
Re: Event hosting choices

From: weekslib@myfairpoint.net

Date: 05/04/2023 10:07

To: coostree@gmail.com

Campbells: Thank you for taking the time to express your concern. I suggest that you e-mail the library's trustees who set library policy at wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com. Barbara Robarts, Library Director

On Wed, 3 May 2023 14:34:26 -0400, Highland Yankee <coostree@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello, we are a local family who have enjoyed and benefited from your library. We respectfully and lovingly ask that you reconsider allowing the Drag Story Hour organized by White Mountains Pride to take place at your building. It is our belief that hypersexualized, glamorized attire is not appropriate for a public event geared toward children. This is not a knee-jerk hateful, religion fueled or hostile reaction. We have done our research into how the presenters will appear based on past events they have conducted. We understand free willed parents can do as they see fit with their time but we ask your consideration in how this may affect other users of your resources.

In good faith, the Campbells

Re: DRAG event

From: weekslib@myfairpoint.net

Date: 05/04/2023 10:05

To: mtrudvt@gmail.com

Martha: Thank you for taking the time to express your concern. If you wish to contact White Mountain Pride, please call Christopher Bellis [REDACTED] You may also e-mail the library trustees who are responsible for the library's policies at wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com. Barbara

On Wed, 3 May 2023 14:55:09 -0400, Martha Trudeau <mtrudvt@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Barbara,

I just learned that the Weeks Memorial Library has agreed to host a Drag "story hour" event for children. Please consider my thoughts and information on this. Please forward this to the library trustees, because I would like them to be informed, as well.

Libraries are a treasure of written words for people to read, hear and consider, or reject; they must be discerned, because some words are true and some are not.

Those in charge of Weeks Memorial Library have said "yes" to allowing DRAG speakers to meet with, and teach children.

"Drag" is biological males or females dressed as their opposite sex and/or as animals. They convey personal confusion about sexuality and morality at best, and at worst, knowingly encourage opposition to the natural order of God's Creation. It is not kind or loving to example this or teach to children.

By letting DRAG folks connect with our children you are **allowing** and **welcoming** "SPEECH" that is crass and dishonest. Clearly, you have not vetted these two personalities; check out their indecent, crude "SPEECH" and behavior on FB and youtube:

<https://www.facebook.com/katniss.everqueer/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rqg5eHozPj8>

<https://www.instagram.com/katnissevenqueervt/reels>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiUICpGzPSU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXi2uxU-_ml This is a video of their "story hour" last year in Chester, VT. Their Trans agenda is unmistakable.

God's grace in Jesus Christ teaches me that I am not better than others, but at the same time, His Word is Truth and demands truthfulness about reality and life.

The problem with DRAG events is their words, behavior and costumes are all SPEECH whose message is geared to sexually influence impressionable children with their agenda. At their "story hour" they insinuate to dear children that the biological sex they were born with is based on how one feels and on what one likes to do. God made us biologically male and female; it was not assigned at birth, but observed at birth. The DRAG folks present and encourage subjective sexuality. By default, they teach it is not a gift from God to be respected and honored. They confuse individuality and personal expression with sexual reality. DRAG speech is vulgar in style, and is blasphemous against Our Creator. Adult leaders in communities are responsible to show love and respect to children by exercising wisdom and discretion in what is presented and taught to them. To allow DRAG folks to teach and influence our community's children is unacceptable.

I am curious as to the thought process by which permission was granted for this event. Other communities and libraries have said no; please research them and find out that it is appropriate to say

no to lies and perversion, while still caring for those that perpetrate such ideas.

"Truthful lips will be established forever,
But a lying tongue is only for a moment." Proverbs 12:19

Thank you for reading my thoughts.
Sincerely yours,
Martha Trudeau

Re: To Barbara Robarts

From: weekslib@myfairpoint.net
Date: 05/04/2023 11:45
To: leslie.siggins2@hotmail.com

Leslie: Thank you for your concern. The library is not sponsoring this event. The library's policy is one of non-discrimination and therefore agrees to allow individuals and groups to rent our meeting space. If you have questions about any of the library's policies, please contact the Board of Trustees whose e-mail is wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com. Questions about the content of the program can be addressed to White Mountain Pride (Christopher Bellis [REDACTED]). Barbara Robarts, Library Director

