



AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION/TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ALA/TLA)
REMOVAL SCRIPT-TEXAS

Good morning/evening:

Recently, the American Library Association (ALA) has come under rightful scrutiny for their public embrace of progressive values that are largely inconsistent with the constitutional ideals representative of America's founding. As the decades-long recipient of sizeable financial contributions from organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the George Soros-affiliated groups, the Open Society Institute and the Tides Foundation, the ALA has also elected Emily Drabinski, a self-proclaimed "Marxist lesbian" to lead their organization, with the stated goal of "queering the landscape of library publishing and scholarship." This is in alignment with the ALA's passionate advocacy of sexually explicit books aimed at children, toward which many parents and concerned citizens have rightfully sought removal, including titles such as *Gender Queer*, *All Boys Aren't Blue*, *Flamer*, and *This Book is Gay*.

In further rejection of parental and community efforts to protect children from these books, the ALA announced the creation of a group called "Unite Against Book Bans" that proudly fights to keep obscene materials within children's reach. To do this, the ALA has targeted people of faith, as evidenced in their attempt to cancel Kirk Cameron's Brave Book Story Hours. This far-left agenda motivating the ALA's actions has been repeatedly displayed in the guidelines, conference lineups, sponsored events, and other materials issued by the ALA. This has included encouraging librarians to alter existing library material to "sneak" in LGBTQ+ content by changing the genders and/or sexual orientations of protagonists to normalize LGBTQ+ content and the provision of a suggested reading list for children *aged 0-5* featuring books that claim to "challenge gender norms and explore the wide spectrum of gender identity," something that would be inappropriate for any child, let alone those who are infant, toddler, and preschool aged.

The ALA's influence can also be observed in the direction undertaken by its state-affiliated chapters, including the Texas Library Association (TLA). For one, The TLA launched the deceptive "Texans for the Right to Read" that promotes the continued inclusion of sexually explicit materials for children in libraries. Much like its parent organization, the TLA has also demonstrated a clear commitment to LGBTQ+ activism, as evidenced by the creation of the TLA's "Queers and Allies Round Table" and the inclusion of drag queens and a "Drag Queen Story Hour" plus 6 other pro-LGBTQ+ panels at the TLA's annual conference.

While the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has announced its intention to cut ties with the ALA, individual counties, **including [your county]**, may continue to abide by the ALA or TLA's rules and regulations, a decision that undoubtedly constitutes submission to the ALA's authority. As a concerned **[parent/grandparent/citizen]**, I do not support the use of taxpayer dollars for my county library system to be governed by an organization that operates in blatant disregard for the welfare and safety of children. In light of this, I ask that you call for the termination of and divestment from any membership or affiliation with the ALA and the TLA to stand up for the right of children to receive an education unencumbered by progressive indoctrination. Thank you.