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Agenda Item 5.d.

Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

banning books

1 message

kit knight <kitknight921@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 6:53 AM

To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Banning any book from the library is horrible idea. Leave the system as is.

Sincerely,

Kit Knight, a 72 year old Yerington resident



#14

Wynne Prindle <wprindle@lyon-county.org>

Library Board Meeting

1 message

AuntieEm Em <auntieem1961@hotmail.com>
To: wprindle@lyon-county.org

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 12:38 PM

Library Director Wynne Prindle,

I respectfully request that you forward this email to the Library Trustee as a public comment to be read aloud at the Library Board meeting tomorrow, January 28, 2025 and to be included in the minutes as well.

My name is Elaine Moore-Cerda. It has come to my attention and I am concerned about the sexually explicit books that are unrestrictedly available to our children in our public libraries in Lyon County.

It appears that many excuses for these books have been made by the staff and trustees which were not entirely true.

One of the things said is "these books are not in our libraries". However, with very little research at the Lyon County Library website, this remark can easily be disproven.

One comment made was that they aren't pornographic. However, even in Wikipedia books such as "Gender Queer" is described as containing 'sexually explicit illustrations'. The subject matter of several other books in the library include rape of children, sex between children, and graphic how-to manuals of deviant sex.

Yet another comment was that there has been no objections to these books in the last 10 years...well now there is! We want to protect our children and one of the ways to accomplish that is by restricting access to these destructive books!

I am disappointed to hear that three of our trustees have voted against policy revisions which would have put provisions in place to help protect our children.

I am requesting that you change your vote and allow these revisions. If not, you should consider resignation since it would appear that you are unwilling to take a positive stand on this moral issue on behalf of our children who are unable to discern dangerous and unhealthy materials! You shouldn't be in a position that affects them so closely.

I am not requesting that these books be banned from adults, who choose such, but just want our children to be protected.

We live in a world now where nothing is sacred and access to every imaginable evil is easily accessible. However, I would like to believe that we, in Lyon County, have not given up the fight to at least try to diminish the damage being attempted upon our children and I hope that you would feel the same.

Thank you for your time.

Elaine Moore-Cerda

#2

Emily Turner
Wellington, NV 89444

January 26, 2025

Dear Board Members:

My name is Emily Turner and I am a 7-year resident of Smith Valley. I want to take the time to thank the wonderful librarians and staff of the Lyon County Library System. Dana Doll, the Smith Valley Librarian, and Wynne Prindle, Director of the Lyon County Library System, are exceptional professionals. They do a wonderful job selecting books that will appeal to the library patrons.

One of the first things I did when I moved to this area was to visit the library and obtain a library card. I really appreciate the wide range of materials currently available. I read or listened to over 275 books this last year. The previous year, I read over 350 books. I usually visit the library once a week. I consider the tax money spent on these books to be appropriate and well spent.

I think that it is important for the library to provide materials for the entire population. Recently, I have been reading a lot of romances. As an adult, I appreciate having access to books that adequately cover the full spectrum of romantic relationships, including ones that discuss topics that may make some people uncomfortable. I like to think that they have improved my own relationship with my husband.

The books that I read are in the adult section. Just like with movie ratings, it is important for parents to decide what is appropriate for their own children. Only parents will know what maturity level their children are at. Only parents should decide what kinds of books they want their children to read.

The library provides reading materials for the entire population. There are policies and procedures already in place to reclassify books that are in the wrong section. Just because a certain individual is made uncomfortable by a book or topic, doesn't mean that the book should be removed for all patrons or removed from a certain classification.

I speak for the majority of patrons who think that the current policies and procedures are reasonable and appropriate. I think that the current staff are well trained and experienced and are the best people to make decisions regarding which books are in the library and which books should be purchased in the future. They make the library a wonderful resource for all patrons.

Thank you for your time.

Emily Turner



#3

Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Public Comments Library Board of Trustees January 28, 2025

1 message

Ron and Janice Scandrett <jarranch1977@gmail.com>
To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Sun, Jan 26, 2025 at 8:50 PM

Dear Library Board of Trustees,

I have been a member of the Smith Valley Friends of the Library for over twenty years and a patron of the Smith Valley Library for over twenty five years. One of the great freedoms we have as Americans is the freedom of speech which includes the freedom of seeking, receiving and imparting information or ideas whether orally or in written form.

