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Board Members

West Bend Community Memorial Library

Dear Board Members,

During a recent "Google" search on the internet for the West Bend CML, I was directed to the Young Adult website entitled "Out of the Closet: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Fiction and Non-Fiction." This web page states it is for children in grades 6 through 12. It is located at

<http://www.west-bendlibrary.org/yaglbtq.htm>

The website gives a long list of books that are gay/lesbian/bisexual-themed, with such contents stating:

"...about a drag queen who makes a grand entrance into a conservative high school."

"...a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States." (?)

"...Frannie and her best friend Marcus are both "boyfriend virgins," but Marcus has an excuse – eligible gay boys are hard to come by..."

"Kyle Meeks is getting ready to go to Princeton in the afll and trying to see as much as possible of his boyfriend Jason before they have to separate. When Jason tells him about his speaking invitation, Kyle jumps at the chance to drive across country with him. Yet he can't help worrying: Will their romance survive two weeks crammed together in a car?"

"Steven's a 16-year-old boy with two obsessions: sex and getting his driving license. The problem is, Steven's not thinking girls when he's thinking sex. Could he be – don't say it – gay?"

I could go on and on, but this should be enough information as I have also enclosed a copy of the full website for your review.

As a conservative community, I am sure the taxpayers of West Bend would be as offended as my husband and I were when we reviewed this website that directly links itself to our very own West Bend Community Memorial Library. I phoned your board vice president, Mr. Fitz, and he was not aware of such a website. Therefore, I am bringing this to your attention and ask for an explanation as to who is responsible and accountable for its' creation, and asking that it be removed at once.

We look forward to a timely response from one of your board members. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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