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# Ex-husband of Library Board president disagrees with organizations that help to protect children

Bob Deters ([ex-husband of Library Board President, Barb Deters](#), at Library Board Meeting on 06/01/09)

Note received from Bob on 6/4/09:

"I find it hypocritical and even bizarre that you would object to people with expertise in this area, just because they came from a different community. Every part-- with no exception -- of your campaign came from internet sources from other localities, usually in the South. You got your idea for challenge from PFOX. And considering your stance on the School Board harassment issue it would be laughable for anyone to believe that you weren't a frequent visitor to PFOX and Americans for Truth About homosexuality long before February of this year. You got your complaint letter that also asked for ex-gay literature from PFOX. It was obvious that you even cut and pasted it because when you added one sentence-- the typeface didn't match. Your book lists and quotes came from Texas Library Patrons and most of your quotes came from "Parents Protecting the Minds of Children" which in turn had copied the quotes from a Fayetteville, Arkansas movement. You even confessed to it by posting links to Texas Library Patrons, myppmc.com (the site that provided the Arkansas info.) You made obvious your hatred for anything to do with the American Library Association by posting a link to "Safe Libraries." The Safe Libraries site treats the ALA as if it were the Great Satan of the Apocalypse. So, there you have it. Everything that was presented by Ginny Maziarka to the public came from internet sources. There was not one thing unique to West Bend. You could have inserted any city into the blank on her complaint letter-- cities like Hartford or Germantown, or Springfield, IL; Dayton, OH; or Wichita Falls, TX. Everybody knows that your movement isn't local-- not one bit. It is 100% internet, so stop being a hypocrite when other people who are experts in their field assist the beleaguered citizens of West Bend." ~Bob Deters

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Thanks for writing, Bob. It gives me an opportunity to see where you have, perhaps, assumed some things, and also point out where you are correct. Dialogue is very helpful in situations such as this.

Let me first address my objection to national organizations, especially the <http://safelibraries.blogspot.com/2009/04/response-to-ala-president-and-oif.html> ALA/OIF, <http://wlaweb.blogspot.com/2009/06/west-bend-library-board-rejects-request.html> WLA, and <http://safelibraries.blogspot.com/2009/04/uw-m-library-school-misleads-west-bend.html> UW-M ignoring the legal means - see <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?court=US&vol=539&invol=194> US vs ALA --among others, to protect children and, instead, impose their broad-based ideals on small cities, towns and villages, browbeating them into submission. That is the issue, Bob.

With that said, instead of engaging in ad hominem rhetoric, let's just address the issue.

In <http://caselaw.lp.findlaw.com/scripts/getcase.pl?court=US&vol=539&invol=194> US vs ALA, the ALA lost monumentally. Here, let's take a look...

The American Library Association [ALA], has opened the doors wide to the sexualization of children in public libraries, and believes

<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/qandaaccesseselectronic.htm> it is

"age" discrimination for a librarian to make a decision about the appropriateness of material for children. On the other hand, the US Supreme Court said in a case the ALA lost in 2003, ["http://laws.findlaw.com/us/539/194.html"](http://laws.findlaw.com/us/539/194.html) US v. ALA: "The interest in protecting young library users from material inappropriate for minors is legitimate, and even compelling, as all Members of the Court appear to agree."

So who is in control here? The Supreme Court? Or the ALA? Guess we all know the answer to that one.

Let me also point out another national organization that is exercising intimidation tactics, stating they are ["http://www.gmtoday.com/news/local\\_stories/2009/March\\_09/03112009\\_03.asp"](http://www.gmtoday.com/news/local_stories/2009/March_09/03112009_03.asp) watching us" – the ACLU. Now, here is an interesting item. Though libraries could do well by applying for CIPA funds, purchasing filtering software with the help of this funding, the ACLU states this: ["http://www.aclu.org/privacy/speech/14938res20030801.html"](http://www.aclu.org/privacy/speech/14938res20030801.html) "Our recommendations for libraries -First and most importantly, libraries should consider turning down the federal funds and refusing to install blocking software. Obviously, that is our first preference. Libraries should also lobby at the local, state, and federal level to repeal blocking software requirements."

So here you have it. In a nutshell:

ALA defies legal means to protect children and maintains that all ages should be able to access all materials.

ACLU pushes libraries to refuse government assistance by rejecting CIPA funding and refusing to install filtering software on public computers.

WLA is a "mini-me" of the ALA. Sort of a "ditto" of ALA policy.

Now I'll move on to your ad hom. statements, just to confirm and clarify a few things.

Bob, you are absolutely correct that I used the help of Internet form letters to aid me in originating my complaint. You are incorrect, however, in stating that is where my complaint originated. It actually began, as I have stated publicly, when I learned one of my children had inadvertently brought a sexually explicit book from the library into our home and shared it with us, as she was upset about the content she came across. One does not have to reinvent the wheel to make a complaint; therefore, I was thankful for the assistance of such organizations as Americans for Truth, who had done solid research and had a helpful list of books that offered balance on the controversial subject of homosexuality. Asking for more information, not less, was included in our first letter, representative of our First Amendment rights for such. Using a form letter to assist one in filing a complaint is quite common, as you know. Being an attorney yourself, you must realize the importance of such documents in the legal field and understand that the additional work implied in recreating each and every document is simply a waste of one's time. I chose to use my time wisely by going to sources that had been down this road before. Using a form letter and calling out national organizations to pressure the parents in my community are two separate issues and obviously do not lend comparison.

Our library board, to it's credit, has never come under criticism in our community, and would have done well to respond to the concerns we originally filed by dialoguing with us from the start. Instead, they chose to bring attention to themselves by kowtowing to outside influences who do not represent the West Bend community. Then, by refusing to honor their own policy, as stated in

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**"Public libraries pursue the worthy missions of facilitating learning and cultural enrichment. Appellee ALA's Library Bill of Rights states that libraries should provide "[b]ooks and other ... resources ... for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves." 201 F. Supp. 2d, at 420 (internal quotation marks omitted). To fulfill their traditional**

missions, public libraries must have broad discretion to decide what material to provide to their patrons. Although they seek to provide a wide array of information, their goal has never been to provide "universal coverage." *Id.*, at 421. Instead, public libraries seek to provide materials "that would be of the greatest direct benefit or interest to the community." *Ibid.* To this end, libraries collect only those materials deemed to have "requisite and appropriate quality." *Ibid.* See W. Katz, *Collection Development: The Selection of Materials for Libraries* 6 (1980) ("The librarian's responsibility ... is to separate out the gold from the garbage, not to preserve everything"); F. Drury, *Book Selection* xi (1930) ("[I]t is the aim of the selector to give the public, not everything it wants, but the best that it will read or use to advantage"); App. 636 (Rebuttal Expert Report of Donald G. Davis, Jr.) ("A hypothetical collection of everything that has been produced is not only of dubious value, but actually detrimental to users trying to find what they want to find and really need").

**The citizens and parents expect our West Bend Community Memorial Library to not only seek out materials that would be the greatest direct benefit to our community, but also respect the community standards brought before them by the parents and taxpayers of West Bend.**

**Separating the gold from the garbage is the bottom line we are asking for.**

"I try to look into my boyfriend's eyes WHILE I'm sucking. It seems to get him off faster. I also lick and suck his balls, but not too hard. If my mouth gets tired I use my hand to jerk him off for a little while until I can suck again. Don't suck too hard - I try to make my mouth feel soft but tight."

**Bob, do you or do you not approve of such material for children in our public library?**

Thank you for allowing me to lend some insight into your comments, Bob.