

**PARENTS AGAINST BAD BOOKS**  
*...we don't complain; we inform and perform...*  
**PROGRAM UPDATE – July 11, 2023**

Parents Against Bad Books, since its inception at the Idaho Falls Public Library's (IFPL) March Board of Trustees meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>, has been engaged in a multitude of activities to protect our kids:

**Four IFPL Board meetings** – Two people on March 27<sup>th</sup> during the Idaho Falls Public Library's Board of Trustees meeting, discussed the five "obscene" books found at IFPL by Idaho Family Policy Center in its February 27, 2023, statewide report entitled "Pornography in Public Schools and Libraries".

Subsequently, the group has been involved in another March meeting, as well as 35+ concerned parents discussing in the April and May meetings, the mass amount of "questionable" books in their facility. From these encounters, we have been called "members of the Ku Klux Klan", and likened to performing the book-burning activities performed during the Third Reich by the Nazis in the 1930s in Germany and Austria.

**"Inform-the-Parents" Events** – Once a week until the end of September, our Parents Against Bad Books team has, and will continue to, stand in front of the Idaho Falls Public Library to give the parents data relative to the 53 "questionable" books that reside within its walls.

Thanks to all of those from our team who helped out yesterday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, at the IFPL:  
Susan Black, Elesha Denson, Gail Inglet, Kathy Kula, Barb Miller, Kelly Porter, Halli Stone, and Sue Yost.  
Great job, and it was fun!

One group we use as a resource for content-based information regarding books accessible to children and young adults is **booklooks.org**. The parents who lead this book-content assessment organization (uniquely) read every book, give a summary of concerns and content warning, as well as specific page numbers with quoted content, keywords, all synchronized with the following review categories:

- 1 = "Child Guidance"
- 2 = "Teen Guidance"
- 3 = "Minor Restricted"
- 4 = "Not for Minors"
- 5 = "Aberrent Content"

A list of the 53 books now located at the IFPL, together with their respective review ratings, as well as those Request for Reconsideration of Materials forms completed, to date, is attached. The forms completed by various members of the Parents Against Bad Books team may differ from the reviews/ratings/comments of other organizations and states' actions.

**Parent Involvement** – As our motto states, *we don't complain; we inform and perform*. To that end, we are in the throes of writing a bill to be introduced in the 2024 Legislative Session that lets parents be involved in all library acquisition-of-minors' materials throughout the State of Idaho. To show support for this action, parents are signing the Petition previously sent to you, a copy of which will be up on the Idaho Parents for Educational Choice website within the week for you all to sign: [www.idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com](http://www.idahoparentsforeducationalchoice.com).

Our goal: 1,000 signatures by October 1, 2023, to show the upcoming legislature the need, by the parents for their children, for the parents to be "tangibly" involved in the State of Idaho's minor-book acquisition

decisions. These decisions, which are currently made, exclusively, by “library professionals”, need to be made by a group that is all-inclusive BEFORE bad-book decisions are made for our kids.

As an aside, and to demonstrate the interest by the parents, yesterday, during our July 10<sup>th</sup> “Summer Reading” Program “Inform-the-Parents” program at the Library, one parent asked for four more blank Petition pages for her to help with the signatures.

Many people asked us if we were banning these books; we assured them, **this is not about banning books** but leaving books in the Library, cordoning off those that are adjudged “obscene” by The Miller Test, and having a librarian check IDs for adherence to the “minor” definition under Section 18-1514, Idaho Code.

**Request for Reconsideration of Materials** – There are currently 21 of these request forms completed by our team, which will be sent to Robert Wright, Library Director, by the end of this week for their journey through his and the Board’s review process. The other 32 requests are slated to be sent by the first of August, 2023.

We will keep you posted on the outcome of this “reconsideration” process, as it materializes.