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"Performer" Catniss Everqueer: <https://www.facebook.com/katniss.everqueer>

Thank you,
Leslie Siggins

Re: Concern and question

From: weekslib@myfairpoint.net
Date: 05/04/2023 09:57
To: greengirlvt@gmail.com

Heidi: The contact for the trustees is wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com. Current trustees' names are listed on the library web-site at weekslib.org. Barbara

On Thu, 4 May 2023 07:22:56 -0400, Heidi Ballentine <greengirlvt@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Barbara,

I see in the policy form that "permission can be revoked by Trustees at any time". Can I ask what the criteria for revoking permission is? Attached are pictures of the drag queen's Instagram page who is scheduled to read to an audience of our children to promote the hypersexualization of children and their sexualized lifestyle. The library does not get to repudiate responsibility and accountability for hosting something that is sexually abusive to children and exposing them to sexualization. In its simplest form, this is condoning the endangerment of our children. Can I have the names and emails of the Trustees who have signed off on hosting this program? Again, the library cannot be separated from the promotion of this event if the library is opening their doors to it. Thanks again for your attention to this matter.

Thanks,
Heidi Ballentine

On Tue, May 2, 2023 at 10:17 AM <weekslib@myfairpoint.net> wrote:

Heidi, Thank you for your comments. The library is neither sponsoring nor hosting the story hour. As per our meeting room policy, we do not and cannot discriminate on who rents our space, but to minimize contact we have scheduled the event on a Sunday afternoon when the only people in the building will be adults with children who choose to come. If you have questions about the program itself, I suggest to take your concerns to White Mountain Pride whose contact number is 917-653-7810. FYI I have attached the library's current meeting policy. Barbara Robarts, Library DirectorP

On Sat, 29 Apr 2023 15:36:28 -0400, Heidi Ballentine <greengirlvt@gmail.com> wrote:

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Thank you very much for your time and thank you for hearing my deep concern for the protection of innocence for our children.

Best regards,
Heidi Ballentine

Lori: Thank you for your input. The library is not sponsoring this event, but renting the space. I would suggest that you address your comments and concerns to White Mountain Pride (Christopher Bellis, [REDACTED]). Barbara Roberts, Library Director

On Wed, 3 May 2023 17:05:29 +0000, Lori Korzen <lekorzen@hotmail.com> wrote:

I humbly ask that you reconsider hosting the Drag Queen Story Hour in June. A simple search of the two Drag Queens will show you more than enough proof that these two queens should not be around kids. Furthermore, the queen called "Emoji Nightmare" was just arrested in October for Domestic Abuse and still have court hearing in regard to the abuse.

I will attach, just a few of the photos that are online of these two queens. Drag Queen have no reason to be around our kids except for grooming purposes.

Please reconsider and CANCEL this event!

Sincerely,

Lori Korzen

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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Dear Jason, Thank you for your thoughts. The library is neither hosting nor sponsoring this event. According to our meeting room policy, we must be unbaised and non-discriminatory. The group in question is renting the space for one hour at a time when the only individuals in the building are parents with children who make the conscious choice to be here. I would suggest that you contact White Mountain Pride directly at [REDACTED] with your concerns. Barbara Robarts, Library Director

On Tue, 2 May 2023 10:43:59 -0400, Jason Kleber <jkleber7@gmail.com> wrote:

Greetings,

I trust this message finds you well. My name is Jason Kleber and I'm the pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church here in Lancaster. I was recently made aware of the drag story hour that is scheduled to be held on the afternoon of June 11th at the library. I'm very concerned that an event like this is being held in our community and that Weeks Memorial Library is allowing something like this to take place. To be clear, I harbor no feelings of hate or ill will toward members of the LGBT community. But I also recognize from Scripture that the lifestyles that are promoted by the LGBT community are in violation of God's righteous and holy standards for human behavior and human flourishing. Therefore, all those who are caught up in such sinful lifestyles need to be called to faith and repentance in Jesus Christ, just like all people do. We are all sinners by nature and by choice and are each in need of the salvation that is to be found in Christ alone. That being said, the Bible does identify the sinful lifestyles promoted by the LBGT community as being especially sinful and even abominations in God's sight.