It seems to me that a group in Lyon County would like to limit this freedom under the guise of protecting their children from unsavory books. The Lyon County Library already has a Collection Development Policy to review books for acceptability before the books are placed in the library. Smith Valley Library has designated sections for books for children, young adult and adults, plus areas to sit and read or review the books. If parents are concerned about what books their children are reading or looking at, it is their responsibility to deem books appropriate, as they see fit, for their children. It is not their prerogative to deem books inappropriate by their standards for all library patrons.

Thank you, Janice Scandrett MS, MT (ASCP)



#4

Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

(no subject)

1 message

Margaret Mandeville <margaretmandeville@gmail.com>
To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Sun, Jan 26, 2025 at 7:49 PM

I strongly feel you would not remove these books from the Library. These books are art of our history!



Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Public Comments Library Board of Trustees Jan 28

1 message

Sandra Currier <currieroctmt@gmail.com>
To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Sun, Jan 26, 2025 at 7:26 PM

January 26, 2025

To the Lyon County Commissioners,

My name is Sandra Currier and I live on Sharon Dr in Wellington, NV. I have lived here since 2013 and have been a faithful patron of Smith Valley Library.

I understand that there are several people in Lyon County that wish support a policy written by Library Trustee member, Deanne Davis because they feel that our libraries contain "pornographic material" available to our children. Please continue to use the current STAFF policy, which is basically the policy that has been in place since the start of the library system, which supports freedom to read.

As a parent is in my responsibility to chose my children's reading material, not others in groups with whom I may disagree with and are attempting to fulfil an agenda per their religious views.

There are many safeguards currently in place by the Lyon County library system to help me monitor the books my children may check out. It is my job to do so, not a group of "concerned" citizens who's views I do not accept.

Regards



#7

Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Public comments Library Board of Trustees Jan 28

1 message

Lisa Christensen <mitchlisac@gmail.com>
To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Sat, Jan 25, 2025 at 1:17 PM

Reading books has been of utmost importance my entire life. My parents read to me and my sister. We were dedicated patrons of the Libraries in our towns growing up. My mother was a middle school Librarian. My children have been raised with books and the Lyon County Library system. As a parent and an adult patron of the Lyon County Library system, I believe their protocol is fine the way is, supporting the policy of freedom to read. I know our Library Director and her staff to be well qualified individuals, doing a wonderful job. I absolutely oppose Deanne Davis' position that our Libraries contain pornographic materials. I believe it is the job of each parent to choose and police what is appropriate for their own children, and that the current wide variety of books continue to be available to the reading public.

Thank you,

Lisa Christensen, A resident of Smith Valley



Lyon County Library Board of Trustees

January 28, 2025

Re: Agenda Item 5.d. Review and approve the Lyon County Library Collection Development and Materials Selection Policy

I am speaking in support of the Collection Development and Materials Selection Policy STAFF Recommendations 10-22-24. This is absolutely critical for the future of our library system and its fundamental policies of freedom to read, and freedom of thought.

In opposition to this staff policy is the alternative policy presented by Deanne Davis. This was voted down already at the Library Board of Trustees meeting in November, but there has been public comment in support of it. On the surface, this policy claims to protect children from pornographic materials in the library. After all, who could oppose protecting children? The actual purpose of this document is to wrest control of collection development from the professionally trained library staff and put it in the hands of the trustees—trustees, who would push their personal agenda and extremist viewpoints on the whole of Lyon County.

One foreseeable result of the Davis policy is the absence in our libraries of any materials that are intended to inform parents and children (including young adults) about sensitive topics such as puberty, sexuality, warnings against sexual predators, incest and pornography. Parents and children would be denied the precise information that would inform and protect them. Instead of protecting children, this policy would put them at risk.

I oppose any policy that attempts to dictate one point of view to the exclusion of all others. The 'woke' agenda of far left groups, which at one point pushed banning several books by Dr. Seuss, has no place in directing our library policy. Neither do agendas of far right groups that use the guise of protecting children as a ploy to gain power.

One goal of the group supporting the Davis policy is to force the resignation or removal of the three trustees, who rightly opposed it according to library policy and their obligations as trustees. These trustees would then be replaced by the group's hand-picked followers. The Library Director, who is hired by the trustees, would likely be dismissed unless the Director agreed to the policies based on the group's right wing agenda. Library staff who disagree with the trustee policy would also be at risk. This has happened in other places in the country. I cherish our rights, freedoms and our libraries too much to allow this to happen in Lyon County.

The Collection Development and Materials Selection Policy STAFF Recommendations 10-22-24 must be approved.

