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### My Biggest Concern About AL Libraries Today

My 16 years as an elected member of the AL State Board of Education exposed me to many concerning issues, and the one closest to my heart was and is "comprehensive sex education." One facet of that is the top issue right now in my home county and across our state, the crisis in our libraries over pornography in books for minors.

A book which I just discovered is "This Book is Gay" by British author Juno Dawson whose name at birth was James Dawson. Born a male, he now identifies as female.

This book which was listed in the Young Adult section of the Westgate Library in Dothan is a pornographic how to book on sex. At first glance I did not see some of the most revolting information in the paperback a friend and I purchased at Barnes and Noble so we could provide it for the public forum in Dothan this week. We overlooked one of the worst parts of the book which involved male anal sex practices that are not only inappropriate but are also very unhealthy. In fact the AL State Health Dept should be made aware of this being suggested for young adults in our schools.

My question to all in authority over libraries in our state is "how did this get by our librarians?" And also "who is going to ensure this does not happen again?"

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