

I have heard a lot of “protecting children from filth.” It seems to be a pet phrase from some lawmakers. They seem to think people can access porn freely at public libraries. This is not the case. minors or adults can’t get to internet pornography at the library thanks to great filters from the North Dakota State Library! I was disappointed at the lack of knowledge my representatives show of libraries, books and proper grammar. I really begin to wonder if people in government actually read books.

Did you all know that public libraries already have a reconsideration form that citizens can fill out to object to a particular material? This seems a far better idea than large, sweeping legislation of what can and cannot be on a public library or bookstore shelf. What’s next? Are you going to be monitoring my Kindle account? My Audible subscription? Check my children’s accounts for naughty books? Fine me for books I already own? Where does this stop?

Further, this legislation treats a 15 year old like a 5 year old which is ridiculous and not getting our teens what they need. I would much rather a teen read a book about sex than experiment themselves in real life. It is better for teens to think about the consequences of their actions in a fictional world rather than face the costs of an unintended pregnancy in real life.

Want to impress me that you care about young people? Prosecute pedophiles, look at your former colleague Holmberg with more scrutiny, and stop allowing human traffickers to get off after abusing young people because they turned State’s evidence.



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