Thank you,

Judith Harker

#9

Dear Lyon County Library Board of Trustees:

Re: Agenda item 5d:

As a grandmother and former member of the Lyon County Board of Library Trustees, I support the Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Freedom to View. Therefore, I recommend that the Trustees approve the Collection Development and Materials Selection Policy STAFF recommendations 10/22/2024, which supports the above policies.

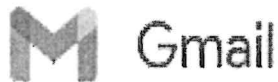
Anything more restrictive, even regarding children's literature, would eliminate parents' ability to choose what is appropriate for their children to read. Parental choice could lead to a discussion and the encouragement of the children to think critically. There already is a procedure in place for an individual to have a book re-evaluated if he/she finds it inappropriate.

Furthermore, per Library Trustee training developed by the Nevada State Library and Archives per NRS 378, trustees should:

1. Defend intellectual freedom, support the American Library Association and Library Bill of Rights, and support the libraries' role to provide materials in response to the needs of all segments of the community.
2. Declare any conflict of interest between personal life and position on the library board, and distinguish clearly in actions and statements between personal philosophies and attitudes and those of the institution.
3. Be prepared to support to the fullest the efforts of librarians in resisting censorship.

While my own views are fairly conservative, based upon the responsibilities of the Library Board of Trustees as designated by the Nevada State Library, I entreat the Board of Trustees to adopt the Collection Development and Materials Selection Policy STAFF recommendations 10/22/2024, because libraries are for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration,
Patricia Swain
Wellington (Lyon County)



Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Public Comments Library Board of Trustees January 28, 2025

1 message

'Hilary Boudreau' via County Clerks <countyclerks@lyon-county.org>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 6:53 AM

Reply-To: Hilary Boudreau <hilaryh.boudreau@icloud.com>

To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

My husband and I have resided in Smith Valley for almost 30 years. We both worked for the Lyon County School District, he as a school maintenance supervisor and I as an English and English as a Second Language Teacher. We are both currently retired and commit several weeks a year to mission volunteer work for nonprofit agencies throughout the US. We are on an out-of-state project right now which is why I cannot appear in person at this meeting.

The mission of any public library is to provide wide access to a variety of print materials and other media to the public of all ages and persuasions. Public entities are not subject to guiding principles found in religious organizations. They do not filter materials through narrow, lenses of judgment, nor should they. They seek to provide reading and entertainment materials that might interest a public rich in diversity. I know from my parenting and teaching experience that readers vary so much in how and what they read. My own tastes in reading and entertainment have changed much as I've aged and matured.

As a parent, I understand wanting to guide our children into paths that will lead to their righteousness and happiness. I was fairly restrictive in what I allowed our children to watch on TV or consume through other media. At some point, they grew into adults who I hope are pretty careful about what media they consume. But, they are clearly on their own and no longer under my control with children of their own. That is the domain of parents, not libraries.

As an English teacher, I always tried to suggest and provide access to a wide variety of reading materials, especially when trying to interest a non-reader into the act of reading for pleasure. I truly believe that lower interest in reading for pleasure and information these days is developing a nation of people who do not know how to discern truth from fiction. This is causing division, misinformation, and a dumbing down of our citizenry.

I implore the Library board, Board of Commissioners, and all concerned individuals to refrain from limiting the diversity of materials available to library consumers.

Sincerely,

Hilary Boudreau,

Retired LCSD Teacher



Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Publics Comments, Library Board of Trustees, Jan 28, 2025

1 message

Tom Toigo <tomkath613@gmail.com>

Sun, Jan 26, 2025 at 3:44 PM

To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

Hello,

My name is Tom Toigo. I was a teacher at Yerington Intermediate School for 15 years, and I am very concerned about our community's library. Therefore I would like to make the following public comment.

The library should not be controlled by a group of individuals with a particular set of beliefs. It should represent all residents of Lyon County.

I am concerned that there may be those who are often misinterpreting what they are reading in the books or about the books, and approaching the question of "approval" from this perspective.

Also, I am disturbed by a comment by an individual who stated that material he found offensive should be destroyed. This has been done by groups in other countries in the past, and had terrible consequences.

Thank you for allowing me to make a public comment.
Tom Toigo



Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Public comment Library Board of Trustees January 28

1 message

historicinsight via County Clerks <countyclerks@lyon-county.org>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 11:27 AM

Reply-To: historicinsight@gbis.com

To: County clerks <countyclerks@lyon-county.org>

Good morning. This comment is directed to Trustees Stevens, Edwards, and Schardt.

