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## Board Reading Suggestions

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**From:** Mary Reilly-Kliss [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 05, 2009 12:16 PM  
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**Subject:** Board Reading Suggestions

Hi-

I know that the topic of the petitions, books, etc. is not on the agenda for this Tues., but wonder if our board members would be interested in any/all of the following:

1. Here is a link for trustee membership in ALA--I joined this morning.  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alta/ALTAMembershipadJan05.pdf>
2. It never dawned on me (not seeing the forest for the trees sometimes) to check out the Trustee Manual. Section 23 is germane to our situation. Maybe those who have been on the Board longer than I have knew about this and went there already.
3. I would highly recommend that Board members read at least one or two of the books on "the list" if the list still exists, though it seems to have been surpassed by the general petition. I can highly, highly recommend The Perks of Being a Wallflower and Geography Club as being well-written YA novels with very real characters who are dealing with authentic teen concerns. I surely expected lots of explicit sex, and it just is not there to the degree or quantity that the complainants suggest. In fact, if asked what these books are about, I would not say "sex" at all, but would instead mention alienation, loss, bullying, and relationships.

So, I am not sure how to go about sharing this info with my fellow board members as I don't want to risk a violation of the Open Meetings Law and so am passing it off to you to fwd or whatever.

Thanks,  
Mary