### **Marketing Programs:**

- Neal Larson and Julie Mason Newstalk Show (107.9 FM) – May 23, 2023
- “The Post Register” – front-page of newspaper – Jun 22, 2023
- “Eastern Idaho News” – June 22, 2023
- “The Post Register” – Letter to Editor (“A Vote of No Confidence for Governor Brad Little, et al.”); re: Vote taken during Idaho Republican Party State Central Committee meeting on June 24, 2023, for 14 Republicans voting against HB314 Library Bill veto override – July 5, 2023

### **Future Activities**

- Channel 8 News – slated for July 17, 2023
- Outwest Bible Church – slated for July 16, 2023
- Taking the “show on the road”: Wes Deist Aquatics Center; Community Park; Mel Erickson Park; McCown Park, and more locations where parents bring their children.

### **Synopsis**

We make it very clear to all that Parents Against Bad Books is not criticizing the IFPL, nor any like institutions; we are giving out information and data to the parents for them to make cogent, rational decisions, themselves, about any organization’s inappropriate books and the negative effects these books have on their children’s psyche and future well-being.

We will keep you posted as our “adventures” continue. Thanks so much for your support and encouragement; it IS a jungle out there!!

All our best,  
Carolyn and Tom.

## THE “SOUND OF FREEDOM” MOVIE

The movie “Sound of Freedom” came out July 3rd, and it is a MUST SEE! This is the incredible story of one man's journey to stop the sexual trafficking of children, where data shows exposure to sexually explicit media in early adolescence is related to risky and dangerous sexual behavior in emerging adulthood. (Some friends and I saw it at the Regal Edwards Grand Teton Theatre in Idaho Falls on the fourth of July).

Kathy Kula, who represents The John Birch Society here in Idaho Falls, sent this very intriguing informational piece about this movement and those involved in stunting and stopping this slavery of our youth:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=m\\_KrodgVkfs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=m_KrodgVkfs)

As Kim Wickstrum, Ada County State Committeewoman, PC 1001, said in one of her notes to me about this movie:

“Now, lest you think this is too dark of a subject to watch, let me reassure you it is well done and none of the pure evil is shown...and you will leave the movie feeling empowered, knowing each one of us can actually do something, right now, to stop this evil. Here is a cause we can all get behind; i.e., stopping child sex trafficking, no matter our political persuasion. Slavery, is alive and very real in our society today, but we can do something about it. Knowledge is the first step. Watch the movie and learn. Child sex trafficking is estimated to be over a \$150 BILLION annual industry...eclipsing the drug trade! Sadly, drugs can be sold just one time, but a child can be sold 5-10 times A DAY to abusers. And our open borders have facilitated this industry. Did you know there is more slavery today than there was when slavery was legal, and most of the slaves are children? It is pure evil.”

Interestingly, this movie was made 5 years ago by Fox studios, then sold to Disney who shelved it (no surprise there), and then Angel Studios bought it through crowd source funding...and finally it is here!

Here are some links to learn more about Ballard and his organization, and the making of the movie:

<https://ourrescue.org/> Tim Ballard's organization

<https://thenazarenefund.org/about-us/> Tim Ballard and Glenn Beck's organization

<https://www.jordanbpeterson.com/podcast/the-fight-against-worldwide-child-slavery-the-sex-trade-jim-caviezel-and-tim-ballard-ep-372/>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/best-of-the-program-guests-tim-ballard-stephen/id620967489?i=1000619159331> (Ballard is toward the end)

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/06/22/how-sound-of-freedom-movie-can-be-disruptive-force-end-child-sex-slavery/>

Kim: “Here are some suggestions from many people on **what to do now that you have seen the movie** The Sound of Freedom! (and **a link if you haven't seen it**. BTW, for anyone who cannot afford the price of a ticket, there are free tickets donated by viewers!)”

<https://www.angel.com/tickets/sound-of-freedom?msclkid=46c4430d259e14d3ead427a184543fb5&zip=97702&date=2023-07-10>

Please share this movie opportunity with everyone you know. It IS time to act, for our children!