I have lived in Lyon County for more than 30 years, during which time I've had the opportunity to serve on the Silver City Citizen Advisory Board. The Silver City CAB is one of many advisory boards in the County, comprised of involved, conscientious citizens who volunteer time and considerable effort to serve their communities. The Library Board of Trustees does enjoy an expanded role compared to these other boards, including implementing library policy, preparing budgets, and holding library property and materials in trust for the public. But just like the other advisory boards, Library Trustees are, almost without exception, motivated by the same commitment and spirit of public service.

It is, therefore, outrageous to see the three of you subjected to an organized, purposeful campaign calculated to, at the very least, intimidate you and at most to see you removed from the Board of Trustees. The attacks on you are grounded in a vile, specious lie: that you and the library staff are distributing pornography to children. This kind of extremism goes beyond disagreement, or simply expressions of different points of view. It is, frankly, dangerous and cannot be tolerated.

In all my experience with advisory boards in Lyon County, I've never associated the word "courage" with this kind of public service. But that might just be what it takes at this moment. And please rest assured that there are plenty of people in Lyon County with courage.

Thanks for your good work.

Erich Obermayr



Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

Public Comment Library Board of Trustees January 28

1 message

Jill Fry <brokenbitranch@earthlink.net>

Mon, Jan 27, 2025 at 12:01 PM

To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

To the esteemed members of the Lyon County Library Board of Trustees,

My name is Jill Fry. I have been a Lyon County resident since 1983 and for the past 27 years I have called Smith Valley home. My three children attended Lyon County schools from kindergarten through high school graduation, spending many hours in their respective school and the public libraries.

I am writing to you to express my support for our library director, Wynne Prindle, her staff, and the current policies of this board. I am seriously concerned with regard to the direction that a small faction of the would like to steer the board, one of censorship. I.e., the suppression of words, images, or ideas that are "offensive" and occurs whenever some people succeed in imposing their personal political or moral values on others. The Lyon County Library Board is government entity. Censorship by the government is illegal.

The egregious attacks against three library trustees, the director and her staff are outrageous and offensive. I have known and respected the current library director and several of the staff for 30 or more years. Without fail, I have found them to consistently demonstrate high ethical standards, actively contribute positively to their communities and respect the laws. They are known for their honesty and integrity, often going above and beyond what is expected.

With this letter, I urge you to continue to represent ALL CITIZENS of Lyon County by nominating a trustee that will maintain the current high policies and standards of our Lyon County Library system.

Respectfully,

Jill Fry



#14

Wynne Prindle <wprindle@lyon-county.org>

Library Board Meeting

1 message

AuntieEm Em <auntieem1961@hotmail.com>
To: wprindle@lyon-county.org

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Thank you for your time.

Elaine Moore-Cerda

#15

Library Next Step - Meeting MONDAY Jan 6th - County Commissioners

Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>
To: Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jan 2 at 12:31 PM

Dear Friends,

Thank you for continuing to put pressure on the county commissioners to address the problem at the public library with sexually explicit books endangering our children. Here are the next steps . . .

1) Please attend the next Lyon County Commissioners meeting and make a public comment:

Next Board of County Commissioners meeting is this **MONDAY, Jan 6th at 9:00 am**
Lyon County Administrative Complex,

See agenda:

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 833 6868 6463 / Passcode: 896135 Mobile: 1-253-215-8782 / 1-346-248-7799
The best time to give public comment is normally at the very beginning of the meeting

- * Ask them to add an agenda item at the next meeting to fill the currently vacant seat with a library trustee who will revise policies to protect children from sexually explicit material, and ensure the library is a wholesome place for families and children to enjoy.
- * Remind them that the library board has not had a 5th member seated since last July. Concerned citizens have applied to serve in this position, but the commissioners agenda this week still does not have an agenda item appointing anyone to this open seat.
- * At the last commissioners meeting in December some residents expressed concerns about "banning books." The issue is NOT about "banning books," but about having policies in place to protect children. The First Amendment protects the freedom of speech, but it does not compel taxpayers to purchase and distribute sexually explicit pornography to children, which is what is happening now, usually without parental knowledge or consent.
- * Every library has a "Materials Collection Development Policy" written by the trustees which guides library staff how to spend taxpayer money on books that the community wants. This is not "banning books" but being good stewards of our limited community resources. Remind the commissioners that they have the authority to appoint library trustees who represent the values of our conservative community, and who will write policies to guide the purchase of books for our library that will not endanger our children.
- * Let them know the kind of books that are currently being purchased by the library staff (see links below and read excerpts attached - I'm sorry to expose you to this filth.) Let them

know you don't want your tax money funding sexually explicit material for children which is dangerous to their health and development. We need library trustees who will do their job to actively oversee the library staff and hold them accountable.

