

WARNING:

Explicit Sexual Content in Children's Books

Are These Books in Your Child's School Library?

Most parents think public and school libraries are safe places for their children. After all, they are in the business of knowing what is and is not appropriate for young children, right? Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth.

Many public and school libraries look to the American Library Association (ALA) for direction on policy. But over the years, the ALA has shifted so far left in its ideology that it now purports children should have access to **ALL** information regardless of the content or age of the child.



HB 2789 was passed in 2023 by the Illinois General Assembly and signed into law by Governor J.B. Pritzker. Those pushing for passage were many of the usual suspects: the Illinois Library Association, Illinois ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and LGBTQ groups, as well as individual government schools and libraries.

HB 2789 “**prohibits the practice of banning specific books or resources**” at the risk of losing state funding. In other words, if any library in Illinois is responsive to parents’ objections - parents whose very taxes pay for that library to exist — those tax dollars could be withheld by the state.

Illinois Family Institute has a list of over 800 offensive books that can be found in many school libraries and in the children’s section of public libraries throughout the state. We have listed a few . Most parents would agree that these books are inappropriate for children and yet the libraries, including school libraries, that adhere to the ALA’s Library Bill of Rights are giving kids access to them – regardless of the content or age of the child.

Note: *Below is just a sample of the material being made available to minors. There is more we feel we simply can’t include here because of the explicit sexual content and language. Despite these obvious issues, children in Illinois have easy access to these books and others in many of their school and public libraries.*

All Boys Aren’t Blue, a *New York Times* Bestseller, is summed up with the words, “It’s time for the world to let queer Black boys unpack their sh**.” And unpack is what author George M. Johnson does. Here are a few excerpts:

He reached his hand down and pulled out my d*** ... He then came up and asked me if I wanted to try on him. I said sure. I began and he said, “Watch your teeth.” ...

He took off his clothes and immediately lay on his stomach ... I knew what I had to do even if I had never done it before. I had one point of reference, though, and that was the seven-plus years of watching pornography ... So I eased it in, slowly, until I heard him moan ... I pulled out of him and kissed him while he masturbated. Then, he also came ...

But this was my a**, and I was struggling to imagine someone inside me. And he was...large. But, I was gonna try ... I was in pain for nearly three weeks following that encounter...

Sex is a Funny Word is, according to the author, “A comic book for kids that includes children and families of all makeups, orientations, and gender identities. *Sex is a Funny Word* is an essential resource about bodies, gender, and sexuality for **children ages 7 to 10**, as well as their parents and caregivers.” Here are a few excerpts:

Some people love the feeling of being naked. When you are naked you can see and touch your body without clothes getting in the way ...

“Hey, Omar, I’ll show you mine if you show me yours.” ...

Erections can happen when we touch ourselves to feel good, but they can also happen at other times ...

Having a penis isn’t what makes you a boy. Having a vulva isn’t what makes you a girl ... When we are born, a doctor or midwife calls us boy or girl because of what we look like on the outside. They choose a word or label (usually boy or girl, or male or female) to describe our bodies. But that’s based on our bodies, our cover, and who *they* think we are ... Maybe you’re called a boy but you know you’re a girl ... Maybe you’re called a girl but feel you’re a boy ... Maybe you don’t feel like a boy or a girl. Maybe you feel like both ...

Masturbation is when we touch ourselves, usually our middle parts, to get that warm and tingly feeling ...

The book also includes a glossary so 7 to 10-year-old readers can learn more about terms like gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, intersex, transgender, gender diverse, gender creative, gender non-conforming, and gender-queer.

I Am Jazz is one of many Dial Books for Young Readers, which “publishes books for two through teen that aim to entertain, enrich, and encourage our readers.” While this book does not contain explicit descriptions of sexual activity, our school libraries are increasingly providing books just like it that celebrate the baseless assertion that a boy can become a girl and vice versa. Here are some excerpts:

I have a girl brain but a boy body. This is called transgender. I was born this way! ...

At first my family was confused. They’d always thought of me as a boy ...

