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## Protect your Children

### Parents in Colorado Sue EBSCO

#### **Porn is Exposed to Children without Parents Knowledge or Permission by EBSCO**



#### **Unsuspecting Parents Discover Alarming Material in schools**

In September 2016, parents in Aurora discovered that the EBSCO databases, commonly used by libraries and schools for research purposes, contain stacks of easily-accessible pornographic material. According to a report released by the Thomas More Society, the EBSCO database system also “renders inoperable school internet filters and private, parent-supplied internet filters.”

Shockingly, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation listed EBSCO on its “Dirty Dozen List” — accusing it of being one of 12 corporations in America

that facilitate sexual exploitation.

EBSCO, an information services company that develops systems with pornography held deep within its databases, without the parents knowledge or consent in the Denver-area Cherry Creek School District. However, following widespread outrage from parents, the district has agreed to discontinue its purchasing of the program.

“We are just happy the school district finally is doing the right thing,” said one of the parents involved in the campaign, Dr. Robin Paterson, who stumbled across the pornographic material on her child’s school account.

#### **Lamar Mayor and Council fail to remove EBSCO access from homework help tab**



#### **Mayor and Council Ignore Requests and Petitions of Citizens of Lamar Colorado**

Mayor and Council have been provided binders with a large amount of information by a local group, the Heritage Defenders in an effort to Protect the Children and Citizens of Lamar Colorado from the age-inappropriate and sexually deviant material being streamed through the Lamar Library. Citizens were so outraged by what they saw, in as little as three hours over 300 signatures were gathered and presented to Mayor and Council in a City Council Meeting on April 23, 2018.

The mayor and council have aligned themselves with local Librarian Sue Lathrop instead of the citizens of Lamar.

Ms. Lathrop was asked to resign from her last position in Clear Creek Library and is not eligible for rehire. The Heritage Defenders met with Ms. Lathrop and the Library Advisory Board at the request of the Mayor. Ms. Lathrop disrupted the meeting and would not allow the presentation to be held in a professional manner. However, it was learned at that meeting that Ms. Lathrop had misrepresented the Lamar Library Policy Manual to Mayor and Council stating the Library Advisory Board Members had approved it in October of 2017. Library advisory board members told the group they had not seen it until Spring 2018.



## Lawsuit Filed by Colorado Nonprofit Porn is Not Education (PINE)

A Colorado Non-Profit has filed a formal lawsuit against the Colorado Library Consortium and EBSCO to protect their children.

Approximatley \$1,000,000 of taxpayer dollars are given to the Colorado Library Consortium by the State of Colorado.

The following includes the allegations:

### GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

#### **EBSCO KNOWINGLY PROVIDES SEXUALLY EXPLICIT AND OBSCENE MATERIALS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN**

For a fee, EBSCO provides online research databases, which include a curated selection of e-books, journals, magazines and other materials.

Some of EBSCO's online research databases are marketed as appropriate for school children, kindergarten through high school, thus involving children approximately 5 through 18 years

For such research databases targeting school children, EBSCO controls and limits the content. The content is not the same as materials that can be found by conducting general searches on the internet. EBSCO promotes its databases to schools specifically because it is a more efficient way to search for information and do research, due to the limited and controlled offerings within its database.

EBSCO falsely promotes its products to schools by advertising that the materials it provides for school children:

- are "age-appropriate content that's easy for young learners to search and explore;"
- are "reliably high-quality from a variety of popular children's sources;"
- are "tailored for elementary, middle and high school libraries;"
- "Support... Elementary School Curriculum Standards;"
- "correlate EBSCO content quickly and easily to Common Core and state curriculum standards;"
- have "reliable content" and "curriculum-appropriate content."

At all times material, EBSCO has known its research databases specifically targeting school children have contained, and continue to contain, substantial amounts of easily accessible, sexually explicit material, which is obscene with respect to minors and/or is harmful to minors, as these terms are legally defined. In addition to sexually explicit materials on the EBSCO database itself, the database also contains links outside the database to sex toy shops, to porn sites, to misogynistic materials

## Your Hard Earned Tax Dollars are being used to purchase Subscriptions that Harm Your Children



exposing violence towards women and to "torture-porn" sites, among other sites.

EBSCO has known its research databases specifically targeting school children have contained, and continue to contain, substantial amounts of easily accessible, sexually explicit material, which is obscene with respect to minors and/or is harmful to minors, as these terms are legally defined.

Unsuspecting school children, believing themselves to be using a safe school research database, easily can stumble into these sexually explicit and obscene materials while searching otherwise benign topics on EBSCO databases.

#### **THE COLORADO LIBRARY CONSORTIUM PURCHASES FROM EBSCO AND KNOWINGLY BROKERS SEXUALLY EXPLICIT, OBSCENE AND HARMFUL MATERIALS TO COLORADO SCHOOL CHILDREN**

The Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) is a tax-supported, nonprofit corporation that brokers materials to libraries the CLiC.

