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Friends,

I want to thank all of you for your hospitality, and thank you for all the hard work and effort you all put into defending free access and intellectual freedom in the West Bend Community Library. It is a privilege to work with all of you (though it is my fervent hope that this particular project has come to an end!)

Please share my thanks and admiration with all the members of the library board.

I look forward to your panel at ALA Annual - please don't hesitate to get in touch with myself, Angela, or Bryan if you need assistance or suggestions.

One last thing - as a point of personal privilege, I wanted to share the comment I posted to the WISSUP blog this morning (not surprisingly, it has not yet appeared on the WISSUP blog):

"Ginny,

I respectfully ask that you correct your account, which misquotes me.

I did not say "Libraries are exempt from the law." I said libraries are exempt from "a" law, Wisconsin Statute 948.11 (available at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/statutes/Stat0948.pdf> on pages 5-6) which defines the crime of providing harmful materials to minors. I quoted extensively from paragraph 4, which states that 948.11 may not be used to prosecute librarians, library board members, or library employees, in order to allow libraries to carry out their "essential purpose of making available to all citizens a current, balanced collection of books, reference materials, periodicals, sound recordings and audiovisual materials that reflect the cultural diversity and pluralistic nature of American society." I read the quote to assure that there was no confusion about the point I was making.

Thank you for your consideration.

Deborah Caldwell-Stone"

Thank you again,

Deborah

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