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Speak up in West Bend

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From: Patti Geidel [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 11:11 AM
To: Schanning, Mary
Subject: Fw: Speak up in West Bend

----- Original Message -----

From: Carin Bringelson
To: pattige@charter.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 8:56 AM
Subject: Speak up in West Bend

Hi Patricia,

Since you are a WEMTA member who lives in or near West Bend, I'm writing to urge you to support our library colleagues at the West Bend Community Memorial Library. They are facing multiple challenges related to their collection, online links, and supportive library board members.

You may already know about the events in West Bend, but for more information see:

* WLA Blog: <http://wlaweb.blogspot.com/search?q=west+bend>

* SLJ article: <http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/article/CA6658504.html>

* Local blog in support of the library: <http://westbendparentsforreespeech.webs.com/>

Although these are local issues specific to West Bend, the ramifications may be felt elsewhere if library board appointments become "political" appointments and a few individuals are able to deny library patrons access to information to which these individuals object.

Because intellectual freedom supports the First Amendment, I hope you can do the following to defend democracy in West Bend, WI:

1) **Sign the online petition** organized by a local supporter of the West Bend library:
<http://www.petitiononline.com/wbfree/petition.html>

2) **Attend the upcoming "Read-In"** to draw attention to the freedom to read. A group of supportive individuals are staging a Read-in on **Friday, May 29, 2009** in support of the library, the displaced library board members, and "banned books" in general. They will walk from a local middle school to the library, where they will read banned books until 6:00 p.m. when the library closes.

3) **Attend the upcoming Library Board meeting** as a show of support. We think this is the meeting at which they'll discuss the complaint. **Tuesday June 2, 2009**. You can speak in support of the professional librarians who are striving to develop a collection for a wide variety of patron needs.

Please contact me with any questions, or if you want to write a letter of support to the librarians.

Thanks so much,

Carin Bringelson

WEMTA chair for Intellectual Freedom Special Interest Group (IFSIG)

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