EBSCO sells its school database materials in bulk to CLiC.



## City of Lamar

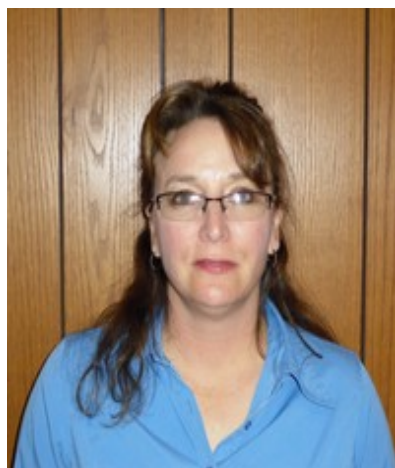
### Mayor and Council



**Mayor Roger Stagner** was first made aware of the problems with EBSCO and the streaming of sexually inappropriate material in September of 2017. Mayor Stagner seemed concerned but was advised by City Administrator John Sutherland and Librarian Sue Lathrop that EBSCO is an indispensable source for the children and the good outweighed the bad. The Heritage Defenders presented Mayor Stagner and Council very important proof of the material streaming to the children through the homework help tab in the Lamar Public Library along with additional information from the National Center of Sexual Exploitation and their findings regarding EBSCO in April of 2018. This is a curated database programmed through the homework help tab programmed by the Lamar Public Librarian Sue Lathrop. We urge Mayor Stagner to take appropriate action to protect the children. [r\\_j\\_stagner@hotmail.com](mailto:r_j_stagner@hotmail.com)



**Kirk Crespín, Mayor Pro-tem** has a lot of experience with computers and met with the Heritage Defenders and the Library Advisory Board. Kirk Crespín asked the Heritage Defenders to research the possible sources. The Heritage Defender group spent several days researching the information. It was discovered that this is a curated database specifically subscribed to by the City of Lamar through EBSCO. Heritage Defenders requested copies of the current and past year subscription agreements and to date have received nothing. However, Heritage Defenders recently provided Kirk Crespín and Council with copies of the Colorado Statute regarding the distribution of pornographic material to minors on December 10, 2018 and advised the Council that it was a criminal offense to stream pornographic material through the homework help tab. We urge Kirk Crespín to take appropriate action to protect the children in our community.



**Anne-Marie Crampton -Council Member, Ward 1**

Ms. Crampton has followed the lead of Librarian Sue Lathrop and has ignored all items brought forward by the citizens in the city of Lamar. However, Ms. Lathrop has been providing false information to the Council by stating the pornographic material was not in the homework help tab. The Heritage Defenders provided proof that the pornographic material was streaming from the homework help tab and included a printout from the Lamar Library in a booklet provided to Ms. Crampton. Ms. Crampton seems to be a wise woman and hopefully will do her own research on the material provided to her by the Heritage Defenders in April of 2018 and not be misled by Lamar Librarian Sue Lathrop. We strongly urge Ms. Crampton to take appropriate action to protect the children in our community.



**Gerry Jenkins -Council Member, Ward II**

Ms. Jenkins has been listening intently but has followed the lead of Mayor Roger Stagner, and Mayor Pro-tem Kirk Crespín. Ms. Jenkins listened respectfully during all presentations made by the Heritage Defenders. However, Ms. Jenkins has not voiced her opinion on the outstanding items. Ms. Jenkins was also provided a booklet of material regarding the concerns of the Heritage Defenders in April of 2018 along with the information that was streaming from the homework help tab in the Library. The Heritage Defenders also presented petitions from concerned citizens wanting the council to STOP streaming the pornographic material through the homework help tab in the Library. We strongly urge Ms. Jenkins to do her own research and take appropriate action to protect the children in our community.

# Council Members

**Oscar Riley - Council Member, Ward II**

Mr. Riley did seem concerned, but kept asking what the definition of Porn that was streaming in the library. Therefore, Heritage Defenders submitted the legal definition according to the statutes of the state of Colorado for the definition of Porn as well as the Child Internet Protection Act. On December 10, 2018, the Heritage Defenders provided Council with the Criminal Statute for streaming pornographic material to minors. Lamar Librarian Sue Lathrop has made some changes by changing the library cards according to her statements. However, children 16 and older are still able to access the information and the statute clearly defines minors as children under the age of 18 years. We strongly urge Mr. Riley to review the information, the laws in the state of Colorado, and take appropriate action to protect the children in our community.

