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Blog posting - draft for your review

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From "Lisa K. Strand" <[redacted]>
Sent Friday, March 27, 2009 1:30 pm
To 'Michael Tyree' <mtyree@west-bendlibrary.org>
Subject RE: Blog posting - draft for your review

I hope people appreciate the blog posting "Odd Wisconsin" and its juxtaposition with the West Bend story...

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-----Original Message-----
From: Michael Tyree [mailto:mtyree@west-bendlibrary.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2009 5:51 PM
To: Lisa K. Strand
Subject: Re: Blog posting - draft for your review

Hi Lisa,

[redacted]

I added my comments to what you have written. They follow below. Please delete them if they take up too much space. Thanks a million for helping the WB library out by doing this. You're the tops!

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Lisa K. Strand" <[redacted]>
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2009 4:14 pm
Subject: Blog posting - draft for your review
To: 'Michael Tyree' <mtyree@west-bendlibrary.org>

> Hi, Michael,
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> It was so nice talking to you the other day. I didn't get a chance to
> ask
> how [redacted] and [redacted] are doing lately. [redacted]
> [redacted]

> [REDACTED]

> Because my knowledge of the facts concerning the challenge are pretty
> sketchy, I thought I'd share a draft with you before I post this to the
> blog. I attribute some statements to you, so I especially didn't want
> those
> to be incorrect. I will add or subtract any information you wish.

> West Bend Library gets complaint about gay-themed books; board meeting
> postponed

According to director Michael Tyree, the West Bend Community Memorial Library board has postponed its March 26th meeting to hear a complaint from local residents, Jim and Ginny Maziarka about gay-themed books in the library upon the advice of the city attorney. Tyree said that the residents have complained in person and via their blog about "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," "The Geography Club," "Deal With It," "It's Perfectly Normal" and other books in the young adult section of the library, but the focus of their complaint keeps changing and enlarging. Therefore, the city attorney has asked the complainants to provide a clear statement of their complaint before the library board agrees to another meeting to consider it.

The first meeting to hear the complaint, held March 3, drew more than 300 people people, including the ACLU of Wisconsin. Upon the advice of the Asst. City Attorney, the board adjourned the meeting without taking action because of the size of the crowd was larger than the City Council chambers could legally accomodate. Ginney Maziarka, one of the complainants who writes a blog as "West Bend Citizen Advocate", writes, "If you live in West Bend, Germantown, Hartford, Slinger and Kewaskum, this meeting is for you. If you live in Dodge, Jefferson, Racine, Walworth and or Washington County - you are part of the shared library system. TAKE NOTICE."

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