

To: Crawford County Pastors

Re: public library LGBTQ children's books

As I am sure you have heard there was a display of children's books aimed at children 10 and under purchased and displayed at our local libraries focusing on alternative lifestyles. The only reason to do this is grooming a generation of children to feel this is normal and an accepted way of life. These children are too young to make those decisions and it should be left solely up to the parents what they want their child to be taught concerning these issues.

A group of concerned citizens attended the last quorum court meeting on 12/19/22 and it appears to have been a success. There was a tentative agreement to remove the offensive books from the children's section in the library and to work on a permanent solution to the problem.

There have been several resignations of the county library board since the meeting so please pray that the right people are appointed to those positions by our incoming county Judge Chris Keith. Please keep him in your prayers as his tenure starts with this significant conflict amongst his constituents.

The battle is not over and we need your help. There is a scheduled library board meeting on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January at 4:30 pm in the public library building here in Van Buren. We need as many people who can to show up with us to make sure the offensive and harmful children's books are removed.

There have been several constructive suggestions regarding these books and others like them in the library and the library director Deidre Grzymala seems amenable to negotiating.

A large supportive contingent in the meeting would speak volumes to the leadership regarding the importance of protecting our children. We are asking you to ask your congregation to attend the next library meeting January 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there,

Dr. Jeff and Tammi Hamby