

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Meeting Date 12/16



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*Name David Rice

*Agenda Item or Topic _____

Group Represented (If applicable) _____

County of Residence Christian County

Phone Number _____

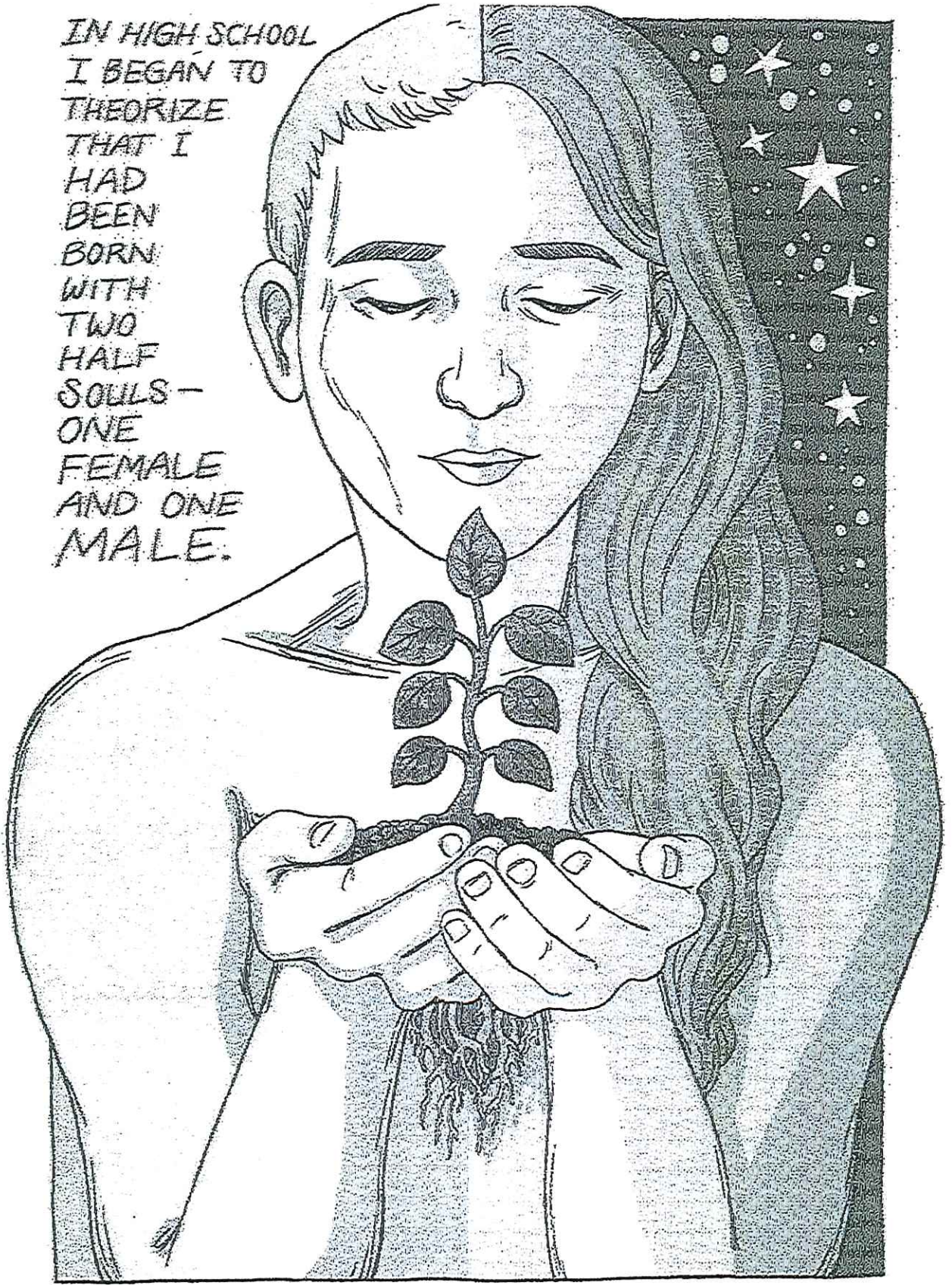
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Do you have a Christian County Library Card yes

**Required Information*



IN HIGH SCHOOL
I BEGAN TO
THEORIZE
THAT I
HAD
BEEN
BORN
WITH
TWO
HALF
SOULS -
ONE
FEMALE
AND ONE
MALE.





FOR YEARS MY STANDARD METHOD OF MASTURBATION WAS STUFFING A SOCK INTO THE FRONT OF MY PANTS AND MANIPULATING

The Bulge.

