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Professor [Mark Peterson](#) has an [op-ed in the Daily News](#), providing some sarcasm and irony to the current state of the library fiasco. Peterson suggests that there's another book that Ginny Maziarka and her comrades need to banish, a book described by Peterson as "arguably, the single greatest cause of spiritual distress and physical bloodshed in Western history": the New and Old Testaments of the Christian Bible.

Ginny, being a good Christian, doesn't take kindly to someone bad-mouthing her Bible. So, she highlights a couple of phrases from Peterson's commentary, and [proceeds to call him a liar](#). Problem is, the things he said are true, and we have Ginny's own words to prove it.

Let's take a look at two instances in Ginny's post:

1:

Peterson says: "Let's recap: a local group of fundamentalist Christians asks that a number of books be removed from the library's shelves on completely unconstitutional grounds."

Ginny replies (all caps red, of course): "**LIE. NO BOOKS WERE ASKED TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES.**"

But Peterson is correct that this all started with Ginny's request to have books *removed* from the library altogether. She outlines her group's [initial demands in this blog post](#), noting that "We further asked for the removal of any book in the **youth section** of our library, i.e., children's, young adult/YA Zone, that contains **perverse and pornographic** language" (her emphasis).

Ginny repeats her call for banning books [here](#): "We also told him that we are requesting a **"ban"** on the *The Perks of a Wallflower* book." (her emphasis). And if you can sit through [this video](#), at minute 23:38 Ginny repeats her desire to have books removed as the first solution, if only it weren't for the pesky ALA (emphasis mine):

And, again, personally, **if [the books] could be moved, I'd be great with that**. But, the American Library Association has a lot more power than you or me. And since that's not really going to be a possible option, I guess then this [reclassification] is what we're going to have to ask.

So, Peterson is right to characterize the starting point of this entire episode with a request to have books removed from library shelves. To you, Ginny, I say: **LIE**.

2:

Peterson points out a connection between Ginny and [Julaine Appling](#): "Julaine Appling, whose Wisconsin Family Council seminars provided the Maziarkas with the organizing skills..."

Ginny replies, with her typical detailed commentary: "**OUTRIGHT LIE.**"

But Ginny *did* take training seminars sponsored by the Wisconsin Family Council and with the [American Majority](#), and offshoot of the [Sam Adams Alliance](#), who is dedicated to "training, inspiring, and empowering people to utilize new media tools (blogging, twitter, wikis) to advance economic freedom and individual liberty.". She [blogged about it here](#), and even tweeted her excitement about the training sessions [here](#) and [here](#).

So, again, Peterson appears correct in noting that Ginny benefited from training seminars hosted by WFC. Your denial, Ginny, is an **OUTRIGHT LIE**.