**Rafael Rodriquez -Council Member, Ward III**

Mr. Rodriquez has been totally quiet during all presentations regarding the pornographic material that is streaming in the library. Mr. Rodriquez seems to care a lot about the youth and has been helpful with the Skate Park in Lamar. His enthusiasm for helping the children is commendable. Mr. Rodriquez was provided a booklet of information with the proof of the material that was streaming in the Lamar Library. However, he was possibly misled by Lamar Librarian Sue Lathrop's false statements regarding the pornographic material that was streaming from the homework help Tab in the Lamar Public Library. Hopefully, Mr. Rodriquez will do his own research and discover the truth. We urge Mr. Rodriquez to take appropriate action to protect the children in our community.

**Beverly Haggard -Council Member, Ward III**

Ms. Haggard seemed to listen intently to the presentation. She did not ask any questions and seemed to be influenced by Librarian Sue Lathrop's claims that Porn was not being streamed in the library. Ms. Lathrop is very convincing, but her claims are false. Ms. Haggard was provided proof of the material streaming from the Lamar Library through the homework help tab in a booklet on April 23, 2018. This booklet also provided her with information on the psychological damage that can be done to children who view pornographic material. Tax dollars have paid for a curated subscription that should not include the streaming of pornographic material. If the subuscription provider can not remove it, then the subscription should be cancelled immediately. We urge Ms. Haggard to do her own research and take action to protect the children in our community.



**Kaye Hainer**, mother of Eugene Hainer who recently resigned from the Colorado State Library, is the secretary for the Lamar Library Advisory Board. Ms. Hainer failed to properly report the minutes of the Library Advisory Board regarding the Lamar Library Policies and Procedure Manual. This manual was approved and adopted by Mayor and Council in October of 2017, shortly after the Heritage Defenders raised concerns about the material streaming in the Library through the homework help tab. Ms. Hainer reported all members of the Library Advisory Board had approved the manual. According to the Library Advisory Board Members, most of them did not see this manual until the Spring of 2018. Ms. Hainer should be promptly removed from her position due to this misrepresentation of facts that was submitted to Mayor and Council and actions that were taken based upon false information. There should be zero tolerance for the misrepresentation of facts to Mayor and Council.



# Lamar Public Librarian Sue Lathrop refuses to remove harmful material from the Library



**Librarian Sue Lathrop** was hired by City Administrator John Sutherland. In September of 2017, the Heritage Defenders contacted Ms. Lathrop with concern about the pornographic material found in the Lamar Library Homework Help Tabs for children. Ms. Lathrop agreed to meet with the group, but not in good faith. In a recent Colorado Open Records Request, it was discovered that Ms. Lathrop was emailing Eugene Hainer, the Assistant Commissioner to the Colorado State Library regarding the "group of people" raising questions about EBSCO. The citizens of Lamar pay her salary, not the state. Ms. Lathrop's loyalties should be to the citizens in the city of Lamar and her responsibility of providing educational material, not pornographic material to the children. In addition, Ms. Lathrop presented an internet policy to Mayor and Council which attempts to put all liability on the parents, not the Library. However, the parents have no control over what Ms. Lathrop programs to the homework help tab in the Library. The harmful material is still streaming today.

## National Center on Sexual Exploitation



On June 23rd 2017, EBSCO wrote to NCOSE saying sexually graphic content was completely removed from their school products, but on June 26th NCOSE researchers found over 50 sexually graphic articles across 4 states in 50 minutes of searching. The vast majority of these graphic results came directly from EBSCO's middle school and elementary school databases. Since then, some notable improvements have been made in elementary school databases which NCOSE publicly acknowledges and applauds. Unfortunately, EBSCO has failed to clean up middle school and high school databases, and continues to expose minors to sexually graphic and violent content including live links to pornography websites. Further, EBSCO products sold through libraries often allow children from any age range to log into databases meant for older students. This failure to appropriately age-gate content renders much of the improvement in elementary school databases insufficient. See more information at <https://endsexualexploitation.org/>

### NO ACCOUNTABILITY!

Why is the CLIC

Advocating for the streaming of pornographic materials with the use of taxpayer dollars as a quasigovernmental agency?

Why are they obstructing the protection of the children and providing a librarian guide to "FIGHT THE CITIZENS" the very ones who fund them?

## Colorado Library Consortium (CLIC)

In 2003, Governor Owens vetoed the section of the Colorado State budget that funded the Regional Library Service Systems amongst other budget cuts affecting a large number of libraries in Colorado.[2] Each of the regions closed their offices and laid off staff. By the end of 2004, the Regional Library Service Systems no longer existed. A single, statewide entity called the Colorado Library Consortium was formed in 2004[3] to serve Colorado as a whole with one director and one office staff located in the Denver metropolitan area. The CLIC is a quasigovernmental agency and according to the mandatory report filed with the State of Colorado Auditor's office \$1,000,000.00 of taxpayer money is allocated to support the operation of the CLIC. On March 21, 2018, Jim Duncan published an inaccurate statement regarding the parents seeking help at removing the sexually and age inappropriate material streaming to children. ( see [https://www.clicweb.org tag/censorship/](https://www.clicweb.org/tag/censorship/)).

