpret them this way. They are merely going to hear words of support for their personal uniqueness and for some children, potentially be the only validation for the wonderfulness of their humanity – something they may not get at home or in any other setting. With more mature children, they may also provide ways for children to have safe introductions to difficult to broach topics that children and parents often struggle to talk openly about.

The public library is not the domain of one group of users. Users need to flex and adapt to the materials found within the library or as the saying on social media goes, "or scroll on by!". If these petitioners are uncomfortable with offerings in the library, there are several options available to those who are parents: go with your children and stop them from pulling books off the shelf you deem inappropriate; allow them to pull books off the shelves and then cull their stack based on your views; or third, apply what many reading educators say, allow your child to read what they are drawn to within this age-appropriate reading range, be readily available for questions and answer questions in a way that meets the developmental needs and stage of your child strengthening the parent-child bond and providing a safe and parent-approved learning environment.

Lastly, this move is a strategy that once permitted will open the door for future user groups to dictate to the Advisory Board and professional staff that oversee the library regarding content and accessibility. This must never be the case.

Please keep children's' books in the children's section of the library.

Sincerely,  
Sallie Rediske

**Electronic Signature**

Sallie Rediske

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Public Hearings - Citizens may comment on items scheduled for public hearing when the Presiding Officer opens the Public Hearing.

**Public Hearing Agenda Item:** LGBTQ book ban

#### Written Testimony

To the library advisory board,

It has come to my attention that there is a group of local citizens who have contacted Homer Public Library and requested that books referencing LGBT topics be removed from the children's area and secured elsewhere. This, to me, implies that there is inherently a content matter within these books that makes them inappropriate to have in the eyesight of young children. I believe that you have had the opportunity to review books that fall into the categorization that is being questioned. I also know that the Homer Public Library's Collection Development Policy clearly states the responsibility of determining which books a child is to read from the library rests with their caregivers.

The notion that there is an inherent risk to children in reading or looking at books that portray queer characters is honestly, nothing short of absurd. These books sit alongside books that portray children becoming pirates, eating worms or, in the case of Goldilocks, breaking into a bears' home and causing extensive destruction. These books all introduce children to magical worlds and real life experiences and a whole lot of make believe. Some of these books teach History, Science, Art and languages from around the world. But, books that incorporate queer characters are not somehow grooming children. Books are not actually capable of such acts without a person in a position of power using text to manipulate the young person. Introduction of concepts does not equate to grooming.

I have been working with queer youth for nearly a decade as I have been trying to help them get access to their basic needs and safety after their families have disowned them. None of them became gay because someone groomed them. Instead, they became homeless because they had a family that didn't accept them for who they were. Data shows that LGBTQ+ youth are 4 times more likely to attempt suicide. This is primarily due to the stigma and societal shame put on them. This is due to the number of adults and peers in their lives who work hard to tell them that they are bad/lying/evil/disgusting/perverted and don't belong in our world because of who they are.

When books and other media show characters like ourselves, we feel less alone in the world. Representation is crucial not only to those who relate to it personally but also for those that will someday interact with someone who lives differently than they do.

I was reading a fantasy book with my daughter recently. She was about 9 at the time. There was a character in the book who

was a wise, talking lion who used the pronouns they/them. There was never discussion about it in the story. It wasn't a key part of the story and I didn't say anything about it while I read. But as we discussed the story, my daughter noted that the lion didn't get called "he" or "she". She thought it was interesting and we enjoyed the way that it made us realize that, in reality, there was no reason for us to assume gender for animals in most stories or even in real life in wildlife sightings. The use of those pronouns though, did actually help us understand how we can use them with someone we might meet who uses the same pronouns.

Books are meant to inspire deeper thought and a greater understanding of the world we live in. Books can evoke all sorts of emotions and thoughts. They can often push the reader to expand their awareness of the world in ways that can be uncomfortable. Discomfort however, if not a reason to remove books from the childrens' section when the benefit of their availability could mean that a child doesn't feel so alone that they try to end their life.

I hope that you all refuse to allow yourselves to be pushed by fear and ignorance to remove these books from childrens' access. I hope that those demanding their removal don't make you feel uncomfortable and fearful and compelled to defer to their will. I truly believe that you all know the importance of free speech within our library and the importance of books like these.

I feel confident that you too, recognize the danger of banning books and limiting access, especially when it comes to a population that, due to public condemnation is at such a high risk for suicide and human trafficking. If you would like to learn more about LGBTQ issues and get more access and training in advocacy, I encourage you to visit The Trevor Project. They offer a wealth of resources for queer youth, allies and community organizations trying to improve the safety of their community.

[www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org)

Thank you for your dedication to providing a safe and supportive environment where our community, young and old can expand their understanding of everything and anything imaginable. With libraries, anything and everything is within reach and it needs to stay that way.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this with me, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

Jane M Dunn

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## **HOMER PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

### **A. PURPOSE OF POLICY**

This collection development policy has been prepared by the director and staff of the Homer Public Library, approved by the Library Advisory Board, and adopted by the Homer City Council. Its purpose is to guide the library staff in the selection of materials, and to inform the public about the principles upon which the library's collection is developed and maintained.

The Homer Public Library endeavors to keep up with changes in the community and library technology. This policy will be reviewed every three years by the library director, and updated and approved by the Library Advisory Board as needed.

### **B. STATEMENT OF MISSION AND GOALS**

The mission statement of the Library guides this Collection Development Policy:

The Homer Public Library serves the diverse needs of our community members by providing access to information, promoting literacy, and facilitating lifelong learning. We foster education, personal well-being, cultural creativity, community engagement, and economic development. Our resources are offered without charge to people of all ages and abilities within our service area.

### **C. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

Homer is a small community located 233 road miles south of Anchorage, Alaska. The Library's service population area contains the City of Homer and the surrounding borough communities, including Kachemak City, Seldovia, Anchor Point, Diamond Ridge, Fritz Creek, Kachemak Bay, Port Graham, Ninilchik, Nanwalek, Nikolaevsk, Voznesenka, Razdolna, and Kachemak Selo.

According to estimates by the State of Alaska in 2013, the population of the City of Homer is 5,136. The population of the surrounding communities within the library service area is 8,400, for a total of 13,536 total residents in the Library's service area. Approximately 87% of the population is Caucasian, with American Indians and Alaska Natives comprising the largest minority population at 6.7%, according to 2010 United States census data. English is the predominant language in the Homer area, with the exception of four predominantly Russian-speaking villages.

In addition to the Homer Public Library, three other municipal public libraries are located in the Kenai Peninsula Borough: the Joyce K. Carver Soldotna Public Library, the Kenai Community Library, and the Seward Community Library, located 80, 90, and 185 miles from Homer, respectively. The communities of Anchor Point and Ninilchik maintain small public libraries. The Pratt Museum in Homer operates a non-lending library and two small academic libraries are located at the Kenai Peninsula College in