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Letter requesting that "books about leaving homosexuality or the origins of same sex attractions" be added to the West Bend library collection

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Dear Mayor Kristine Deiss, Michael Tyree and West Bend Community Memorial Library Board,

The reason for this letter is an obvious omission in material associated with the West Bend Library System which needs to be addressed immediately. The health, safety and well being of many people hinges on getting this situation rectified.

While searching your library's online catalog, I could not find many books about leaving homosexuality or the origins of same sex attractions. There were none to be found whatsoever in the Young Adult section. Every day parents of gay children search for answers to their children's condition only to be given the same information: "deal with it" or "they are born that way". Neither of these are satisfactory options for the concerned parent. In addition to the numerous homosexual books which appear on your library system, your library needs to provide ex-gay books to everyone seeking it.

We are concerned about young children stumbling upon *these books at our public library*. We ask that these books, and other similar propagandistic gay books either not be carried or that they be put in a reference section to protect children from accessing them without their parents' knowledge and supervision.

We further ask that the web page referencing book recommendations for homosexual activity among teens "Out of the Closet" be removed or password-protected in order to, once again, prevent access without parental permission.

Please provide equal access to all information, including ex-gay books. According to the American Library Association, libraries cannot support censorship and a librarian's professional code requires them to seek out books that represent a wide range of viewpoints. Therefore, please order some of the following books for the library:

- *Restoring Sexual Identity* by Anne Paulk (Harvest House, 2003) ISBN: 0736911790
- *When Homosexuality Hits Home: What to Do When a Loved One Says They're Gay* by Joe Dallas (Harvest House, 2004) ISBN: 0736912010
- *101 Frequently Asked Questions About Homosexuality* by Mike Haley (Harvest House, 2004) ISBN: 0736914706 ISBN-13: 9780736914703
- *My Gones Made Me Do It: A Scientific Look at Sexual Orientation* by Dr. Neil and Briar Whitehead ISBN-10:1563841657 ISBN-13:978-1563841651
- *The Battle for Normality* by Gerard J.M. van den Aardweg, Ph.D. ISBN-10:0898706149; ISBN-13:978-0898706147
- *The Heart of Female Same-Sex Attraction* by Janelle Hallman

ISBN-10:083083429X; ISBN-13:978-0830834297

www.exodus-international.org

People leave homosexuality every day. The information is for those wanting it, seeking it, needing it. As the gay community says, it is all about choice and self-determination. The problem with choice is, in order to choose, there must be more than one thing to select from...correct? Please, give everyone with UNWANTED SAME SEX ATTRACTION the resources needed in order to make an educated decision.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim and Ginny Maziarka". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Jim and Ginny Maziarka

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