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From: Susanna Hubbard Krimmer
To: [REDACTED]
CC: Josh Morgan; White, Jan
Date: 11/28/2011 11:32 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: a slight addition to my edit

Susanna: I would have written to Josh Morgan directly but his email wasn't on the website. Please forward my email to him. I just learned about the library's board's decision to still permit adults to view images of torture, mutilation, degradation, etc. on computers and in the library that I as a taxpayer help to fund. Those images are not "information"; there is no "right" attached to viewing them in our public library.

As both a health and an educational professional, as well as in my daily life, I am all about decreasing violence, bullying sexual harassment, and gender inequality. I work with children and youth, and I wonder if you are cognizant of how difficult it is to navigate the ridiculous mixed messages young people are presented with every day. For example, child porn is illegal, but adults can view "porn" at your local library. Or how about: It's wrong for children to view images of degradation, torture and sexual violence, but adults can handle this just fine, so simply wait till you grow up and that will be your right as well. The recent educational forum at Althouse College: ("When Violence Becomes Entertainment"), provided insight into just how pernicious these messages can be.

From the time I was a child, the public library seemed a magical, friendly and safe place to go. I love the fact that more children seem to be accessing the library than 20 years ago. However, I have totally lost my desire to spend any time in our libraries now that I realize that the guy sitting at a nearby computer could be viewing materials that I consider could contribute to a safety threat, particularly the safety of women and kids.

If I were not to comment on this recent library board decision, I would feel as though I comply with it, which is obviously not the case. I would appreciate information as to the board's independent entity status and what legal statute governs this recent decision regarding the adult filters.

Thanks,
A concerned citizen

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