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After days of dodging questions and skirting the issue to every reporter in Chicago, America’s last and best form of media (besides new media online) AM radio finally cracked the heart of the Orland Park Library porn scandal wide open. Unlike television news that can manipulate and edit a story into oblivion, live radio interviews still retain that hard journalism feel. Bruce Wolf and Dan Proft of WLS-AM got Bridget Bittman, library spokesperson, to finally admit the reports I have posted here are real. After saying on television, “there have never been sex crimes in the library,” she had to admit to “7 incidents [of] inappropriate behavior.” There are two inaccuracies here. There are actually 12 instances, 7 were reported to police, 5 were not. And “inappropriate” isn’t the word for what should be called “illegal sex acts” including several incidents of public masturbation, indecent exposure, stalking, harassment and viewing child porn. She only admits to one incident of indecent exposure and the child porn.

It’s interesting to note that in all the television reports no reporter held Bittman to the fire over the unreported incidents of sex acts even though they were in possession of the documents. Neither did any newspaper editor who had the documents mention the nature of the reports and what is in them, failing to report the true horror of this investigation intentionally. The truth no longer matters to old media and as a result it is dying.

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