Then one amazing day, everything changed. Mom and Dad took me to meet a new doctor, who asked me lots and lots of questions. Afterward, the doctor spoke to my parents and I heard the word “transgender” for the very first time ...

I don’t mind being different. Different is special! I think what matters most is what a person is like inside. And inside, I am happy. I am having fun. I am proud! I am Jazz! ...

Red: A Crayon's Story is another seemingly innocently-written book about, you guessed it, transgenderism. The story doesn't mention the word "transgender," but it's clearly written so that very young children will learn to accept people who claim to be what they are not. Add that to the placement of tampons in Illinois public school **boys' bathrooms**, mandated coverage of LGBTQ roles and accomplishments in history, and LGBTQ-inclusive sex ed beginning in **kindergarten**, and it's clear what's being pushed at the earliest stages of the public school experience in our state.

Written for very young children, **Red: A Crayon's Story** is about a blue crayon with a red paper sleeve labeled "red." No matter what red item Red is supposed to color, it comes out blue. The other crayon colors notice, too:

"Sometimes I wonder if he's really red at all" ... "Don't be silly. It says red on his label. He came that way from the factory." ...

But try and try again, it would only color blue. So the other art supplies wanted to help. They taped, cut, and sharpened Red, but to no avail ...

One day, he met a new friend, Berry, who asked Red to make a blue ocean for a boat that Berry had colored. Red said, "I can't. I'm red." Berry asked Red to try, and so Red did ...

"Thank you! It's perfect!," Berry said. All the crayons then celebrated and embraced Red ...

It's Perfectly Normal is for **ages 10 and up** with "more than one million copies in print!" Where to begin?! This 93-page book depicts nude males and females standing, laying, engaging in sexual intercourse, mast****ing, and bending over with a mirror; males with erections and putting on condoms; every form of birth control and how to use them; and information about abortion and the abortion pill. It's in many public school libraries and is also used directly in the classroom to teach sex ed. In addition to all of the above, consider these excerpts:

The ancient Greeks thought that love between two men was the highest form of love. In the ancient Greek city-state of Sparta, in about 1000 B.C., it was hoped that male lovers would be in the same army regiment. People thought that if a warrior was in the same regiment as his lover, he would fight harder in order to impress him. The Spartan army was one of the most powerful and feared armies in ancient Greece ...

Some scientists believe that being homosexual or heterosexual is not something you choose – just as you cannot choose what color skin color you were born with or whether you were born male or female ...

Whether you mast****te or not is your choice. Mast****ing is perfectly normal ...

People of all ages mast****te – babies, kids, teenagers, grown-ups, and the elderly. Girls and boys often start to mast****te at puberty, but many start before ...

When a person puts his or her mouth on a female's vulva or on a male's penis, this is called "oral sex" or "oral intercourse." When a male's penis goes inside another person's anus, this is called "anal sex" or "anal intercourse." ...

The Princes and The Treasure depicts two men who set out to save a princess but fall in love with each other in the process. What young reader doesn't like a story with adventure and an attempt to rescue a princess? The artwork is professionally done and the storyline would certainly draw in young readers, that is until the whole reason for the story is revealed: to indoctrinate readers to accept homosexuality as normal and wonderful. Here are a few excerpts:

(Gallant and Earnest are pictured holding hands and lovingly looking at each other.) Gallant said, "Earnest is my earth, my wind, my sun, my moon, and my stars." Earnest said, "Gallant is my earth, my wind, my sun, my moon, and my stars." Upon hearing this news, the old woman transformed into a beautiful enchantress. "True love is the greatest treasure of all," said the enchantress. "You were not finding each other on your own. So I created this quest to bring you two together." ...

"We don't want to marry the princess," admitted Earnest and Gallant. "We want to marry each other." ...

"I now pronounce you married," said the Vicar. "May you love each other forever." ...

"And the two princes lived happily ever after." ...

