

## CHALLENGED MATERIALS IN OREGON 2012 - 2013

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Author or Topic	Title & Publisher	Date, Reason & Outcome	Description of Material	Level
Bokram, Karen, Ed.	<i>Girls' Life</i> , Girl's Life Acquisitions Corp (magazine)	Challenged by a parent in a school district in 2012. Reason: sex education unsuited for age; drugs. School district removed it from elementary & middle school libraries.	Intended for young teenage girls featuring beauty, fashion, dating, makeup, accessories, advice, star profiles, and quizzes.	YA
Calhoun, Mary	Big Sixteen; William Morrow	Challenged by a parent in a public library in 2012. Reason: inappropriate for children's section. Relocated.	Retelling of a black tall tale from slavery times based on versions anthologized by Langston Hughes and Arna Bontemps.	J NF
Clark, William & Sandra Luna McCune	Practice Makes Perfect Precalculus; McGraw-Hill	Challenged in a public library in 2012. Reason: incorrect answers & comments. Removed.	A guide and workbook covering the basics of precalculus	A
Hicks, Bill	<i>Dangerous</i> (audio book); Rykodisc	Challenged in a public library in 2013. Reason: concern that item encourages and/or normalizes child pornography and sexual abuse. Retained	First live CD album released by stand-up comedian and satirist Bill Hicks in 1990. Retained	A
James, E.L.	<i>Fifty Shades of Grey</i> ; Doubleday	Challenged in an academic library in 2013. Reason: sexually explicit; against religious values; pornography. Retained & moved from browsing collection to the literature collection in the stacks.	The first installment in an erotic series that traces the deepening relationship between a college graduate, Anastasia Steele, and a young business magnate, Christian Grey.	A
Krüss, James	" <i>The Tale of Three Storytellers</i> " in Junior Great Books Series 5: Book Two; Great Books Foundation	Challenged by a parent in a school library in 2012. Reason: promotes Islam. Retained	Short story in a student anthology.	J

Makavejev, Dušan	<i>Sweet Movie</i> ; Criterion Collection	Challenged in a public library in 2012. Reason: concern that it promotes child pornography. Retained	The story of two women: a nearly-mute beauty queen who descends into withdrawal and madness, and another who captains a ship laden with candy and sugar, luring men and boys aboard for sex, death, and revolutionary talk	A
Policy - Internet		Challenged in a public library by clergy in 2013. Reason: lack of filtering on computers & wireless network. Library District Board voted to filter children's computers in children's room for "pornography"	Internet Access	
Simmons, Josh	<i>Furry Trap, The</i> ; Fantagraphics Books	Challenged in 2012 in a public library; Reason: exposed children to graphic sexual violence. Outcome: Library agreed not to display this item in the future	A graphic novel consisting of 11 short stories described as "skin-crawling" terror.	A
Smith, Mike, writer & director	<i>Zack and Miri Make a Porno</i> ; The Weinstein Company	Challenged in 2013 by an individual in a public library. Reason: sexually explicit. Retained.	Lifelong platonic friends Zack and Miri look to solve their respective cash-flow problems by making an adult film together. As the cameras roll, however, the duo begin to realize that they may have more feelings for each other than they previously believed.	A
St. Stevens CommunityHouse	<i>Little Black Book for Girlz: a Book on Healthy Sexuality</i> ; Annick Press	Challenged by a parent in Taft 7 - 12 high school library in 2013. Reason: Too graphic for a 7th grader; Unresolved. Remains in 3 other district high School libraries	Created by a group of young women who hung out at the St Stephen's Community Youth Arcase Drop-In in Toronto Canada. Intended to encourage young women to learn more about their bodies, their relationships and their lives.	YA

Student Press	<i>Op-ed in "The Arrow"</i> (Sherwood High School student newspaper)	Administrators removed an op-ed piece in April 2013. Reason: it would cause a disruption & contained inaccuracies. Outcome: issue republished without this article.	The article criticized the school board for not renewing the lacrosse coach's contract. The coach's wife had been put on leave for allegations of inappropriate sexual conduct with a student. She was under investigation but not yet charged. The coach's contract was not renewed after refusing to resign.	YA
Van Draanen, Wendelin	<i>Shredderman: Secret Identity</i> ; Life Oak Media (audio book)	Challenged in a public library in 2013. Reason: offensive language. Retained.	Alan Dixon (Bubba) has been bullied Nolan (Nerd) for five years. So when Mr. Green asks their class to become reporters, Nolan decides he'll write an exposé—on Bubba. He creates a secret identity for himself and creates Shredderman.com as a place where truth and justice prevail—and bullies get what's coming to them. The first of a series	J