

From: Nick Smith <Smith.Nick@westada.org>
Date: February 21, 2023 at 11:39:10 AM MST
To: Anna Miller <anna@idahofreedom.net>
Cc: Marcus Myers <Myers.Marcus@westada.org>, Geoff Stands <Stands.Geoff@westada.org>
Subject: Re: Library Books, Centennial High School

Good afternoon, Ms. Miller,

Thank you for your follow-up email. The discrepancy between the Public Records Request that was fulfilled on February 8th and my response to your email relates to timing. The books referenced in your email are no longer in circulation while they must have been in circulation at the time of the Public Records Request. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and take care,
Nick

Nick Smith

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From: Anna Miller <anna@idahofreedom.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 10:29 AM
To: Nick Smith <Smith.Nick@westada.org>
Cc: Marcus Myers <Myers.Marcus@westada.org>; Geoff Stands <Stands.Geoff@westada.org>
Subject: Re: Library Books, Centennial High School

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Hi, just wanted to follow up on this. We're planning to publish something this afternoon and it looks like West Ada misrepresented the fact that these books were in a school library. Would you like to comment on that?

Anna K. Miller
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On Feb 20, 2023, at 2:02 PM, Anna Miller <anna@idahofreedom.net> wrote:

That's interesting. I have obtained the following message and attached public records from Niki Scheppers. The records Scheppers sent confirm that those two books are available to students in Centennial High School.

The schools listed are the schools with that title in their library.

Best,

**Niki
Scheppers**
Chief of
Staff, West
Ada School
District

Thank you,

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On Feb 20, 2023, at 1:30 PM, Nick Smith <Smith.Nick@westada.org> wrote:

Good afternoon, Ms. Miller,

Thank you for your email. To answer your questions, the two books referenced in your email are not in circulation in West Ada School District Libraries. Books are selected for our libraries and can be challenged by patrons through the processes outlined in [Board Policy 602.21 Selection and Reconsideration of Learning Resources](#) and [Administrative Regulation 0602.21-AR\(1\): Selection and Reconsideration of Learning Resources](#). As outlined in 602.21AR, when a librarian or teacher is selecting a book or learning resource, they shall do the following:

- Consult reputable, professional sources to help determine if the resource is appropriate for its anticipated use. See the library resources webpage on the district website for resources.
- Review existing district-wide school library collections to determine if the resource is already available at commensurate sites, (e.g., elementary schools, middle schools, or high schools). This can be done in Destiny Library Manager which can be accessed through the My Apps portal.
- If the items do exist at a similar site based on age and grade levels, then they are suitable for

inclusion in your classroom library or site library.

- If they do not appear in the library catalog at an appropriate grade level, then proceed with submitting the items for public feedback to the District Library Coordinator by completing the Book Request Tracker, accessible for all staff through the district Web Apps Portal.
- If no comments are received, the librarian or teacher can proceed with the utilization of the book or learning resource.
- If comments are received, the book or learning resource will be referred to the Standing Instructional Resources Committee for review.

I hope this helps to address your questions. If you have any further questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and take care,
Nick

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From: Anna Miller <anna@idahofreedom.net>

Sent: Monday, February 20, 2023 10:04 AM

To: Marcus Myers <Myers.Marcus@westada.org>; Nick Smith <Smith.Nick@westada.org>; Geoff Stands <Stands.Geoff@westada.org>

Subject: Library Books, Centennial High School

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Dear Mr. Myers, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Stands,

I am writing an article about books in West Ada school libraries. Currently, the Centennial High School makes available to students the books "Let's Talk About It: The Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human," and "Trans+: Love, sex, romance, and being you." Both books contain pornographic material and promote transgenderism. Does West Ada School District stand by the judgements made by the school librarian's to make these books available to students? Is pornographic content acceptable for minors? Is content promoting gender transition surgeries acceptable for minors?

If one of you would like to provide answers to these questions to be included in the article please send a response by COB today (2/20).

Thank you,

Anna

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