However, as much as I object biblically to the lifestyle choices of those within the LGBT community, my bigger concern in this particular situation is the targeted effort by that community to groom young children to embrace these sinful lifestyles for themselves. As librarians and educators your primary concern should be for the welfare and education of young children. But an event like this is not consistent with that objective. How can you be okay with allowing children to be exposed to lies by being taught that gender is fluid, when the facts of science and reality clearly dictate that there are only two genders? As much as some people may like to deceive themselves into thinking otherwise, the fact is that no one can change their gender, which is assigned to them by God at conception. But worse than promoting lies, I wonder how you can be okay at putting young children at risk by opening your facility to individuals whose behavior is clearly predatory in nature. You should be striving to protect the children of our community rather than exposing them to harm by letting them be surrounded by individuals whose behavior has a known link to pedophilia.

I recognize that you will probably not agree with my assessment of this situation and my concerns about it being held at your facility. But I feel that I have a responsibility before God to at least let you know about my concerns and to ask you to please reconsider allowing this event to be held at the library on June 11th.

Sincerely,
Pastor Jason Kleber
Faith Presbyterian Church
1148 Lancaster Road, Lancaster NH
[REDACTED]

Fwd: Porn at the Library

From: Library Trustees <wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com>
Date: 05/04/2023 16:54
To: Weeks Memorial Library <weekslib@myfairpoint.net>

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From: **Library Trustees** <wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 4, 2023 at 4:52 PM
Subject: Re: Porn at the Library
To: Leslie Siggins <leslie.siggins2@hotmail.com>

Hi Leslie,

Thank you for your concerns. I want to be clear that the library is not sponsoring this event. We are renting Wingate Hall for a story hour. This is scheduled for a time when the library is not open so anyone who is attending is responding from publicity by the White Mountain Pride group. An adult must be accompanied by a child and no child can attend without a parent. The library policy is one of non discrimination and as such we uphold the policy. If we are to discriminate against anyone using our room then we will be unable to let anyone use the room. I feel that this would be a shame. The books on the list to be read are also in our collection.
Linda Hutchins

On Thu, May 4, 2023 at 11:51 AM Leslie Siggins <leslie.siggins2@hotmail.com> wrote:

Hello,

I received your email from Barbara Robarts. You'll see our email conversation below. I'm writing to voice my concern about the program being offered to young children at the library, featuring "drag queens", one of whom has a Facebook page full of explicit, near X rated content. Is this the kind of programming the library believes is beneficial and educational for the youngest of our children?

Thank you,
Leslie Siggins

From: weekslib@myfairpoint.net <weekslib@myfairpoint.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:45 AM
To: leslie.siggins2@hotmail.com <leslie.siggins2@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: To Barbara Robarts

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Lancaster, NH 03584>
wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com

Linda Hutchins, chairperson
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Re: Stop exploiting children.

From: Library Trustees <wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com>

Date: 05/04/2023 20:22

To: Sonja Marie <girlgogetyourpearls@gmail.com>

Thank you for reaching out to us with your concerns. As trustees we want to be clear that the **Weeks Memorial Library is not sponsoring this event.** Weeks Memorial Library is renting Wingate Hall - which is a meeting room open to the public - for a story hour being sponsored by White Mountain Pride - a local non-profit organization. The books on the list to be read are in our collection. The program is scheduled for a time when the library is not open so anyone who attends is responding from publicity by the White Mountain Pride group, not by Weeks Memorial Library. White Mountain Pride has specified that an adult must be accompanied by a child, and no child may attend without a parent. The Weeks Memorial Library policy is one of non discrimination, and as such the trustees uphold the policy and we will not discriminate against anyone using Wingate Hall. To do so would be a violation of our own policy and we would have to prevent everyone from using the room, which is an important resource in the Town of Lancaster, as is the Library itself..

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On May 4, 2023, at 6:41 PM, Sonja Marie <girlgogetyourpearls@gmail.com> wrote:

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YOU ARE BLESSED!

Sonja Marie Mejia Rodriguez
To donate or become a partner:

<https://actintl.givingfuel.com/girl-go-get-your-pearls>

Website:

<https://www.girlgogetyourpearls.com>

Artisanswithamission1010@gmail.com

On May 4, 2023, at 6:39 PM, Sonja Marie <girlgogetyourpearls@gmail.com> wrote:

I raise awareness to stop human trafficking of children for over 25 years now. I've worked in the local school systems and minister to those in recovery and homelessness as well. I do mental and emotional coaching with so many young adults that are struggling to overcome the lies that were instilled in their minds and hearts as children through visual exploitation.


