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In today's WBDN, Opinion page..

In the Daily News' June 3 article concerning the Library Board meeting, Barbara Deters, board president, points out that "the library already separates books by age ... and that all young adult books have a bright yellow label with the initials YA."

Three paragraphs farther into the article, board member Patti Geidel says, "moving, removing or labeling books is a form of censorship."

In essence, we have the verification by two board members that by separating and labeling books, as currently practiced by the library, we have been censoring the books all along. Patti Geidel goes on to say that she believes in intellectual freedom for everyone.

I, too, believe in intellectual freedom for everyone. I am reminded of what the late champion for freedom Pope John Paul II said on the subject:

"Finally, true freedom is not advanced in the permissive society, which confuses freedom with license to do anything whatever and which in the name of freedom proclaims a kind of general amorality. It is a caricature of freedom to claim that people are free to organize their lives with no reference to moral values, and to say that society does not have to ensure the protection and advancement of ethical values. Such an attitude is destructive of freedom and peace."