

Resolution - Defund Anti-American and Anti-Family Library Organizations

WHEREAS, in the **Miller vs California** case of 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States has determined that the First Amendment of the United States Constitution does not protect materials which are obscene, defined as

1. Materials which taken as a whole, appeal to prurient interests according to contemporary community standards;
2. Materials that, according to contemporary community standards as viewed by the average person, depict or describe sexual conduct in a patently offensive way; and
3. Materials that a reasonable person finds that, taken as a whole, lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value;

WHEREAS, parents and citizens have become increasingly concerned about the inappropriate and harmful content of materials in schools and libraries including **graphic images**, **explicit text**, and **referrals** to harmful resources. **Online** resources may include encyclopedias, magazines, periodicals, and eBooks. **Physical** resources may include instructional materials, reading lists resources, library books, and classroom libraries.

WHEREAS, the **American Library Association** (ALA) protects pornographic and obscene materials in Texas public and school libraries. The ALA does not represent Texas values for American exceptionalism, parental rights, protection of the natural modesty of innocent childhood, and the importance of regulation of pornographic materials.

- ALA supports Comprehensive Sex Education and protects obscenity under the guise of fighting censorship (<https://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=27457>).
- ALA “opposes all attempts to restrict access to library services, materials, and facilities based on the age of library users” (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/minors>) and promotes a Freedom to Read initiative establishing the “responsibility of publishers and librarians, as guardians of the people’s freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large; and by the government whenever it seeks to reduce or deny public access to public information” (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>).
- ALA promotes elements of Critical Race Theory prohibited by Texas Education Code 28.002 (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/diversity>) and defends Black Lives Matter (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/diversity/librariesrespond/black-lives-matter>).

WHEREAS, the **Texas Library Association** (TLA) is affiliated with the ALA. The TLA is sponsored by EBSCO, an online database resource listed on the NCOSE Dirty Dozen List since 2017 based on pornographic and obscene material provided in K-12 resources. Texas resources... <https://txla.org/tools-resources/intellectual-freedom/tools-resources/>

WHEREAS, membership **costs** of ALA and TLA are ultimately paid by taxpayers.

WHEREAS, the TLA testified in 2019 against 86R HB 3730 that would have provided measures to protect children from obscene materials and would have required EBSCO to filter material protecting the online resources that contain obscene content. <https://youtu.be/SfZoibxig8>

WHEREAS, **Every Library** PAC represents the ALA interests with donations from Follett, EBSCO, and GALE. EveryLibrary, Free Speech Coalition, SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change, and many more have signed on to the **National Coalition Against Censorship** statement on the attack on books in schools.

THEREFORE, Texas GOP should adopt a platform plank regarding libraries:

“Plank # _____. Defund Anti-American and Anti-Family Library Organizations. Texas should defund the American Library Association (ALA) and Texas Library Association (TLA). Texas librarians should not be required to be certified and Texas public and school libraries should withdraw from ALA and TLA.”

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # ____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # ____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.