THIS WOULD EVOLVE INTO *HIP-THRUSTING* WHILE THINKING OF MY LASTEST GAY SHIP ...



MEMORABLY, I GOT OFF ONCE WHILE DRIVING JUST BY RUBBING THE FRONT OF MY JEANS AND IMAGINING GETTING A

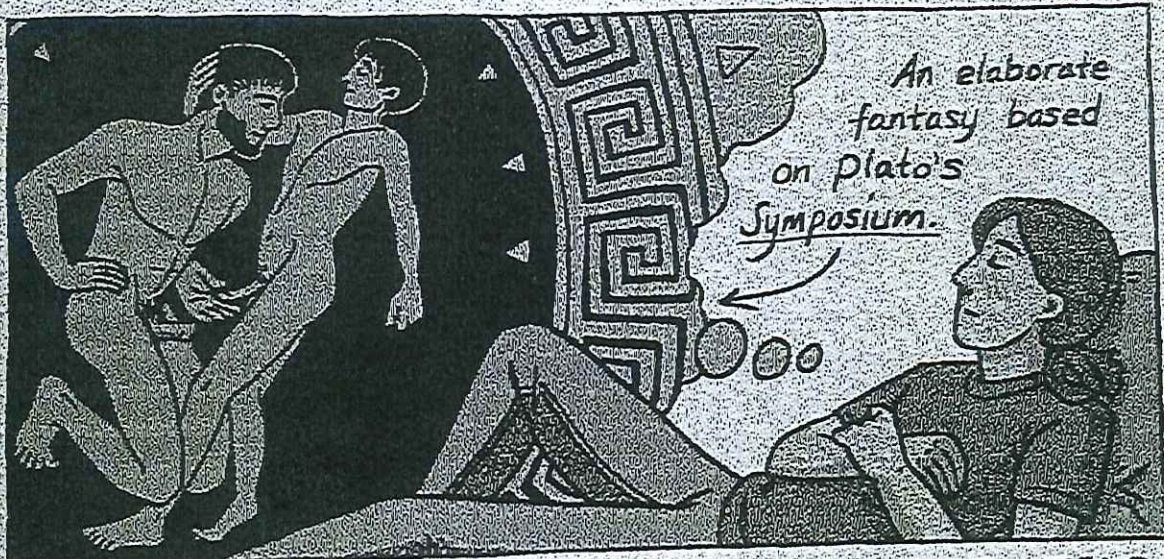
*Blow JOB**

* I PROMISE I'M A REALLY SAFE DRIVER.

ALISON BECHDEL WRITES IN FUN HOME ABOUT DISCOVERING MASTURBATION SOON AFTER HER FIRST PERIOD (PAGE 170).



I DISCOVERED IT AT AROUND THE SAME AGE, FOLLOWED BY THE FURTHER REALIZATION THAT MY ABILITY TO BECOME AROUSED WAS GOVERNED BY A STRICT LAW OF DIMINISHING RETURNS.



THE MORE I HAD TO INTERACT WITH MY GENITALS THE LESS LIKELY I WAS TO REACH A POINT OF ANY SATISFACTION. THE BEST FANTASY WAS ONE THAT DIDN'T REQUIRE ANY PHYSICAL TOUCH AT ALL.



Let's discuss Gender Queer. In it, when a young girl is exposed to pagan idolatry (page 69), she becomes confused about who she is. She fantasizes about having a "massive painful boner" all day long (page 93). She wants to have her healthy breasts removed (page 38). She was exposed as a child to a book that made her hate being a woman (page 30) and exposed to "erotic gay fiction" (page 116). She wants to be called a boy and be seen as a boy (page 81). She fantasizes (with illustrations) about sex between a grown man with a beard and a young prepubescent boy (page 135). In other words, her upbringing and the books she read traumatized her to the point she has gender dysphoria. This is the second time we've read from authors that porn affected the way they saw themselves as children.

The ancient Assyrian goddess, Ishtar, represented by a rainbow, was both male and female. Her followers were forced to sacrifice their children to her through death or ritual prostitution. Every woman had to spend one day a year working in Assyrian temples as a prostitute.

"Among her powers were: "To turn a man into a woman and a woman into a man" (p. 160).