2) Attend the next Library Board of Trustees meeting and make a public comment:

* Give summaries and read excerpts from the sexually explicit material that is available to children. Explain why this material is dangerous to children's health and development.

(Organize so everyone reads from a different book - see below)

* Argue that parents need an easier way to know what content is included in material meant for children, and describe how these books are deceptively exposing children to pornography while disguised as ordinary books.

* Express disappointment that 3 trustees voted not to adopt revisions that would protect children from sexually explicit material, ask them to change their vote on this second reading, or demand their resignation.

* Explain that simply moving sexually explicit books to the "adult section" is not sufficient protection since current library policies allow children to check out books from the adult section both in person and online without parental knowledge or consent. Policies need to be changed to better protect children.

Library Board meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 9:30 am** at the Commissioners Chambers Lyon County Administrative Complex, 209 N. 1st St., Leesville, SC 29556. Agenda and zoom link will be available the week before

To find books to read aloud, look up books by title on Book Looks reviews, then click to see excerpts:

[http://www.booklooks.com](#)

Also look at the books listed on Karen England's Capitol Resource site (only some have excerpts)

[http://www.capitolresource.com](#)

Then cross-reference these books with the Lyon County online catalog to see which books are available on the shelf or through inter-library loan. Children with a library card currently have access to any book in the catalog without parental knowledge or consent. (there is no designation of "children's section")

[http://www.lyoncountylib.org](#)

Some of the sexually explicit books already confirmed to be available in Lyon County libraries

.clude:

Court of Wings - Maas

Court of Frost - Maas

Bluest Eye - Morrison

Me and Earl - Andrews

Let's Talk About It - Moen/Nolan

Tricks - Hopkins

Traffick - Hopkins

Flamer - Curato

Gender Queer - Kobabe

Thank you,

Deanne Davis

Chair Library Trustees

714-732-9347

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#16

Gmail

Library Update and Next Steps

Tue, Jan 7 at 3:46 PM

Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>
From: Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

Thank you for partnering with us to protect children from sexually explicit material at the public library.

Here is an update . . .

At the commissioners meeting yesterday several more people spoke including some from Calvary Chapel Dayton who presented a letter with over 300 signatures showing support for the board to address this issue of sexually explicit books in the libraries, they gave the commissioners a packet with excerpts from some of the books, and suggestions about what they could do to solve the problem.

The message was received positively, and it seems a majority of the commissioners are concerned as we are, and want to do what they can, within their authority, to get policies in place to remove these books and protect children.

Visitors were told that an agenda item will be placed on their next meeting addressing this. Not certain what that item will be, but we hope they will at least be appointing Patti Palmer to the vacant library seat.

The District Attorney and the County Manager are also researching what they might be able to do.

The next commissioners meeting is Thursday, Jan 16th at 9:00 am in Yerington.

At this meeting we should show support to the commissioners to appoint library trustees who will protect children.

Perhaps another letter of support signed by hundreds more people from another part of the county would be helpful.

I will send out an email as soon as the agenda becomes available.

We have also been speaking with Karen England from Capitol Resource Institute who has taken interest in this case, and is helping us strategize, she is looking for legal advice about Nevada law and what kind of policies could be written.

I think the best strategy going forward looks like this:

1. Get a majority on the library board (perhaps pressure some of them to resign, or ask the commissioners to recall them)
2. Revise the policies once we have a majority
3. Once the policies are in place, remove or challenge the books (challenging books while the

current policy is still in place would probably be fruitless)

This may take some time, so meanwhile we can simultaneously:

1. Get qualified people on-deck ready to apply for any open trustee position
2. Keep educating the current library board in hopes of changing opinions
3. Keep educating the public about the kind of books available to children
4. Keep supporting the commissioners as they work with us to make change
5. Keep finding information and resources (more books to challenge, sample policies to implement, like-minded people to rally, organizations that can help, etc.)
6. Keep communicating and coordinating our actions and response.

The next Library Trustee meeting is Tuesday, Jan 28th at 9:30 am in Yerington.

