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Dear Residents of Iron River

As you may know, the Iron River Library has books promoting gender ideology for readers of all ages; from toddler, youth, to adult.

Many of these books are geared towards impressionable young children such as, "My Shadow is Pink", "I Love My Colorful Nails", "The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish" (as in a popular nursery rhyme), and "Jack, Not Jackie", to name a few. These books encourage exploration of changing your gender to small children.

Some of the books are also EXTREMELY graphic in nature in written format or in drawings. In the case of the book, "Let's Talk About It", cartoon drawings depict various transgender and heterosexual sex acts, how-to pictures on various ways to masturbate, and fetishes. We are unable to provide sample pages of these books due to copyright laws, nor would we due to its pornographic content, but we invite you to go to the library and ask to see these books for yourself.

A few residents approached the Library Board on July 19th asking for the removal of all gender ideology books, or at least removing them from public view where small children can easily pick them up and see the pornographic content. The Library has, so far, endorsed these books as legitimate educational materials and should be included as a necessary resources of the Iron River Public Library. Currently there are 75 titles under the heading of "Transgenderism" and 475 titles under "LGBTQ". New titles continue to be added.

We are asking all concerned residents to contact the Library Board using the contact information below, informing them of your concerns before August 16th, their next meeting date where they will discuss this matter again. We also ask that you attend this same meeting at 6 p.m. at the Library.

Please know that many small communities, cities and even entire states have successfully restricted the ability of their public libraries to promote and allow distribution of materials on gender ideology and any pornographic resources in their communities. Iron River can do the same.

Regardless of the outcome of the Library Board's decision, a Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Concerned citizens will have the opportunity to share their thoughts and the course(s) of action that will be taken to ensure that continual proliferation of these materials cease. Some actions already brought forth include: petitions for the removal of books and to halt future purchases thereof, petitions for resignations, establish a Parental Advisory Board to review the purchase of library materials, to stop town budget increases for the library, enact a Town Decency Act, and informing all donors to the library of their policies pertaining to this matter; whether the library is solicitous to protect the youth of sexually explicit materials.

It is unfortunate that in these times, and indeed in our own community, we even need to address these issues at all. It is very important that everyone is informed of

these happenings. The public library is exactly that...PUBLIC. Please let your voice be heard as we fight the battle for the innocence of children in our area, and please pass this information on to others as well.

In closing:

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- * Contact the Library Board members before August 15th.
- * Attend the Library Board meeting on August 15th at 6 p.m. at the Library.
- * Attend the Concerned Citizens Meeting on September 6th at 7:00 at the Community Center.
- * Promptly pass this information on to others

Sincerely,

Concerned Citizens of Iron River

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