In the *Descent of Ishtar* we are told of some participants in her cult: "The male prostitutes comb their hair before her . . . Their right side they adorn with women's clothing . . . Their left side they cover with men's clothing . . ." (p. 170). The revel(ry) and competition ended in a bloody spectacle of self-cutting (compare 1 Kings 18:28).¹

This cult is represented in Gender Queer. I spoke to the Executive Director about my concerns over these ancient practices where every woman was a sexual slave and children were used as sexual objects by the community. The practices of Ishtar today,

¹<https://www.ucc.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-magazine/gender-blurring-in-pagan-worship>. Accessed on 12/15/23.

like then, breed misogyny and child exploitation. These aren't dead practices. Ishtar's followers carry her rainbow today.

I reminded her that Christianity set a new ethical standard in Matthew 19:14, "**14** Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'"

This ethic reshaped the the world's treatment of children and began the process of outlawing and criminalizing the sexual abuse of children. Christ did this and no one else. I begged her to apply this ethic to the library and to work to protect children. She told me it wasn't her responsibility. She said it was nuanced and some 13 year olds could read a book like Gender Queer while others could not. She told me the parents are responsible for their children.

I warned her that was a cop out; she was in danger of being like Pontius Pilate when he claimed it wasn't his responsibility to determine the fate of Christ. She wants to wash her hands of her moral and ethical responsibilities as a community leader—listening to the cries of the wild mob, "Trans the kids."

She even stated that books like Gender Queer, which depicts children engaged in sexual acts, are not pornography because of a legal loophole which allows depictions and drawings of minors engaged in sex. How illiberal of her to hold the view that the law is always morally right. As a professing Christian, she knows she answers to a higher law than man's. She knows harming children is evil. She doesn't care. She chooses to inflict harm on children in our community because she would rather hear the applause of people—people who worship Ishtar and would enslave children into ritual sex.

Meeting Date 10/1/8



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*Name James McDonald

*Agenda Item or Topic

Group Represented (If applicable) _____

County of Residence Christian

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Do you have a Christian County Library Card NO

**Required Information*





Library Board Meeting, December 18, 2023

My name is James McDonald, I reside in Ozark. I am a Christian. I am very concerned about sexually explicit, gender bending material freely available to our children and adolescents.

Historically Libraries have enjoyed a high degree of trust. This trust was won by years of responsible practice. Christian County libraries have been the beneficiary of this legacy. This trust, once lost, will be difficult to regain. We live in the Information Age. With just an internet connection the world is available. This has diminished, to a degree, the need for a library. It seems like a very poor time to have a significant portion of Christian County questioning the worth of a library that they don't trust. I have no statistics but I suspect that a large number of people, voters in Christian County, would be shocked to learn that sexually explicit material is freely available to children without any warning to the child or to the parent.

It is my understanding that this board has been asked to segregate sexually explicit, gender bending material by restricting access and requiring an adult to check it out. To date this request has not been honored. I would like to understand why?

Until this material is restricted, I would propose that the Library Board take responsibility. Place a sign that can't be missed, saying something to the effect:

Christian County Library

**is proud to present sexually explicit, gender bending material
crafted for our children and teens.**

**This material can be found freely in the children and young adult
areas.**

With a sign like this at least parents and guardians would be aware of what is in front of their kids at the library. Will you post something to this effect?

We paint school buses yellow, put flashing red lights on them, and extend a stop sign when they are loading and unloading. We have laws that make it illegal to ignore this. This is done for the safety of the kids. Please do the equivalent in our libraries.

And finally, I just don't understand why some appear to think this material should be available to children. Do they believe that this material is good for them? Is it an effort to desensitize children? Engineer social change? And especially why this material?

I do believe this material can do significant damage to a child. What kind of thinking would lead anyone to take such a chance?

I also believe:

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 20:6 (a verse from the Bible.)

This material placed in front of a child is the exact opposite of what this verse instructs. This verse may not mean anything to you but it does mean a great deal to many in Christian County.

For whatever it is worth, there will be a day when each of us gives an accounting of both, what we have done, and what we could have done and did not do. Please fix this!

Thank you

James McDonald



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*Name George Harrison

*Agenda Item or Topic
the Books Concerning the LGBTQ

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Email _____

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*Name Gretchen Garrity

*Agenda Item or Topic
ALA

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*Name Aileen Keen

*Agenda Item or Topic
Direction of library

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*Name Wanetta Bright

*Agenda Item or Topic
Material

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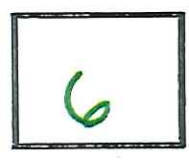
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Ephesians 4:25 - Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor.....

