

**Botetourt County, Virginia**

**RESOLUTION**

**Removal of Sexually Obscene, Explicit, and Inappropriate Materials For Children and Teens  
From Botetourt County Public Libraries and Schools**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors wholeheartedly supports and extols the virtues of our Judeo-Christian moral code under which our United States was settled and our Constitution was established; and,

**WHEREAS**, transgender, sodomy, and all forms of sexual perversion is in direct rebellion to our Lord God's creation of only two genders, male and female and their respective relationships as men and women; and,

**WHEREAS**, The First Amendment right to free speech has been subverted to permit obscenities and perversions, including sodomy, bisexuality, bestiality, pornography, pedophilia, under the fallacious excuse of "art," "education," "tolerance," "inclusion," and "diversity". Attempts to "normalize" these behaviors, including transgenderism and sexual instruction and perverse behaviors to children and teens, resulted in harmful psychological and physical development effects on them, and have been exposed as abuse and indoctrination gateways for sexual predators and trafficking; and,

**WHEREAS**, The First Amendment does not protect speech and other forms of expression that are obscene, and does not grant the right to violate the safety, well-being, or happiness of other lives. The Board understands there is no moral relativity or subjective truth with God, our Creator. Under the Supreme Court's guidelines, material is obscene if: it shows or describes sexual acts in a clearly offensive way, the average person would consider it lewd (or appealing to "the prurient interest in sex," in the Court's words), based on contemporary community standards, and taken as a whole, the work doesn't have any serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value. ([Miller v. California](#), 413 U.S. 15 (1973)); and,

**WHEREAS**, in January and March 2023, concerned tax-paying citizens presented to the Board of Supervisors photos, screenshots, and descriptions of the many obscene and sexually perverse materials, including sexual instruction for children ages 8 to 12, cataloged for children and teens under "Fiction" and "Juvenile" in the Botetourt-Roanoke County library system, purchased with citizen tax dollars without their review and approval, and which meet the obscenity classification under the Code of Virginia, *Chapter 8. Crimes Involving Morals and Decency » Article 5. Obscenity and Related Offenses*; and,

**WHEREAS**, Virginia House Bill 1708 was introduced in January 2023 to prohibit the sales and loans of materials deemed harmful to juveniles regarding sexual conduct; and,

**WHEREAS**, if not for unlawful legal loophole in the Code of Virginia, *§18.2-383. Exceptions to application of article, under Title 18.2. Crimes and Offenses Generally > Chapter 8. Crimes Involving Morals and Decency > Article 5. Obscenity and Related Offenses*, those in the Botetourt County library system who approved, purchased, loaned and distributed these materials would be arrested for crimes against children; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board is in receipt of the attached written support of Congressman Ben Cline and Delegate Christopher Head for Botetourt County concerned taxpayers' requests for the removal of these sexually inappropriate and indoctrinating materials targeting children and teens in our school and public libraries; and,

**WHEREAS**, Botetourt County government will oversee our libraries to our standards with complete autonomy from the American Library Association, which was exposed as promoting sexually graphic material to children and teens and fighting censorship of inappropriate materials. ALA President, Emily Drabinski, publicly declared she is a homosexual and Marxist Communist. Further, documented in a 12/01/2022 report by the national *The Epoch Times*: *“In August, The Epoch Times ran a story about a website run by the ALA designed to teach librarians how to secretly promote pro-LGBT messaging. After the story ran, the ALA deleted the website. A perusal of children’s sections at libraries shows a substantial amount of LGBTQ books in sections intended for very young children. The ALA also has heavy ties to Ohio businessman Steve Potash, founder of OverDrive, the world’s largest supplier of books and digital material to school and public libraries. The organization has a large cache of porn and sex books and also owns the app SORA, a controversial app being used in schools. The app provides access to a large inventory of sexually graphic material.*

**WHEREAS**, the National organization, Gays Against Groomers states: *“An overwhelming majority of gay people are against what the community has transformed into, and we do not accept the political movement pushing their agenda in our name. [We] directly opposes the sexualization and indoctrination of children. This includes drag queen story hours, drag shows involving children, the transitioning and medicalization of minors, and gender theory being taught in the classroom. The activists, backed by school boards, government, woke media, and corporations, have been speaking on our behalf for too long ..... now these radicals aim to restructure it entirely in order to accommodate a fringe minority, as well as seek to indoctrinate children into their ideology. There are millions of gays within the community that want nothing to do with this ... and join the fight with parents and concerned people everywhere to protect children.”*

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for enacting laws and setting policies, approving the budget for County services, and appointing citizens to several boards, authorities, commissions, and committees; including the hiring and the oversight boundaries of the Library Director, Library Board of Trustees and its Committees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes there exists a vast array of materials with elements that are inappropriate or unnecessary for minors in our schools and public libraries. Sexualized content that falls short of material prohibited by criminal laws is nonetheless generally inappropriate and/or unnecessary for minors. Parents/guardians have a wide range of options outside of the County’s library system to introduce their child to sex education content they deem appropriate for their child’s age; and,

Within the next (30) days, Botetourt County will enact the following:

- I. Remove displays of all sexual-related adult materials including books, music, and movies from locations within 20 feet of children’s section in each of the libraries; and,
- II. Revise the *Library Collection Development Policy* criteria for the selection, removal, and replacement of materials for children and teenagers, focused on maximizing transparency with parents and community members. No materials for minors in Botetourt County public libraries or received through its reciprocal agreement with Roanoke County shall contain:
  - i. Content thematically depicting and/or containing visual, visually implied, or explicit depictions of sexual acts, homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender, pornography, bestiality, and pedophilia/child molesters now referred to as “Minor Attracted Persons”;
  - ii. Non-explicit descriptions of sexual acts, except for the purposes of teaching students to avoid and report molestation or abuse,

- iii. Visual depictions of nudity or implied nudity - not including diagrams for educating about anatomy for science and health instruction or breastfeeding; and,
- III. Include the *Request for Reconsideration* removal form clearly and easily found on the Botetourt County Library website for patrons and per the standards for government transparency; and,
- IV. Submittal and review of the *Request for Reconsideration* form will not be hindered or delayed beyond (30) days by the Library Director, Review Committee or staff, and a discussion with them will not be a prerequisite for submittal and review of the form.
- V. Expand the Library Reconsideration Committee from the current closed system of only library personnel, to a total of (7) members, (2) of whom are professional librarians, and (5) of whom are objective, tax-paying County citizens unaffiliated with the library system, objectively chosen by constituents from each of the Board of Supervisors districts; and,
- VI. The decision of the expanded Reconsideration Committee will be final, thus removing the Library Director from the current dictatorship position of making the final decision.

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