I think having a large public presence at this meeting will be very important and should include the same kind of input from the public as last time: alerting trustees to the sexually explicit books, and explaining why this is not "banning" but protecting children from pornography. We should also expect there will be a lot of opposition this time (drummed up by the library staff) who will be attending and arguing against "book banning."

The agenda will include a second reading of the book policies, but I'm not sure if trustees will be able to vote on the policies protecting children, or only able to vote on the ones suggested by staff that passed last time. I will look into this as I write the agenda.

If the agenda is only allowed to have the staff policies, we could ask trustees to vote NO on the staff policies so the ones protecting children could come back at a future meeting. Even if they pass, it would not prevent a future board from trying to revise them again.

Most important, we need to keep PRAYING, and ask the Lord for victory. We know he calls us to defend the children, and stand up for justice.

God bless, and Happy New Year!

[Quoted text hidden]

Please help! Library Meeting Tues 1/28

1 message

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Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

To:

Please help protect children from sexually explicit books in our Lyon County Libraries!!

Library Board meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 9:30 am** at the Commissioners Chambers
Lyon County Administrative Complex,
Agenda and zoom link will be available later this week at:

Please encourage people to attend to show concern and make a public comment. Here are some suggestions:

* The library staff & trustees have said "these books are not in our libraries."

Please show proof (attached) that they ARE in our Lyon County catalog, some are on the shelves, and others are available as e-book downloads, or can be requested from nearby libraries.

* The library staff & trustees have said "these books are not pornographic or harmful."

Please read excerpts aloud (attached) and let the public decide if this is appropriate for children.

* The library staff & trustees have said "parents have the responsibility to monitor what their children read."

Please state that current policy allows children to access material from anywhere in the library including the adult section, and children are able to download digital material from home. There are no restrictions about what children can access. Many of these books are shelved as "young adult" which means they are specifically targeted at teens age 12-17, who are not adults and should not be viewing sexually explicit content. Ask how parents are able to know or monitor what books may be inappropriate since they do not have labels, ratings, or warnings about sexual content. Explain this practice is deceptive and endangers children. State you want to limit access for minors and give parents more tools to protect their children from harmful material. Parents need an easier way to know what content is included in material meant for children. These books are deceptively exposing children to adult material while disguised as children's books.

* The opposition will say that religious extremists are "banning books," "censoring," and "violating the first amendment."

Express that you agree people have a right to say or print anything they want, but that does not require the citizens of this county to purchase sexually explicit material and make it available to children. We have a right to decide how to spend money for the public library, and we have a duty to develop criteria for book selection that protects children from sexually explicit material. We cannot afford to buy every book ever published, so we need to choose which books match the values and desires of this community.

* The library staff & trustees have said, "no one has objected or challenged any books in the past 10 years."

Explain that sexually explicit books targeted toward children are a recent development. It has taken some time for people to become aware of this evil, but be assured these books will be challenged, as will the librarians and trustees who allowed them into our libraries. They are dangerous to children and we expect them to be removed.

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Agenda Item 5.h.

Erin Lopez <elopez@lyon-county.org>

PUBLIC COMMENT: Library Board of Trustees, 1/28/2025, General Comments

1 message

Jeanette Peck <jeanettepeck@gmail.com>

Sat, Jan 25, 2025 at 6:58 PM

To: countyclerks@lyon-county.org

My name is Jeanette Peck and I live at 276 La Costa Avenue, Dayton.

On January 26, I was deeply impressed with the report on the Lyon County Public Libraries presented by Library Director Wynne Prindle at the Lyon County Board of Commissioners.

It was very thorough and answered many of the questions that I had about the state of our libraries. It made me very proud of our library system.

My deepest thanks to the staff, the Board of Trustees and all the dedicated volunteers who serve.

It appears that the lively conversations at recent Board of Trustees meetings have garnered an excellent group of applicants for the open Library Trustee position! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to serve.

I hope that those who review the candidates will use a structured review process, which would include consideration of the applicants' knowledge of the laws and processes within the County Libraries, experience with County Library Trustees, staff and volunteers, and commitment to meeting "the informational needs of ALL residents of the County" (NRS 379.025.4).

Thank you for your ongoing concern for your responsibilities as our County's Library Board of Trustees.

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Library Next Steps - BOCC Meeting Thurs 1/16

Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

Mon, Jan 13 at 8:58 PM

Dear Friends,

Is anyone able to attend the Commissioners meeting this Thursday 1/16?