Please stand for the rights of our children to not be exposed to agendas through the woke movement in order to keep our children safe. Children should not be exposed to one's personal preference to use them to make a statement. My question is, why is it so important for those in drag to reach our children population?

If they are desiring to be accepted and have their place in the community, why would that be approaching local public libraries?

They have their rights to be in any community but with an agenda to reach children makes me wonder why children?

Our children are already suffering from confusing messages as to their own gender by an onslaught through internet and social media causing confusion as to their identity. Questioning their ability to know their own truth.

Why is it important for drag queens to have relationship with the children population in small communities?

 praying and asking for you to consider what the under current is that is coming from all of this entering into the North County.

Thank you,

YOU ARE BLESSED!

Sonja Marie Mejia Rodriguez

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Re: Question and Concern

From: Library Trustees <wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com>

Date: 05/09/2023 19:55

To: Heidi Ballentine <greengirlvt@gmail.com>

Thank you for reaching out to us with your concerns. As trustees we want to be clear that the **Weeks Memorial Library is not sponsoring this event**. Please also be aware of the following:

- The Weeks Memorial Library is **renting** Wingate Hall - which is a meeting room open to the public - for a story hour being sponsored by White Mountains Pride, which is a local, North Country non-profit organization.
- The books on the list to be read are in our Library's collection.
- The program is scheduled for a time when the Library is not open so anyone who attends is responding from publicity by the White Mountains Pride group, not by The Weeks Memorial Library or the trustees.
- White Mountains Pride has specified that an adult must be accompanied by a child, and no child may attend without a parent.
- As an elected board of trustees our role at the Library is oversight of finance, policy, personnel, and the building and grounds. Programs, the collection, schedule, and staff supervision are the responsibility of the Library Director. Information about the Library, its collection, and events may be found at our website www.weekslib.org.
- This event is NOT a Library sponsored program.
- The Weeks Memorial Library policy is one of non discrimination, and as such the trustees uphold the policy and we will not discriminate against anyone using Wingate Hall. To do so would be a violation of this policy and could result in the denial of all future requests for use of the room, which is an important resource in the Town of Lancaster, as is the Library itself.

Again, we appreciate you contacting us with your concerns, and we have answered them to the best of our ability.

Sincerely,

The Weeks Memorial Library Trustees

Weeks Memorial Library

Lancaster, NH. 03584

wmlnhtrustees@gmail.com

Linda Hutchins, chair

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On May 9, 2023, at 4:25 PM, Heidi Ballentine <greengirlvt@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon, Linda, Jon and Michael.

I am reaching out to all three of you with a deep concern and my hope is that this concern would not be seen as contentious but rather as a natural and right response we could all agree upon. It has come to the greater community's attention that the library will be hosting a drag queen story hour. The flyer for this event states: "Kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where everyone can be their authentic selves". There are pictures circulating amongst parents of Emoji Nightmare, the drag queen who is scheduled to read to local children, from his Instagram page. These pictures show exactly what is meant by defying gender restrictions and being your "authentic self". I did send a copy of these pictures to the library director, Barbara, so that the library could take a sober look at the seriousness of this concern. It is clear from the disturbingly sexual nature of these pictures, that it is actually about sexual fetish and their purpose of this program is to hyper-sexualize children and expose them to adult fetish behavior-which is child abuse.

I realize the use of the public library space has regulations on how it needs to be offered, but I also see that permission can be revoked by Trustees from the library's meeting room policy document. I am concerned that there very well could be violation of NH's indecent exposure and lewdness statute (645:1) at this program, which the library could be potentially liable for. Especially considering the fetish nature of this "show".

I am praying that from the library's perspective I am not alone with this deep concern of exposing our children to this type of sexual exploitation. If we can't protect our children from hyper-sexualization in public libraries, we have grievously let them down. Our public libraries have been and should continue to be a place of innocence, learning and thriving for our children, a safe haven.

I really appreciate you taking the time to consider and, if applicable, pray about a way forward that would keep our children safe and protected from exposure to sexual abuse as well as keep the library protected from any liability.

In Best Regards,
Heidi Ballentine