At last month's Library Board meeting, some very astonishing things were spoken about during the public comment time, and I believe those things need to be addressed truthfully. First of all, the Board members and the public were subjected to a roughly 15 minute or so "gaslighting" session. One of the speakers put together and shared an overview of what she believes to be the political profile of Christian County's population, pointing out various statistics of things like this county's history of involvement, or non-involvement, in all things public library; and the citizens past recorded views when asked about the library. Now, while people of this opinion like to get together and reassure each other that they are the majority, they clearly aren't. I would recommend that they go to the information researched and read during the October meeting by Aileena Keen. All of those aforementioned views are nullified by well researched data. This county is still a "red", conservative leaning county, with officials from US elections all the way down to state and county Elections that still win those positions by espousing traditional, conservative views. I would submit that the reason why Christian County folks tend to be sentimental, soft, and indulgent when it comes to libraries is simply this:

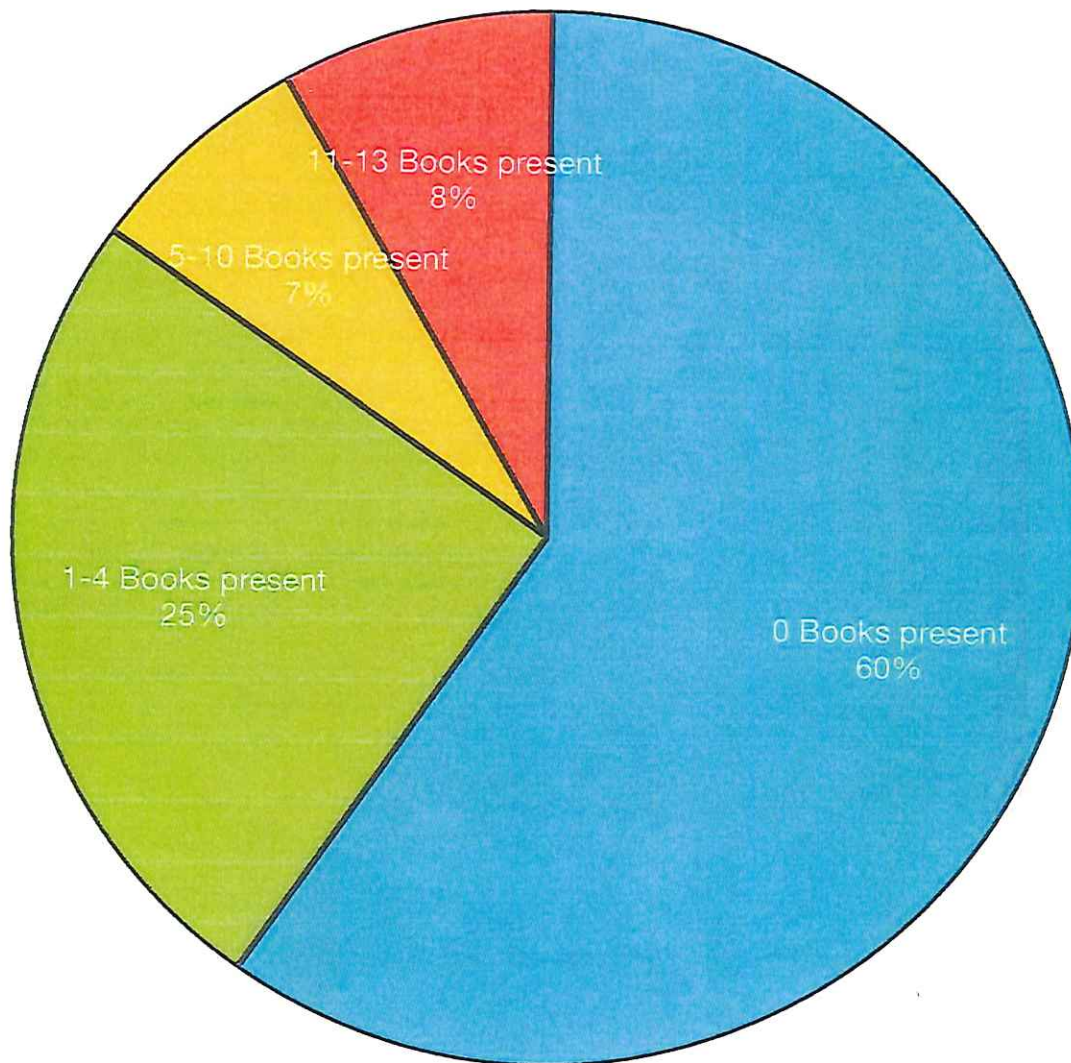
they fondly remember the libraries of their childhood, the days when Laura Ingalls Wilder and Mark Twain were standard fare; memories of long golden hours spent adventuring through rows and rows of books with classmates or family members; seeing the world through the eyes of classic authors. Plainly speaking, most people are simply unaware that today's woke Christian County Public Library System is no longer their grandma's library. As a matter of fact, Aileena's publicly available data sheets, which I am re-submitting today, clearly show that Christian County's conservative majority of tax-payers is not being accurately represented by the content of material in this renegade, activist public library. Shockingly, Christian County's Public library system appears to be one of the highest ranking libraries in the state in the amount of sexually explicit and age inappropriate material for children and youth, ranking right up there with Kansas City and St. Louis. This is outrageous, and no amount of "gaslighting" can make this right.

