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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hello Cristy and fellow LAB members,

After speaking with my concerned parent, we don't feel the book "Let's Talk About It," is accurate, non-judgmental or non-biased. As a LAB member, I have serious concerns about who may have had access to this graphic novel, specifically under-aged patrons.

Please allow me to express my concerns. First, telling under-aged children not to fret over STD's is dangerous. HPV, herpes, and HIV are serious health issues, potentially deadly if not treated. Is this appropriate, or even legal, to share with children? Encouraging children to pay for porn and search for "kinks" should be troubling to any parent or reasonable adult. Encouraging children to take nude photos and share them on-line invites disaster. We have all seen the consequences of images resurfacing to destroy an individual's career and life.

Many parents would consider this book porn and not suitable for their teens. Following the advice given puts children at risk from on-line predators. If this happens, is the library or the city responsible? What are the legal liabilities for the Public Library?

Alaska has laws that protect children. Alaska Statute AS 11.61.128, "Electronic Distribution of Indecent Material to Minors" has very specific prohibitions including: "the person knows that the material depicts the following actual or simulated conduct:

- (A) sexual penetration;
- (B) the lewd touching of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast;
- (C) masturbation;
- (D) bestiality;
- (E) the lewd exhibition of a person's genitals, anus, or female breast; or
- (F) sexual masochism or sadism; and
- (a) the material is harmful to minors.

b) In this section, it is not a defense that the victim was not actually under 16 years of age

I'm formally requesting a legal review of this graphic novel by the city's attorney, and have included her in this e-mail. Have we broken any laws? Are we currently breaking the law? Again, what are the liability risk for the Municipal Library?

Regards,

Doug