Item #16c is a presentation by the County Manager about the Library structure and role of trustees. I'm not sure where he is going with this, I think this is meant to deflect blame off the commissioners. The library director and other trustees have been invited. Unfortunately, I will be out of town, but I wrote a letter to the county manager sharing my concerns.

Appointing a new library trustee is still NOT on the agenda. We need to keep the pressure on in a friendly way and continue asking them to appoint a library trustee who will protect children.

Thanks,
Deanne

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Library Next Step - Meeting MONDAY Jan 6th - County Commissioners

Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>
To: Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

Thu, Jan 2 at 12:31 PM

Dear Friends,

Thank you for continuing to put pressure on the county commissioners to address the problem at the public library with sexually explicit books endangering our children. Here are the next steps . . .

1) Please attend the next Lyon County Commissioners meeting and make a public comment:

Next Board of County Commissioners meeting is this **MONDAY, Jan 6th at 9:00 am**
Lyon County Administrative Complex,

See agenda:

Join Zoom Meeting:

Meeting ID: 833 6868 6463 / Passcode: 896135 Mobile: 1-253-215-8782 / 1-346-248-7799
The best time to give public comment is normally at the very beginning of the meeting

- * Ask them to add an agenda item at the next meeting to fill the currently vacant seat with a library trustee who will revise policies to protect children from sexually explicit material, and ensure the library is a wholesome place for families and children to enjoy.
- * Remind them that the library board has not had a 5th member seated since last July. Concerned citizens have applied to serve in this position, but the commissioners agenda this week still does not have an agenda item appointing anyone to this open seat.
- * At the last commissioners meeting in December some residents expressed concerns about "banning books." The issue is NOT about "banning books," but about having policies in place to protect children. The First Amendment protects the freedom of speech, but it does not compel taxpayers to purchase and distribute sexually explicit pornography to children, which is what is happening now, usually without parental knowledge or consent.
- * Every library has a "Materials Collection Development Policy" written by the trustees which guides library staff how to spend taxpayer money on books that the community wants. This is not "banning books" but being good stewards of our limited community resources. Remind the commissioners that they have the authority to appoint library trustees who represent the values of our conservative community, and who will write policies to guide the purchase of books for our library that will not endanger our children.
- * Let them know the kind of books that are currently being purchased by the library staff (see links below and read excerpts attached - I'm sorry to expose you to this filth.) Let them

know you don't want your tax money funding sexually explicit material for children which is dangerous to their health and development. We need library trustees who will do their job to actively oversee the library staff and hold them accountable.

2) Attend the next Library Board of Trustees meeting and make a public comment:

- * Give summaries and read excerpts from the sexually explicit material that is available to children. Explain why this material is dangerous to children's health and development. (Organize so everyone reads from a different book - see below)
- * Argue that parents need an easier way to know what content is included in material meant for children, and describe how these books are deceptively exposing children to pornography while disguised as ordinary books.
- * Express disappointment that 3 trustees voted not to adopt revisions that would protect children from sexually explicit material, ask them to change their vote on this second reading, or demand their resignation.
- * Explain that simply moving sexually explicit books to the "adult section" is not sufficient protection since current library policies allow children to check out books from the adult section both in person and online without parental knowledge or consent. Policies need to be changed to better protect children.

Library Board meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 9:30 am** at the Commissioners Chambers Lyon County Administrative Complex, [Lyon County Administrative Complex](#) agenda and zoom link will be available the week before

To find books to read aloud, look up books by title on Book Looks reviews, then click to see excerpts:

[Book Looks reviews](#)

Also look at the books listed on Karen England's Capitol Resource site (only some have excerpts)

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Then cross-reference these books with the Lyon County online catalog to see which books are available on the shelf or through inter-library loan. Children with a library card currently have access to any book in the catalog without parental knowledge or consent. (there is no designation of "children's section")

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Thank you,

Deanne Davis

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Library Update and Next Steps

Tue, Jan 7 at 3:46 PM

Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>
From: Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

Thank you for partnering with us to protect children from sexually explicit material at the public library.

Here is an update . . .

At the commissioners meeting yesterday several more people spoke including some from Calvary Chapel Dayton who presented a letter with over 300 signatures showing support for the board to address this issue of sexually explicit books in the libraries, they gave the commissioners a packet with excerpts from some of the books, and suggestions about what they could do to solve the problem.

The message was received positively, and it seems a majority of the commissioners are concerned as we are, and want to do what they can, within their authority, to get policies in place to remove these books and protect children.

