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West Bend Library Commits "Gross Error"; Refuses to Honor Materials Reconsideration Policy in Possibly Illegal Manner

The [West Bend Community Memorial Library, West Bend, WI](#), has refused to honor its materials reconsideration policy in a possibly illegal manner. It agreed to review a citizen's complaint under that policy, the review was underway, then it stopped the review based on the recommendation of someone from the city government. The city attorney is [not on the library board](#), yet the attorney claimed that certain statements made by the citizen outside the library were tantamount to a withdrawal of the request for reconsideration, and the library relied on that to stop the review midstream.

Found this interesting quote from the [American Library Association](#):

"As for obscenity and child pornography, prosecutors and police have adequate tools to enforce criminal laws. Libraries are not a component of law enforcement efforts...." Source: [American Library Association](#).

I see. Hmmmmm... So kids can't buy porn mags or step foot in an "adult" book store until they are 21 (in WI), but they can get it for FREE at our local library?

Makes sense to ME! ::::rolling eyes::::

OR HOW ABOUT THIS?

"Parents who would tell their children not to read Playboy 'don't really care about their kids growing up and learning to think and explore.'" [Judith Krug](#), ALA Director of OIF, [Citizen](#), 9/18/95.

YIKES! ::::shaking head sadly::::