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Why the American Library Association Wants Porn in Libraries

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On November 18, a large group of people assembled to have their say at the Orland Park Public Library's board meeting. Most were there because of the library's policy that allows unfiltered access to any kind of porn or illegal material (including child porn). Not only concerned citizens showed up: three representatives from the American Library Association (ALA) and the president of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) were also there.

The two ALA lawyers who spoke (despite the library's own policy of only allowing one speaker per group) defended the library's decision to offer unfiltered access while never mentioning the specifics of what that really means: access to bestiality, identity theft, pedophiles accessing children online via chat rooms, and much more.

Many people have asked how is it possible that public libraries defend men watching porn near children as if the library is some sort of adult theater without dark curtains or an age limit. The ALA's answer is: "freedom of information." All information is equal, valid, and necessary for human consumption regardless of age.

It is in the public interest for publishers and librarians to make available the widest diversity of views and expressions, including those that are unorthodox, unpopular, or considered dangerous by the majority. — ALA Freedom to Read statement

The "right to use a library" includes free access to, and unrestricted use of, all the services, materials, and facilities the library has to offer. Every restriction on access to, and use of, library resources, based solely on the chronological age, educational level, literacy skills, or legal emancipation of users violates Article V. — [ALA Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights](#)

These documents are made in the ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF), a name that evokes Randian flair. One wonders what these people actually think of unfiltered porn in libraries because they never mention it in public. Luckily, I happen to have an email from an ALA Listserv group, written by ALA councilor at large Mark Rosenzweig, that answers that question.

We're as American as apple pie. And we should say so. Loud and clear. The more progressive [sic] wing of the profession should intelligently counter the "erotophobia [sic]". The worst thing in life, even for a kid, is NOT exposure to the image of naked people, or even people screwing, blowing, licking, humping, having sex with animals, etc. (except, for legal-and perhaps ethical-reasons, child erotica, so ill-defined that it can include the work of the world-renowned photopher [sic] Sally Mann.)

If that's not bad enough, Rosenzweig continues,

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attempts to contain the curiosity of kids is bad for children. But so-called pornography? WHERE DOES IT RATE? nowhere...

I would guess that Rosenzweig never studied the effects of pornography on children or adults:

"Pornography distorts the natural development of personality. If the early stimulus is pornographic photographs, the adolescent can be conditioned to become aroused through photographs. Once this pairing is rewarded a number of times, it is likely to become permanent. The result to the individual is that it becomes difficult for the person to seek out relations with appropriate person."—Jerry Bergman, Ph.D., "The Influence of Pornography on Sexual Development: Three Case Histories"

Rosenzweig is also [director of the Reference Center for Marxist Studies](#). His cavalier attitude about exposing children to sex makes more sense now. Fellow Marxist Antonio Gramsci believed that creating the ultimate state required the takeover of "mediating institutions" that would separate an individual from the power of the all-knowing government. These institutions are better known as family and religion. Marxists seek to redefine the culture to gain political power. What better way to capture the undeveloped minds of the young than with pornography that separates them from their families and their religions?

Lack of access to information can be harmful to minors. Librarians and library governing bodies have a public and professional obligation to ensure that all members of the community they serve have free, equal, and equitable access to the entire range of library resources regardless of content, approach, format, or amount of detail. This principle of library service applies equally to all users, minors as well as adults. -[ALA Interpretation of the Bill of Rights](#)



This is the battle cry of the ALA. All information is valuable! Information can never harm. Tell that to two grieving parents who [lost their 12-year-old son to auto-erotic asphyxiation when he read about it online at his public library.](#)

Mike somehow developed an interest in auto-erotic asphyxiation, and used the computer to learn more. Unfortunately, he tried it, and ended up killing himself.

Another prominent supporter of porn in the library who is adamantly against filters is Charles Rust-Tierney, the former ACLU attorney who put arguments forth in *Mainstream Loudoun v. Loudoun County Library*. This is the case the ALA says is their proof that libraries that filter porn are in danger of being sued, except that's *not* why Loudoun County Library was sued.