Visitors were told that an agenda item will be placed on their next meeting addressing this. Not certain what that item will be, but we hope they will at least be appointing Patti Palmer to the vacant library seat.

The District Attorney and the County Manager are also researching what they might be able to do.

The next commissioners meeting is Thursday, Jan 16th at 9:00 am in Yerington.

At this meeting we should show support to the commissioners to appoint library trustees who will protect children.

Perhaps another letter of support signed by hundreds more people from another part of the county would be helpful.

I will send out an email as soon as the agenda becomes available.

We have also been speaking with Karen England from Capitol Resource Institute who has taken interest in this case, and is helping us strategize, she is looking for legal advice about Nevada law and what kind of policies could be written.

I think the best strategy going forward looks like this:

1. Get a majority on the library board (perhaps pressure some of them to resign, or ask the commissioners to recall them)
2. Revise the policies once we have a majority
3. Once the policies are in place, remove or challenge the books (challenging books while the

current policy is still in place would probably be fruitless)

This may take some time, so meanwhile we can simultaneously:

1. Get qualified people on-deck ready to apply for any open trustee position
2. Keep educating the current library board in hopes of changing opinions
3. Keep educating the public about the kind of books available to children
4. Keep supporting the commissioners as they work with us to make change
5. Keep finding information and resources (more books to challenge, sample policies to implement, like-minded people to rally, organizations that can help, etc.)
6. Keep communicating and coordinating our actions and response.

The next Library Trustee meeting is Tuesday, Jan 28th at 9:30 am in Yerington.

I think having a large public presence at this meeting will be very important and should include the same kind of input from the public as last time: alerting trustees to the sexually explicit books, and explaining why this is not "banning" but protecting children from pornography. We should also expect there will be a lot of opposition this time (drummed up by the library staff) who will be attending and arguing against "book banning."

The agenda will include a second reading of the book policies, but I'm not sure if trustees will be able to vote on the policies protecting children, or only able to vote on the ones suggested by staff that passed last time. I will look into this as I write the agenda.

If the agenda is only allowed to have the staff policies, we could ask trustees to vote NO on the staff policies so the ones protecting children could come back at a future meeting. Even if they pass, it would not prevent a future board from trying to revise them again.

Most important, we need to keep PRAYING, and ask the Lord for victory. We know he calls us to defend the children, and stand up for justice.

God bless, and Happy New Year!

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Please help! Library Meeting Tues 1/28

1 message

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Deanne Davis <atozdeanne@yahoo.com>

To:

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Lyon County Administrative Complex,
Agenda and zoom link will be available later this week at:

Please encourage people to attend to show concern and make a public comment. Here are some suggestions:

* The library staff & trustees have said "these books are not in our libraries."

Please show proof (attached) that they ARE in our Lyon County catalog, some are on the shelves, and others are available as e-book downloads, or can be requested from nearby libraries.

* The library staff & trustees have said "these books are not pornographic or harmful."

Please read excerpts aloud (attached) and let the public decide if this is appropriate for children.

* The library staff & trustees have said "parents have the responsibility to monitor what their children read."

Please state that current policy allows children to access material from anywhere in the library including the adult section, and children are able to download digital material from home. There are no restrictions about what children can access. Many of these books are shelved as "young adult" which means they are specifically targeted at teens age 12-17, who are not adults and should not be viewing sexually explicit content. Ask how parents are able to know or monitor what books may be inappropriate since they do not have labels, ratings, or warnings about sexual content. Explain this practice is deceptive and endangers children. State you want to limit access for minors and give parents more tools to protect their children from harmful material. Parents need an easier way to know what content is included in material meant for children. These books are deceptively exposing children to adult material while disguised as children's books.

* The opposition will say that religious extremists are "banning books," "censoring," and "violating the first amendment."

Express that you agree people have a right to say or print anything they want, but that does not require the citizens of this county to purchase sexually explicit material and make it available to children. We have a right to decide how to spend money for the public library, and we have a duty to develop criteria for book selection that protects children from sexually explicit material. We cannot afford to buy every book ever published, so we need to choose which books match the values and desires of this community.

* The library staff & trustees have said, "no one has objected or challenged any books in the past 10 years."

Explain that sexually explicit books targeted toward children are a recent development. It has taken some time for people to become aware of this evil, but be assured these books will be challenged, as will the librarians and trustees who allowed them into our libraries. They are dangerous to children and we expect them to be removed.

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
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
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