CASE STUDY ANALYSIS: OPPL “Hearts” Show Public Does Not Want Porn or Sex in Library

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Something interesting happened in April 2015 when the Orland Park Public Library asked select library patrons to write messages on little paper hearts that were then displayed in the lobby. This was supposedly for "National Library Week".

OPPL staff told people to write what they loved about the library and what they felt was most important to them about the library. We used a Freedom of Information Request on 4/17/15 to ask the OPPL for photos of all the hearts that were completed and displayed and they produced 101 photos (which are collected in this album here: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10108412489277760.1073741857.679212808757274&type=3).
What's most interesting is that not a single person wrote that accessing pornography in the library is important to them or that they want to watch pornography in the library. No one said they want to look at child porn in the library without fear of the police being called. Not a single person wrote that they enjoy masturbating in the library or having sex in the library.

When given the chance to express what they love about the OPPL and what is important to them about the OPPL, not a single person said it was important to them that the OPPL continue to allow pornography to be accessed in the library or that the OPPL look the other way and not call the police when sex acts were happening in the library or when child porn was being accessed.

Yet, since October 2013, the OPPL Board of Trustees has been insisting that it needs to continue allowing pornography to be accessed in the library and they refuse to explain why police were not called when child porn was accessed and when sex acts occurred in the library (including indecent exposure, open public masturbation, stalking women, and accosting children sexually).

Why are the OPPL Board of Trustees and Library Director Mary Weimar so hellbent on keeping the child porn accessible and the sex acts flowing when people (who are given the chance to say what is important to them and can write down anything they wanted) do not feel that accessing sexual material in the library or engaging in sexual acts in the library is important to them?

The public does not want child pornography, sexual arousal, sexual activity, and sexual behavior in the Orland Park Public Library. So why does this Board of Trustees refuse to clean this place up once and for all?

Here is a rundown of all the comments left on the various hearts, where people tell the OPPL what they like about it and what is important to them about a library (NOTE: nobody mentions wanting to look at porn or have sex in the library!); the items are numbered according to what the OPPL labeled them in the photos they produced according to FOIA. It appears that some photos were withheld and are missing, which could mean the OPPL censored criticism and did not give us all the photographs they have. That sounds like them, since we had to sue them twice to get documents they were hiding from us. We might have to sue them a third time to get the photos of these missing hearts, if indeed that explains why there are all these gaps in what they produced picture-wise.

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The library is the perfect place to study.

I ❤️ library! Mama.

Afternoon music.
We love going to the Library and all the Librarian 😊
Ewa, Phillip and Joseph

All the free Services plus More...
EX: Movie, copies, faxing, kids story-time etc.
We love the OPPC!!

Everyone is so friendly and helpful. If I can't get a book or movie that I want your staff exhaust all options in finding it for me. I can't say enough about the staff at the library and your programs you offer at Great!

J.D.
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So many books! Story time.

U.K.
LDRARX-
I love the house
I'd like all day
ill 9:00 P.M.
I LOVE THE STAFF

-Kate W.
I love coming to the library now. I'm using it more, learning how to work on computers more about going in life.
GREAT Customer Service!!!
I could not exist without the library.

Thanks.
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J.D.
I love that this library will order books for me!
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Book discussions lead by Diane.
We love the library for the programs, the storytime, and because we love books!
Love the outdoor concerts in the summer!

We love going to the Library and all the Librarians 😊

Ewa, Phillip and Joseph
All the free services
Plus More...
EX: Movie, Copies, Faxing
Kids Story-time etc.
Love the library... all the resources. B. [Signature]
The library is the perfect place to study.

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afternoon music
The Children's section is full of books, puzzles, and toys. We love story time too!
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I like to Read
ALWAYS READY TO HELP - WITH a smile
I like to quiet atmosphere

We love Storytime!
I enjoy the various programs and activities offered.

Adela
I Love Everything
Especially Mary
The Director!
Judy
I love the big book selection. The staff are so helpful and friendly. Everything!

Jane Moore

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Everyone is so helpful and friendly! A great place to relax and enjoy one of my favorite things in the world—books!

I love the big book selection. The staff are helpful and friendly. Everything!

Jane Smith
I love the Orland Park library because it's a welcoming, comfortable, cozy place where I can get all my school work done & enjoy reading my favorite books.

Debi
I love the library for all the movies, music, speakers, and programs.
Because of your amazing patience when dealing with personal concerns!
It's a great place to go with the family.
It's my favorite place with all of you. Love you!
This is the best library
Ever. I cannot live
without it.
Orland Park Library has one of the best kids area departments in the suburbs!
Great place to play and learn for the kids (it's my son's favorite place!) And I love the selection 😊

Orlando (has one kids as in...
I LOVE THE ORLANDO PARK LIBRARY
BECAUSE OF GREAT STAFF SERVICE.
I love the library because I spend half my life here... studying for exams... it's so peaceful 😊
I love the library because of its ambiance and I love getting in the study zone!
I like all the nice people who work here!
BEST PLACE FOR FAMILY IN ORANY PARK!
Fabulous!
Wonderful book selection!
Best place in Orlando!!
A great place to relax and forget about the world!