Flamer is a 366-page graphic novel written like a comic book. The book's main character is middle-schooler Aiden Navarro. Most of the book takes place at Boy Scout summer camp, but Aiden's thoughts wander. The story includes many crude references to male body parts, and the language is extremely offensive with the F-word and variations of it being commonplace. Aiden has seen his father's pornography and has dreams about kissing boys. He walks into a tent where three boys are engaging in oral sex and he likes the feeling he experiences. He can't stop thinking about Elias and his "perfect body." In the story, one of the camp counselors has been terminated because it was discovered he was gay.

In the book's afterword, the author explains the book is somewhat autobiographical. Here is an excerpt:

Over the years, the Boy Scouts have become more inclusive of sexual orientation and gender thanks to people in and out of scouting who made their voices heard. But when I was a kid it was not okay to be gay. In 1995, the year in which this book is set, gay and queer people were routinely vilified, ridiculed, and hated. Fear of AIDS only fueled the bigotry. Back then, gay adult scout leaders who came out were immediately removed from their post. Though scout bylaws have become more inclusive, homophobia still exists in many troops today, because homophobia is nationally and internationally a systemic issue. Like my character Aiden, I felt overwhelmed by this culture of hatred.

Flamer is successful in evoking sympathy and acceptance toward same-sex-attracted Aiden and vilifying those who disagree.

Stamped (for kids): Racism, Antiracism, and You is a book entrenched in Critical Race Theory, framing society as enslavers and those enslaved; oppressors and those oppressed. This disturbing book claims to be "full of truth." It starts by establishing as a "fact" that slavery began in 1415 when Europeans were conquering "a bunch of countries," where "they'd capture and enslave people who already lived there like picking up souvenirs on vacation." ...

The same troublesome theme, backed up by many historical inaccuracies, runs throughout the entire book – that Black people have been and still are oppressed by White people. The book’s author states, “Black people, not racism, were the problem.”

Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out contains the individual stories of six young adults. They tell their stories as a matter of fact, using 4-letter-words and vivid descriptions of sexual encounters, many of which are not included here for obvious reasons. Here are a few excerpts:

Christina

While everyone else my age is saving up for a car or a house, I’m saving up to look possible. I’m saving up for a vagina ...

My brother was dating a boy whose mother was transgender. He said, “My boyfriend’s mom is transgender. She dresses like a girl and everything. She has the boobs and the hair and the body.” When he showed me a picture of her, I was like, “Wow, it is actually possible to change into a woman.”

Mariah

When I was little, I believed I actually was a girl ...

When I was four or five, I wore girls’ clothes ...

I think the reason I wore girl clothes, my mother’s clothes, was to bond with her. My mother was an alcoholic, she was on drugs, she was a prostitute, and she also had lupus ...

We started kissing. I picked up her skirt and looked in her underwear. “Where’s your d**k?” “What’s a d**k?” “You don’t have what I have.” “Well, what do I have?” And I put my hand down there and felt this little hole-kind-of-thing. I got really scared and ran away. At the time, I thought girls must have had their d**ks cut off. That’s what makes them a girl ...

Nat

I would say I was gender-queer, gender-neutral, or simply queer. Intersex is another way I can identify myself. Intersex means that I’m both male and female. It means I’m neither male nor female; I’m a whole different gender, so to speak, part of the transgender umbrella ...

Gender Queer is a 240-page comic book. It includes all the fantasies of a girl who is sexually attracted to both girls and boys, who also wants to be a boy, but doesn’t feel she fits the definition of lesbian or transgender. It includes illustrations and sexual descriptions we can’t include here. Here are a few excerpts:

For years my standard method of mast****tion was stuffing a sock into the front of my pants and manipulating the bulge. This would evolve into hip-thrusting while thinking of my latest gay ship. Memorably, I got off once while driving just by rubbing the front of my jeans and imagining getting a b*** j** ...

“So you’ve never tasted yourself?” “What? NO! Ew! ... Wait, you have?” “Of course, you should try.” ...

If we wonder why our children are acting like Romans, it's because we have given them over to Caesar. And Caesar is leading them into darkness at a very fast pace. It's past time for parents and grandparents to rescue their children from public school. There are many other options.

So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. – Genesis 1:27

It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. – Luke 17:2

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. – Deuteronomy 6:5-7

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. – Proverbs 22:6 ■