To date, there has been no real, serious attempt to work with the public by labeling and cataloging these age inappropriate books to keep them out of the hands of unsuspecting children. For these books to stay in the public library, tinkering around the edges of the problem and pretending to make

concessions won't work; bold, hard decisions on how these books are labeled and where they will be placed, and even which ones will be purchased with taxpayers dollars in the future are going to have to be carefully considered. It all boils down to this: when a very vocal minority has gained control and attempts to run roughshod over the wishes of the tax-paying majority, eventually an awakening and a pushback from the formerly silent majority occurs. My friends, welcome to the Awakening.

Sample of Missouri libraries with **sexually explicit and age-inappropriate content** available to minors in the children's and young adults sections.

● 0 Books present ● 1-4 Books present ● 5-10 Books present ● 11-13 Books present



*Sample of 72 public libraries out of the 114 Missouri counties.

**Sample of 13 Sexually explicit and/or Age-Inappropriate Books in Missouri Libraries

Books included: Jack of Hearts by LC Rosen, Flamer by Mike Curato, All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson, Breathless by Jennifer Niven, Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic by Alison Bechdel, Gender Queer: a Memoir by Maia Kobabe, Empire of Storms by Sarah J. Maas, Sex Plus: Learning, Loving, and Enjoying your Body by Laci Green, This Book is Gay by June Dawson, Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff, Jacob's New Dress by Sarah Hoffman, It Feels Good to be Yourself: A Book about Gender Identity by Theresa Thorn, and The Breakaways by Cathy G Johnson

*Data was taken using publicly available data through online catalogs including Missouri Evergreen, Mobius, www.kclibrary.org, and Cool Cat online catalog (September & October 2023).

Registered Voters 66,193 - Total Ballots 10,355 : 15.64%

29 of 29 Precincts Reporting 100.00%

MARIONVILLE R-9 SCHOOL BOARD		
Number of Precincts	2	
Precincts Reporting	2	100.00%
Vote For 3		
Total Votes	0	
RYAN BRAD WILSON	0	0%
JODI RAWLINGS	0	0%
CODY FLETCHER	0	0%
GARY WRIGHT	0	0%

OZARK R-VI SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER		
Number of Precincts	12	
Precincts Reporting	12	100.00%
Vote For 3		
Total Votes	8,161	
AMBER BRYANT	2,173	26.63%
RALPH PHILLIPS	1,297	15.89%
GUY CALLAWAY	1,308	16.03%
JOEY MILLS	880	10.78%
ANTHONY PETROSINO	967	11.85%
CHRISTINA TONSING	1,536	18.82%

NIXA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD		
Number of Precincts	17	
Precincts Reporting	17	100.00%
Vote For 3		
Total Votes	12,702	
HEATHER ZOROMSKI	3,055	24.05%
LINDA L. DAUGHERTY	3,343	26.32%
ALEX BRYANT	3,224	25.38%
ELIZABETH DUDASH-BUSKIRK	1,172	9.23%
JASEN D. GOODALL	1,908	15.02%

SPARTA R-III SCHOOL BOARD		
Number of Precincts	7	
Precincts Reporting	7	100.00%
Vote For 3		
Total Votes	1,203	
DANNY J. RAINS	366	30.42%
DENNIS LILLY	215	17.87%
JEREMY BUTTS	327	27.18%
RICK JONES	295	24.52%

NIXA PUBLIC SCHOOL QUESTION		
Number of Precincts	17	
Precincts Reporting	17	100.00%
Total Votes	4,933	
YES	3,494	70.83%
NO	1,439	29.17%

BILLINGS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		
Number of Precincts	2	
Precincts Reporting	2	100.00%
Total Votes	408	
YES	320	78.43%
NO	88	21.57%

BILLINGS BOARD MEMBER WARD 1		
Number of Precincts	2	
Precincts Reporting	2	100.00%
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	0	

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*Name Lucas Underwood

*Agenda Item or Topic
Library as a public resource

Group Represented (If applicable) U-Turn

County of Residence Christian

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Do you have a Christian County Libary Card _____

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