In addition, Jim Duncan, Executive Director of CLIC, warned librarians to beware of the parents wanting to get rid of the pornographic material. The CLIC then created a guide for the librarians and gave the following information as resources for the Librarians .You're not alone. A variety of individuals and Colorado organizations are poised to support you. Their contact information is enclosed. The link to the guide for Librarians is. [https://www.dropbox.com Strident-Claims-About-Electronic-Resources.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/Strident-Claims-About-Electronic-Resources.pdf?dl=0)

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# King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Lose color
- 5 Actress  
Lupino
- 8 Half a ticket
- 12 Not “fer”
- 13 Neither  
mate
- 14 Bean curd
- 15 Tin Man’s  
problem
- 16 Carriage
- 18 Cookbook  
entry
- 20 Underscore
- 21 Lacks the  
ability
- 23 Brit.  
reference  
book
- 24 One  
seeking  
political  
asylum
- 28 Unac-  
companied
- 31 — Khan
- 32 Doctrine
- 34 Tiny
- 35 Trumpet, e.g.
- 37 Shame
- 39 Third letter
- 41 Close up  
tight
- 42 Narcotic
- 45 Jackson or  
Johnson
- 49 Oppressive  
ruler
- 51 Skeleton  
component
- 52 October

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- 53 Peacock  
network
- 54 Reed  
instrument
- 55 Depend (on)
- 56 Blond shade
- 57 Shrill bark
- 9 Make less  
intense
- 10 Venusian  
vessels?
- 11 Prickly  
seed cases
- 17 Ike’s  
command  
in WWII
- 19 Treaty
- 22 Morrison  
and Braxton
- 24 Doo follower
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- 26 Absurd
- 27 Use  
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maybe
- 29 Zodiac feline
- 30 “— the
- ramparts we  
watched ...”
- 33 Compared to
- 36 Without  
making a  
mess
- 38 Address to  
a bloke
- 40 Greek vowel
- 42 Smell
- 43 Meersc-  
haum, e.g.
- 44 Sicilian  
spouter
- 46 Post-bout  
attire
- 47 Carbon  
compound
- 48 Cry
- 50 Out of use,  
as a wd.

DOWN

- 1 Jamie of  
“M\*A\*S\*H”
- 2 Chills and  
fever
- 3 Platter
- 4 Lure
- 5 Started a  
paragraph
- 6 Female deer
- 7 Weaponry
- 8 Gawks





## We are all one Spirit!

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary; and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.

## Many Blessings to you this Holiday Season!

The Heritage Defenders would like to thank each and every citizen in the community for their continued support and help in keeping our community strong and healthy. It is only with your commitment and dedication to working with our community leaders that we are able to provide our leaders with factual information so they can make an educated informed decision that benefits our city and county. This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

May God Bless and Protect our Children!



Let there be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony.



## Lamar City Administrator John Sutherland

City Administrator John Sutherland hired Librarian Sue Lathrop and gave her wide sweeping authority which lacks proper checks and balances. Although Lamar has a Library Advisory Board, Ms. Lathrop was given full authority to override them if she so desired. Librarian Sue Lathrop is responsible for programming what is included in the Homework Help Tab to the children in the library where the sexually explicit and age-inappropriate material was found. Mr. Sutherland was given a list of personnel concerns based upon Ms. Lathrop's last employment. To our knowledge no action has been taken to curtail Ms. Lathrop's wide sweeping authority which gives the citizens great concern. In addition, in a recent Colorado Open Records Act, there was a total of \$37,488.26 in outstanding library fines. This seems to be an alarmingly large amount for the Lamar Library. It would seem a big effort needs to be made to either collect the money or write it off and establish a better policy for library fines and collections. Mr. Sutherland is very aware that the citizens are upset that their tax dollars are being spent on the subscription services that are streaming the sexually inappropriate material, yet has not responded to any of the questions raised by the Heritage Defenders at the citizen's request or the petitions signed by the citizens. Mr. Sutherland acts as the chief administrative officer of the city government. He develops and implements policies guiding the city.



**Your Tax Dollars are being spent by the city  
to Harm your Children!**

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NOW**

**P.I.N.E  
Porn is not Education**

**JOIN  
ONLINE**

[pinefights@gmail.com](mailto:pinefights@gmail.com)

<https://pornographyisnoteducation.org>

**Contact your City Council Members** and ask for their help to **STOP** the abuse of your tax dollars and remove EBSCO from the Homework Help tabs in the Library. Call 719-336-4376 or email

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## HERITAGE DEFENDERS

### *Planting Seeds of Truth*

*God calls us His Children because the love of a child is so precious and fragile, that we should protect and defend it.*

**PSALMS 127:3**

*Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward.*