They were sued for blocking *non-pornographic* informational sites. [You can read the entire case here.](#) The ACLU won this case (because the library was blocking *non-pornographic* sites) and ever since, the ALA has been using it to beat libraries over the head with "scary lawsuit" threats. In light of the last word the Supreme Court had on filters in 2003 in *U.S. v. ALA*, many years after *Loudoun*, this is no longer an issue. The Supreme Court said filters are not a First Amendment violation as long as the library has the ability to lift them upon request, thus not blocking any non-pornographic informational sites. (Further, filters in 2013 are infinitely better than they were in the 1990s; in fact, they are so good that they can separate artistic nudity from pornographic! Filters are so effective, [Google has just announced they will be using filters to block access to child porn.](#))

Did I mention that [Charles Rust-Tierney ended up going to prison](#) for accessing violent child pornography?

Charles Rust-Tierney, 51, pleaded guilty in June to downloading hundreds of pornographic images of children as young as 4. Authorities said Rust-Tierney used a computer in his 11-year-old son's bedroom to view the files, which included a six-minute video that depicted sexual torture of children, set to a song by the rock band Nine Inch Nails.

A federal magistrate who declined to release him in March described the images she viewed as "the most perverted and nauseating and sickening type of child pornography" she had seen in 10 years on the bench.

Ellis also refused to release Rust-Tierney, saying he posed "a serious risk of harm to the community." The judge added that "the term 'child pornography' does not convey the depravity" of the images that were downloaded.

So there's that.

Any person or institution that argues for the availability of every kind of information in public libraries should be viewed with skepticism and distrust.

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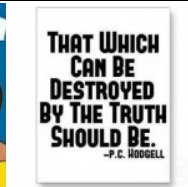
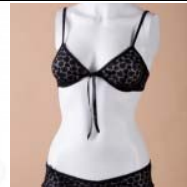
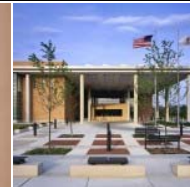


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A public place, paid for with tax dollars, where children are expected to work and study is exactly the place to come off as a prude. If the article were talking about a nationwide filter of some sort I'd heartily agree but in libraries? I like prude talk . . .

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Bill Thompson

This begs an embarrassing obvious question: who on earth goes to the library to watch online porn? There's only one reason to watch porn that I'm aware of, and it ain't information-gathering or research. One would think the library would not be conducive to that sort of, er, activity.

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The public library is not a private library. It should not be the personal playground for those with aberrant predilections.

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Because it's their job to make material available. Because it's none of their business what I choose to read. Because they know that Ulysses, Lolita, the Decameron, and Shakespeare have been targets of porn accusations in the past.

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**Gretz**

When you're sitting in a comfortable reading chair with a book, the content isn't visible across the room or to passers by without some effort. You can read the racy bits of Ulysses or any book by Anonymous, privately in the library without subjecting anyone else to its imagery.

Bright moving images on the screen with audio on a speaker, are considerably different. Library monitors also don't have the polarizing filters to confine the field of view to the person sitting at the terminal.

Parents have the right to control their children's exposure to erotica (and anything else), and parents have, as recognized by the US supreme court and not a few divorce decrees, the right to direct the moral and religious upbringing of their children. In fact, more than a few parents have lost custody of their children because some CPS busybody had objected to some form of erotica in the parent's home, so the state has *already* demonstrated that this is an extremely inappropriate risk to children, regardless of the parents feelings on the matter.

I'm sure Glenn Reynolds can explain the law far better than I can, especially regarding this basic rights of parents and the state's erosion of it, but I can see a scenario where a visit the library is grounds for putting the kids in foster care, if the ALA gets it's way. ... [\(show more\)](#)
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**Akaky**

Just in anyone here didn't follow the link, you should know that the Reference Center for Marxist Studies is the research branch of the American Communist Party. Mr Rosenzweig's belief in free speech is known to be highly selective; ten years ago he and other lefties in the ALA made sure that the organization didn't let out so much a squeak of protest over Castro's suppression of the Cuban free library movement. Pardon me for pointing this out, but accepting the position of a Communist on free speech is like taking fire safety advice from an arsonist.

