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TALKBACK

Call a spade a spade

Why is no one discussing the elephant in the room? With regard to the library uproar, the real discussion is the objection to homosexuality. There are no doubt hundreds of books in the West Bend library dealing with sexual coming of age issues that are every bit as explicit, yet, since they are addressing heterosexual sexuality no one is objecting to them or asking them to be moved or have a special label. Those calling the library material "pornographic" should have the integrity to own up to their bias and bigotry and not hide behind the dishonest term of pornography for their objections.

Aldermen did their jobs

I disagree that the five aldermen who voted against reappointing Mayor Deiss' library board choices were manipulated or should be ashamed of sharing views during the Common Council meeting. This is one of West Bend's major controversies which cannot be ignored by rubber-stamping the same old board members who did not demand serious consideration and debate to resolve this issue in a professional and timely way. The five aldermen who stepped up to the plate showed leadership and dedication in their elected position instead of sitting quietly to appease the loud minority. We voted for our aldermen to represent us when approving the mayor's appointees for committees and they did just that. When certain library board members who are incompetent in addressing a community issue by delaying public hearings and wrapping red tape around it all to buy more time, they need to be replaced. Their terms were up. We need library appointees who are not afraid to act when patrons discover serious flaws in the library, not hide behind less frictional issues. I applaud the five aldermen who voted the four board members off, and remind you that they were elected to do exactly that. I voted for my alderman because I agree with his values and vision for this community. Bravo to my alderman, Tony Turner! And Well Done to Vrana for bravely speaking out! Thanks also to Hutchins, Lindbeck and Carter for also voting to make a change in the board's status quo.

Freedom of speech shouldn't be restricted

Hi, I'm call regarding the library issue that's been talked about recently in the community. While I wish the book was not in the library, I do not think that anyone

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should be restricting my freedom of speech or what I can read or write. I have children and I think it's the parents' prerogative and their job to monitor what their children are looking at. As far as teenagers or young kids looking at it as porn, I go to the library often and I have never seen a library over-run with middle schoolers or high schoolers, and if that were the case, good for those kids, because, you know what? If these kids are at the library, they aren't out on the street, vandalizing the community, trashing the picnic tables at Silverbrook park, or riding their skateboards in the street. I trust in the board at the library, I think that they work very hard for our community and work hard to bring up what is best in the community. I don't think that they should go ahead and restrict what is on the shelves. The next thing they're going to do is restrict what is in the art museum because they don't want our children seeing the nude portraits on the walls. I think that almost every child and teenager in the city has a cell phone and most of these kids are either sending each other pictures on their cell phones that are worse than what is in that book. Every child has access to the internet at home or where ever, and has access to stuff that is a whole lot worse over the internet, on TV, in movies and whatever else than anything that they're going to find in a book at the library.

Let's leave the library alone

Hi. I just don't understand all of this talk about the library. I think you need to worry more about kids and videos that they're playing, video games where they're killing people and all the sexy shows that are on TV. I mean, come on! Let the library alone. Worry more about where that money's going. Let's check in on those school board officials and see what kind of raises they get - ya know, it is common knowledge, we are able to look into those records. OK? Let's just let the library alone, they're doing a good job. Thank you.

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