Thanks!
The Orland Park Library has awesome programs!! Thank you!!
Great Library
good selection
of books
"I love getting books about mermaids and Dora"

Megan
Age 4
I like using Overdrive to take out ebooks!
Anthony Blomzren
Me gusta mucho la Librería de Oyland Park
Porque en cueño traemos libros
La librería
es en lugar
es pes;1 para aprender
Abby Blomgren 😊
I love the library because it is full of books and I love books!

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* IMG_2505 = MISSING (censored and not produced)

* IMG_2506 =
because I love to read books

Victoria
Many options!
We love everyone here.

Wonderful staff and great selection of materials!
and I

I like
going back

I like going back
I love books

I love the Library
because it relaxes me.
I was raised in the belief that the library was an opening to the world and still consider it a special place for me.
I really love our O.P. Library because it has everything I need.

This is the library I can't live without.
We love story time!

I really love our old library. It has everything I need.
I love the Library.
It's a place where I concentrate on my studies and relax.

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* IMG_2526 =
Learned to
love reading
because of local
library and programs

Erik
Because they always have what I want.

N.G.
OPPL welcomes everyone with great smile & helpful staff. We love to visit here after school!
Hi there.

The library is the most wonderful information place.

Everyone here is so helpful!
Everyone is so helpful and friendly! A great place to relax and enjoy one of my favorite things in the world — books!
Because everyone is so helping and cooperating?
Shahfae
Good People!
I love the library because I love the books and I love to read.
I love the books!
I love the library!
I like the library because you could get books.
It is the perfect learning environment with all the resources I need! ♥ Juliana
I love the library because there are a lot of books to choose from!

-Mitch
It's beautiful, peaceful & the librarians are so helpful!

Deb

* IMG_2553 =
I love the library because I could read lots of books.
We love the OPPL because they have so much for anyone who wants to learn, and the staff are very helpful and friendly.
There are a lot of books to read and it is a great place to study or do homework.
I like the library for the Super Man and Batman books.

Ps Jordan Tidwell

* IMG_2559 =
Library enables you to meet new people and experience new things. Subject you only read about are hyperlinks to Elsevier.

Bernard
Dale's Heights
April 2018

Great stuff!
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The OPPC allows all of us to continue to grow! It's the best asset in our community!
I love the library because they have all the most amazing books ever! (and their furniture is comfy)
I love the library to get a book because it's fun to read!
I love the book discussions.
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* IMG_2574 =
Love Audio
Books on Tape
Books
Because you're gorgeously stacked -
It makes my brain joyful.
I love Apple because the staff is so nice.
The people

We love the library
for all the fun
kid activities
Thank you

* IMG_2578 =
I love that there is a large variety of topics of books, audiobooks, playaways, movies and t.v. series.
I love the library because the librarians are nice and I love books.
they have the best book
I like the library because
I like the
Amelia Bedelia
Age 7

I love the library
because of the
video game room

* IMG_2585 =
A great place to relax and forget about the world!

Thanks!
I love the library because I get to see the awesome librarians, and get to check out these wonderful books, my most favorite things in the world!
Libraries enable you to meet new people and experience new things. Subject you only tend about are yours to experience.

Beverley
Caloor Heights
April 2015
OPPL opens great ideas
for my kids & myself.
The great venue to establish
study habits for my
5 & 7 year old kiddos.
Libraries enable you to meet new people and experience new things. Subject you only care about are important, effective.

Berthoud,
Palm Heights
April 2018

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This is where I can
read Books
Chris Plankin
Everyone is here, and they provide more services than the average library. You can bring your own laptop in, and they'll help you work it/fix it.
ANALYSIS:

What's interesting in studying these hearts that people completed is that, mostly, everyone said the same thing. They love the library because it has books in it and they love books. They love the library because they get books for free there. They love the library because the staff they encounter while getting the free books are nice. They love the library because there are free programs they can go to, like music or art or something like that. They love the library because it gives them somewhere to go to relax and hang out. They go to the library because they like discussing books that they get for free to read there.

Not a single person said that they love the Orland Park Public Library because it is a place where they can watch porn, have sex, or access illegal things like child porn without fear of being caught by the police.

So, why doesn't the OPPL focus on buying as many books as possible (since people love those)?

Why doesn't the OPPL focus on making sure it has the friendliest and best staff possible (since people like that)?

Why doesn't the OPPL focus on making sure it has the best programming around (since people love that)?

If no one -- not a single person -- said it is important to them that the OPPL provide them with free pornography or a place to masturbate or access child porn, then why is it so important to the OPPL Board of Trustees to keep the porn flowing and the child porn accessible at the Orland Park Public Library?
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😊

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Because of your amazing patience when dealing with patient concerns!
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It's my favorite place in all of Orlando! Back!
This is the best library.
Every. I cannot live without it.
Orlando Park Library has one of the best kids areas/department in the suburbs!
Great place to play and learn for the kids (it's my son's favorite place!) And I love the selection 😍
I love the Orange Park Library because of great staff service.
I love the library because I spend half my life here... studying for exams... it's so peaceful 😊
I love the library because of its ambience and I love getting in the study zone!
I like all the nice people who work here!
BEST PLACE FOR FAMILY

IN ORANGEPARK!
Fabulous!
Wonderful book selection
Best place in Orlando!!
This is where I can
read books
Chris Plankin
Everyone is so nice here, and they provide more resources than the average library. You can bring your own laptop in, and they'll help you work it fix it.