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..and so do we.

While reading about the library controversy, it occurred to me that the real point has been lost. Someone has to be responsible for the materials in question ending up in our community library.

The controversy started when certain books (that are objectionable to many) were featured as recommended reading on the YA page of the Web site. Someone chose to select and feature them – supposedly the youth librarian, who answers to the director, who answers to the Library Board.

Since our library does not hold every book ever printed, the board presumably has to set parameters for what materials to acquire and hold. Those parameters should reflect the character of our community – what is considered acceptable in New York or San Francisco does not necessarily belong here. By that standard, the Board failed in its responsibility and the Common Council was right in sending that message and denying reappointments.