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Dear Mayor Kristine Deiss, Michael Tyree and West Bend Community Memorial Library Board,

The reason for this letter is an obvious omission in material associated with the West Bend Library System which needs to be addressed immediately. The health, safety and well being of many people hinges on getting this situation rectified.

While searching your library’s online catalog, I could not find many books about leaving homosexuality or the origins of same sex attractions. There were none to be found whatsoever in the Young Adult section. Every day parents of gay children search for answers to their children’s condition only to be given the same information: “deal with it” or “they are born that way”. Neither of these are satisfactory options for the concerned parent. In addition to the numerous homosexual books which appear on your library system, your library needs to provide ex-gay books to everyone seeking it.

We are concerned about young children stumbling upon these books at our public library. We ask that these books, and other similar propagandistic gay books either not be carried or that they be put in a reference section to protect children from accessing them without their parents’ knowledge and supervision.

We further ask that the web page referencing book recommendations for homosexual activity among teens “Out of the Closet” be removed or password-protected in order to, once again, prevent access without parental permission.

Please provide equal access to all information, including ex-gay books. According to the American Library Association, libraries cannot support censorship and a librarian’s professional code requires them to seek out books that represent a wide range of viewpoints. Therefore, please order some of the following books for the library:


• **Light in the Closet: Torah, Homosexuality, and the Power to Change** by Arthur Goldberg ISBN: 0-9631478-8-9


• **Alfie’s Home** (Children’s picture book) by Richard Cohen ISBN: 0963705806


Many of these books can be ordered at:

http://www.cepbooks.com/cgi-bin/wwregistry.pl?::cepbooks::::::Books

Also while searching your library’s website, there is a link to “Gay and Lesbian” book recommendation for children. If you follow this link, there is absolutely nothing about Unwanted Same Sex Attraction (SSA) or how homosexuality originates. There is nothing about GID (Gender Identity Disorder) either. Links to informative and supportive web sites should be on your web site. These links need at a minimum to include:

www.pathinfo.org

www.homosexuality101.org
People leave homosexuality every day. The information is for those wanting it, seeking it, needing it. As the gay community says, it is all about choice and self-determination. The problem with choice is, in order to choose, there must be more than one thing to select from…correct? Please, give everyone with UNWANTED SAME SEX ATTRACTION the resources needed in order to make an educated decision.

Very truly yours,

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