

I am a mother of four children and a certified teacher. I have spent over twenty years educating children of all ages in various settings. Although my certification is in middle/upper level social studies, I am an avid consumer of literature. My four children all have extremely high reading levels, and this was because we discriminated on what kinds of literature they read as children. We promoted high literature that was from a variety of authors, genres, time periods, and upheld the dignity of every person. However, we limited their choices to age appropriate material in regards to sexuality, violence, and general subject matter. Despite this limitation, my children found plenty of reading material and choose to read in their free time.

I have also spent ample time researching, analyzing and documenting the books in our Tillamook County Library. I documented the removal of nearly half the history and science non-fiction books in the children's section of our library, because our children's librarian made the unilateral decision that these time-tested beloved books were no longer "culturally appropriate." Biographies about Harriet Tubman and Martha Washington were disregarded and replaced by ill-written books like ***This is our Rainbow*** found here . This book includes lesbian kisses between children under 12 and a pedophilic relationship. There are plenty of books normalizing gay kings having children by kidnapping a young girl from a foreign land and of course books displaying bodies of naked adults-- in the children's section! Our library director, who also gave testimony here (Don Allgeier) had no real defense of these books but did comment in one of his denial for my request to remove materials that the book featuring naked adults (see image below, [The Bare Naked Body Book Amazon](#)) that he did not find it caused "sexual excitement" (see email below). In other words, our library director had to reference what stimulates himself as to whether the book was appropriate. Is this an acceptable defense to expose children to pornography?

Schools are no better. I once set through a school board meeting that featured a presentation I had heard several times. The meeting was in the Nestucca K8 library (K-8th Grade), among other anti-police, anti-parent, pro-illegal immigration books displayed was the book ***The Hate U Give*** ([The Hate U Give](#)). This book is full of inappropriate themes, the f-word, and violence. I showed this book (and others) to my school board members and one of them admitted it did not belong in a K-8th grade library. However, she was too afraid to ask the superintendent about it. Because she and the principal were in the room I point blank asked them if they thought a book that uses the F word and promotes police hate was appropriate for grade school students. They refused to answer, but did not justify the book.

The systemic problem in not racism or discrimination against LGBTQ individuals, it is that public and school libraries REFUSE to keep books age appropriate and are discarding books that uplift human dignity and intellect. All requests for removal of material are dismissed with prejudice against decency and common sense, and sometimes with indecent suggestions by the library directors. School libraries are limited in their offerings by space. Students have limited amount of time to read. The books made available to students in Oregon schools should be the best books for their age and reading level that schools can purchase. They should also not groom students into specific ideologies or sexualities. They should certainly never be pornographic or promote pedophilia. Protect Oregon students and promote literacy—Vote NO on SB 1098.



Bare Naked Body Book

Tillamook County Library Director's response for consideration of removal of above book:

Dear Ms. Bailey,

I have reviewed your request for materials reconsideration for the title *The Bare Naked Book* by Kathy Stinson. According to your request, you would like the book removed from the library due to the content. You specifically mention the illustrations as being objectionable and likened it to "soft porn for children". I have reviewed this material and did not find it to be out of line with many of the books that are published that identify body parts for children. None of the illustrations in the book seem erotic to me nor did I find that they cause sexual excitement. The original version of this book was published in 1986 and has been a staple in public libraries since that time. This updated version was published in 2021 and seeks to update the source material to reflect a more contemporary reflection of people in our society. One prominent review from Kirkus Reviews calls it, "A beautiful and important addition to any collection of body books. (Informational picture book. 3-7)." Based on these considerations, this book will remain in the library's collection and shelved in the children's section. I would be glad to meet with you if you would like to discuss my decision about your request.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you can send a request for reconsideration to Tillamook County Library Director, 1716 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141. In that request for reconsideration, please include the title, reasons for objection, and additional information for reconsideration. That request will be reviewed by the Tillamook County Library Board.

Thanks,

Don Allgeier

