

Subject: Middle school library

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Principal Campin,

As per our current policy, I am requesting that the following books be immediately removed from the library for review. The American Civics Committee is addressing the policies that have allowed these books to get in to our library and to review the process to permanently remove books that do not fit with our policies or our community's values.

Life Is Funny by E. R. Frank

Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton

Unfortunately, the Neanderthal book is currently checked out. It is due back on 4/24/23. Please ensure that it cannot be re-checked out and is removed from student access as soon as it is returned. Below is a description of the contents of this book from a parental book rating site.

"This book contains excessive/frequent profanity; derogatory terms; sexual activities; sexual nudity; controversial religious commentary; drug use and abuse; alcohol use; violence; suicide; and hate."

Here is the profanity count:

A-word 116

B-word 20

C-word (male genitalia) 2

D-word (male genitalia) 13

F-word 62

P-word (urination) 9

P-word (female genitalia) 1

Queer 5

S-word 178

Life Is Funny content

"This book contains sexual activities; bestiality commentary; profanity and derogatory terms.'

A-word 15

B-word 27

D-word (male genitalia) 17

F-word 60

N-word (racial slur) 2

P & C-words (female genitalia) 8

S-word 20

I have not had much time to really search the Middle School library content as it very time consuming and I have spent much of my free time with the content of the High School library, but these books were brought to my attention and I felt they needed to be addressed immediately. I appreciate your help in getting this content out of reach of our children.

Sincerely,
Terri Cunningham–Swanson
Plattsmouth Board of Education