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Instead of taking the time to consider solutions or dialogue with parents in the community she serves, our YA Zone librarian, Kristin Pekoll, has decided to promote and join in with a group that plans to "march" in protest to parents/patrons/youth in West Bend and is PROMOTING sexually-explicit books to families with minor children. My notes, of course, are in red.

Here are her Facebook comments:

Jake Jurss (Wisconsin) wrote at 8:31pm on May 7th, 2009

Most definitely bring the kids. It would be awesome to see kids of any age especially Middle Schoolers (who young adulthood brought much of this up) and even younger. Everyone is welcome. We are not only encouraging the library shelves to stay as they are, but also to encourage people to pick up some of the books that have been challenged again and again.

Kristin 'Lade' Pekoll wrote at 1:28pm on May 7th, 2009 **(So are we Facebooking to organize a protest on TAXPAYER TIME? Just wondering...)**

Ideas for Banned Books to read (ALA)

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/bannedbooksweek/challengedbanned/frequentlychallengedbooks.cfm> or **books that people don't like listed on the West Bend Library website**

<http://www.west-bendlibrary.org/yaglbqtq.htm>

Personally I plan on re-reading WHALE TALK by CHRIS CRUTCHER (my autographed copy) Here you can read Chris' inspirational response to a recent challenge of Whale Talk

<http://blogs.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=blog.view&friendId=171562806&blogId=483653524>

Report

Kristin 'Lade' Pekoll wrote at 10:38 am on May 13th, 2009 **(So are we Facebooking to help organize a protest on TAXPAYER TIME? Just wondering...)**

Here's a great list of some books that might be interesting to pick up and read for the May 29th READ IN. Let me know if anyone needs help getting a book from the library. **I plan to put together some version of this list in hard copy for people to pick up at the library.**

http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/50_Years_of_Reading_Free

and

Kristin said...

I was very excited to see an announcement for the West Bend Read-In circulated through the WisPubLib (Wisconsin Public Libraries) Listserv. Hopefully we have a great turn out. I plan on making cookies. :)

WHILE WE ARE AT IT, we have a category on the YA Zone BOOK LIST called "KRISTIN'S FAVORITES" -

Geography Club by Brent Hartinger

Rats Saw God by Rob Thomas

My Heartbeat by Garrett Freymann Weyr

and MORE

Think she's sending her community a message? We do.

Let's not forget former library board member MARY REILLY-KLISS who publicly states:

Ardent Wisconsin Gardener said...

Hello All--Mary Reilly-Kliss (recently deposed for the second time from the WBCML Board) reporting in for reading duty! I will be there with bells on! Ok, maybe not the bells because it is a library after all. However, I will be there wearing my royal blue "FREEDOM" shirt, and distributing bookmarks with the same sentiment. My contact at ABA's

intellectual freedom division will be sending some materials for our perusal. He has also expressed an interest in coming to West Bend to talk about intellectual freedom and free speech in particular. I am exploring that idea. See you on the 29 if not before. I wonder if we should wear name tags of some sort as I would love to be able to put a fact on the many names which come up on the blogs! Mary

....confirming over and over again that she does not represent this community, and lending credence to the City Council's decision. Thanks, Mare!

Or how about Mary's commentary to Maria Hanrahan's query about the City Council's process to approve mayoral appointments?

Maria:

Does anyone recall any of the aldermen (and please try to remember specifically who) saying that they would be interviewing candidates that the mayor suggests? If so, we need to look into that; that is not how this has been handled (with this board or others) in the past, so it would be a clear indicator that certain alderman may be trying to stack the board.

Mary Reilly-Kliss

Yes, Maria. Ald. Vrana said that he was considering being the Council rep on the WBCML board. He followed that with the idea of having those interested in applying for the board to submit: An application, resume, and personal interview. I wonder if CC would then have to use the same process for each and every appointee to each and every CC committee. That could keep them quite busy! Plus, it would assure that only those passing the litmus test would be able to voluntarily serve their community. VERY VERY SCARY indeed. As an aside: Would the CC require its representative to follow those same procedures? Just asking!!