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**M.Fox**

Rosenzweig gets very upset if anyone calls him a Communist or a communist for that matter. It's hilarious. I have other emails from him vehemently denying that he's a commie, even though he works for the CPUSA and is the keeper of all Marxist documents in NY. It's hysterical. They know how damaging it is to be labeled a communist so they go ahead and work for commies, write for commie papers, publish commie theories but if you call them commies...WATCH OUT! (And did I tell you he's currently working in The People's Republic of Commie China?? lol

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**Monster from the Id**

Libraries became something other than repositories of information a long time ago. They're auditoriums, day care centers, homeless shelters, hangouts for teenagers, and yes, internet cafes. Evidently, some have been turned into left wing headquarters. Libraries try to be all things to all people. Except, of course, quiet places where you can find books and do research.

Strangely enough, I don't have a problem with my local college libraries. They're still libraries, possibly because they have to serve a community of scholars (YMMV). Public libraries have to serve a community of whoever and whatever walks through the door - be it kids doing book reports or pervs looking at porn. I think that's the difference.

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**Akaky**

It is the difference, but the idea that the public library has to accept the pervs is just a load of baloney. I've been a public librarian for 26 years and where I work, looking at porn gets you a warning and a suspension of your Net usage privileges for three months. We catch you again and then you can't use the computers at all. And we enforce that policy to the letter. Once the pervs understand that we don't tolerate them indulging their quirks in our reading room, they go somewhere else. Nonsense like this is one of the reasons I'm not a member of the ALA anymore.

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**M.Fox**

I would like to pick your brain about this and perhaps get a letter from you I can read at the next board meeting of the Orland Library. Can you email me at intolerantfox@gmail.com if this is something you can help me with?

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**JuanTwoThreeFour**

No surprise here...public libraries are on the forefront of protecting information access...unless it doesn't support our ruling elite's Leftist "narrative". Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, MD is a large urban public library system with twenty-two branch locations and not even one single copy of Jack Cashill's excellent "If I Had A Son" on their shelves.

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Any man that becomes a librarian is wounded in some way.

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No, I'm not.

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If the ALA defends providing internet porn for library goers based on the unfettered access to "information," do they also advocate that libraries supply hard-core porn in video and printed media? If not, why not? Another good reason to remove public support for libraries.

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Another tentacle of the Gramscian "march through the institutions" exposed for all to see.

I note that, for all the screeching about absolute freedom of information for everybody, the almost invariably very liberal librarians who make the book "selections" for their libraries—can't buy every book, now can we—somehow always seem to "select" an avalanche of new books (same as the avalanche of books was in prior years) with a leftist slant and very few, indeed, with a rightward slant.

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Remember, from the librarian's perspective, rightward slant = propping up the status quo, leftward slant = speaking truth to power. Those librarians fancy themselves brave souls standing up for freedom against the forces of repression. Still. In 2013. During the second Obama/Biden/Holder administration. Apparently, they haven't noticed who's doing most of the repressing these days.

1 year ago [Link To Comment](#)**zane1**

While the Obama administration has determined that your 26 year old son/daughter is not really old enough to be responsible for their own health insurance, and as a "child" can remain on your health insurance as they continue to live in your basement while they "find themselves", it seems that the ALA has a different concept of what constitutes an "adult."

Recently the ALA has pushed a number of books in what the NEH calls the "Muslim Journeys" program. Two of these books are particularly objectionable, one called "A Country of Men" in which a fictional child of 8 enters his first experience with voyeurism as he watches, and describes, his parents have sex in the most clarifying terms. The other book, "Persepolis" describes how the American CIA tortured Iranians in the '70's and taught the Iranian revolutionaries how to torture other Iranians, including a graphic of one man urinating on another.

These books have been determined by the ALA to be appropriate for young "adults," ages 12-18. So while an adult is a child for the purpose of insurance, a child is an adult for the purpose of pornographic indoctrination. If you have any doubt, read the reviews on a book called "Looking For Alaska" which the ALA deemed proper reading for 12 year olds.

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Know that ALA started doing this when ALA policy was changed internally by -- a three year Illinois ACLU board member who joined ALA.

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This will make the homeless guys hanging out in th"library" happy.

If you can even manage to keep a library open in the face of all its social engineering problems.

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1 year ago [Link To Comment](#)**john trainor**

So does Rosenzweig support the prominent display of anti-Semitic in libraries, if anything goes then anything goes. Just wondering>

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