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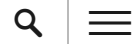
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Library leadership should be replaced

Dear Editor,

I have enjoyed Orland Park for over 20 years of my life. It is active, beautiful and, from what I thought, safe.

During my years in Orland Park, I have utilized the Orland Park Public Library as a child, teenager, college student and now as a father. My last visit there was a pleasant one. The staff was friendly, personable and knowledgeable. I have always felt welcomed there.

Now with kids of my own, I look forward to taking them to a place that I had visited as a child, although the library back then, when I was a child, is a fraction of what it is today. The library puts so much effort into attracting children to their wonderful programs, and I look forward to my children participating in those events.

However, the leadership that has refused for over a year now to respond to community concerns by blocking the access to illegal things like child porn and sex-trafficked women in a place where children gather should be immediately replaced.

I remember last year the mayor wrote an impassioned letter to the library board asking them to put filters on the computers to solve this problem and stop the behavior of

men who would break the law from doing it in our library. Why wasn't the mayor's suggestion taken? Recently I have heard from neighbors, friends and other Orland Park residents how disappointed they are in the behavior of library management where this issue is concerned.

What will it take for this to be solved? Will it take a child being harmed? Is that the price the Orland Park Public Library is willing to pay in order for common sense to prevail? We need to protect our children and residents. The time is now.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Joshua Rogers

Orland Park resident

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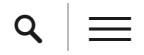
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