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In a prior blog comment, Maria Hanrahan (WBPFFS), West Bend Parents for Free Sex, um, I mean Free Speech (oops, sorry 'bout that) stated about the ALA Conference:

"No trash talking about West Bend will occur, contrary to Ruth's and WBCFSL's comments."

According to the WB News today, that was not exactly a truthful statement WAS IT?.....

"Five representatives of the West Bend Community Memorial Library expressed some frustration with the media, but said their actions were vindicated with the way the fiery issue of books that dealt with homosexuality and teenagers played itself out last month."

AND

"It was a rough process at times as the Library Board had to be careful in its response in accordance to open meeting laws as well as advice from the city attorney, officials said Monday."

AND

"We felt very hamstrung by the idea that we had to stick to library procedures because the minute you step away from library procedures and start to acquiesce to ad hoc complaints, then you lose control of how things function at your institution," said Barbara Deters, Library Board president."

AND

"Representatives of the board vented some frustration Monday with the way the local and national media covered the story, citing inaccurate coverage."

AND

"The blogs tend to be more inflammatory than effective," said Mary Reilly-Kliss..."

AND

"Library Director Michael Tyree echoed that sentiment."

AND

"This has shown me that sensationalism and catchy sound bites are the things that reach the editor and takes over talk radio," he said. "Rational discourse does not sell."

Uh huh. Right.