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**West Bend does not care what Madison thinks. Our community standards are much higher.**

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

**Tomorrow's show - Banning books and sacking library board members in West Bend** The southeast Wisconsin city of West Bend recently removed four of its library board members because the community library's young adult section contains books that portray gay teenagers in a positive light, and the board should have responded to a complaint about them immediately by removing them or restricting access to them, some city council members said. One alderman compared the library to a porn shop. Join Queery this Wednesday, April 29, at 7 PM CDT as we discuss the controversy with community and legal activists, including Maria Hanrahan, the founder of West Bend Parents for Free Speech, and Deborah Caldwell Stone, acting director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. That's this Wednesday, 7 p.m., on WORT 89.89 FM (Madison, WI) or <http://www.wort-fm.org/>

About Queery:

Queery features local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender news & information in a news magazine format. Queery covers local and national news affecting Madison's LGBT community. The show airs on Wednesdays from 7 to 7:30pm.

## **TWO INSIGHTFUL COMMENTS THAT WERE LEFT ON THE AFOREMENTIONED BLOG:**

2 comments:

**SafeLibraries** said...

"'Tomorrow's show - Banning books....' No books have been banned in the USA for about half a century. See "**National Hogwash Week**." Further, the books will just be moved in the library. Even Deborah Caldwell-Stone has said that is appropriate in the appropriate circumstance."[B]ecause the community library's young adult section contains books that portray gay teenagers in a positive light...." That is your opinion. That is not the truth as presented by media reports. Your show will be more informative if you stick to the truth and ask relevant questions based on actual facts.

April 28, 2009 10:26 PM

**SafeLibraries** said...

I see that "Queery covers local and national news affecting Madison's LGBT community." The matter going on with the library has absolutely nothing to do with anything "LGBT" specific. The only thing that might possibly be related is the original stance of the complaining party, but that stance has been abandoned long ago, and now people are seeking relief by using legal means for protecting children from inappropriate material in a public institution. It's a public library after all, not an ALA library. **US v. ALA**: "The interest in protecting young library users from material inappropriate for minors is legitimate, and even compelling, as all Members of the Court appear to agree."

**WE AGREE.**