



CLEAN UP SAMUELS

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ABOUT CUS

Mission, goals, and who's involved.

CORE BELIEFS OF CLEAN UP SAMUELS

- **Warren County libraries should reflect Warren County values.** A county that voted 72% for Youngkin, who ran a Parents First campaign, clearly believes that parents should have a say in what their children are reading and being exposed to.
- **No taxation without representation.** Currently, Samuels calls itself a public library and receives taxpayer funding, but is not accountable to taxpayers. It's Board of Trustees is completely self-appointed.
- **The public should not fund age-inappropriate content for children.** Mature and controversial themes don't belong in the children's section of the library.

CURRENT GOALS OF CLEAN UP SAMUELS

This started about the books but it's become so much more. Here's what we are asking for:

- **7 seats** on the library board of trustees, appointed immediately, as stipulated in the original MOA
- A truly **public library**
- **Sever ties with the ALA** (which Samuels currently cites to justify their book choices)
- **Full funding** for the library once the library accepts the original MOA that the BOS sent
- **Removal** of pornographic books from the children's section

WHO IS CLEAN UP SAMUELS?

Clean Up Samuels is a grassroots, leaderless effort made up of parents and citizens who are concerned about the future of Warren County.

CUS is the group that is willing to fight - not for the sake of creating division but because we are willing to stand up and be a voice that is loud and proud in defense of traditional values and all that is good, wholesome, and true. We are standing up because we care about the future of Front Royal and all of Warren County and we want it to be a place where families and individuals can thrive.

Supporters of CUS include individuals and leaders of many faith communities, including the Bishop, Imam, and Pastors, who signed [this pledge](#) in agreement with the goals of CUS.

PARENTS MATTER PLEDGE - EXCERPTS

We, the undersigned, proudly agree with the principles of Clean Up Samuels — a determined, goal-focused movement championing the integrity and accountability of the Samuels Public Library.

The vision for the Samuels Library is clear: Public Ownership: Samuels Library should become a genuine public entity, not a private 501(c) non-profit. Its current structure allows for public funding but zero public oversight, which is unacceptable.

No ALA Affiliation: We demand autonomy from the ALA and its overarching influence. Warren County should chart its own course without interference from outside entities.

Staff Revamp: Some content has been inappropriate for our youth. We've pursued official channels, raising our concerns, only to be ignored. This can't stand. We advocate for personnel change that aligns with community values.

Content Curation: Let's champion quality literature that uplifts and educates our youth rather than limiting them to a particular narrative.

Signed:

- **Pastor Kaipha Brown at The Browntown Baptist Church**
- **Pastor James Boyetter of Living Water Christian Church of the Shenandoah Valley**
- **Dale Carpenter of the Shenandoah Christian Alliance**
- **Bishop Larry Johnson of Front Royal**
- **Imam Khan of Khatme Nubuwwat Center**

FALSE CLAIMS

Some claims have been made about CUS that are not true, here is some clarification:

- 1.) Clean Up Samuels is not in any way affiliated with Front Royal Civics Education Group, Christendom College, St. John's, Culture Matters, or any other churches or organizations. While leaders and members of these communities may choose to lend their support, there is no affiliation or partnership with these groups.
- 2.) It is not an infringement on 1st amendment rights to request that objectionable books be removed. Instead, it falls under the obscenity law guidelines which say that community consensus plays a role in determining what will be allowed.
- 3.) CUS and supporters represent the MAJORITY of Warren County. 70% of WC voted for Youngkin, who ran on a Parents First campaign. On the other hand, many of the leaders of Save Samuels the groups defending the library are from out of town.

THE FACTS

An account you can trust of what has happened and what is going on.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

- **January '23** - 4 year old stumbles across objectionable books, prompting parents to dig deeper into the library curation.
- **Spring '23** - CUS grassroots org sprang up and hosted two form filling events - parents and members of community filled out forms and sent emails petitioning the library to remove books with mature, controversial, and pornographic content
- **Late Spring '23** - Save Samuels group formed.
- **June 6** - BOS budget meeting was flooded with speakers on both sides of the issue. CUS supporters requested that full funding for the library be conditional on the library working to address the concerns of the parents. The BOS voted to fully fund the library, but they only allocated 25% of the funds, to get them through the next quarter, during which time the library would have to do their job and get a contract (MOA) in place with the BOS.
- **Summer '23** - BOS sends Samuels an MOA which asks that the current library board of trustees resign, the BOS have the ability to appoint 7 seats, county funds be used to purchase books and content, and the library board meetings be conducted like any other county meeting, with citizens be able to attend and provide comments and information. The library rejected it immediately.
- **Early September** - Library sends their own version of an MOA to BOS. In it they ask for the county to contractually commit to budget increases every year until 2029. (Note - this is not typical for public schools or other public institutions. In uncertain financial times, this would be a significant commitment.)
- **September 5** - BOS meeting is highly attended by speakers on both sides. CUS speakers ask that the MOA that the library sent be accepted immediately without revisions.

FACTS ABOUT SAMUELS LIBRARY

- 75% of funding comes from taxpayers
- Land and building owned by county (library rents it for \$1)
- The library is a private institution with a board of trustees that is completely self-appointed
- The library is tied to the ALA, an extremely liberal, Marxist organization with a clear agenda. The views and mission of the ALA are completely opposed to the values that the people of Warren County hold. Montana and other states have cut ties with them. This is totally possible and necessary.
- Samuels also has investment funds with liquid assets of \$1 million dollars

IS THIS ABOUT BOOK BANNING?

1.) Absolutely not. If people were trying to ban books they would be trying to make it illegal to read or possess it. Simply asking that books with age-inappropriate content not be funded by taxpayer dollars is not book banning or even close.

2.) Secondly, this debate is really not even about books anymore. The way that the library ignored the concerns that taxpayers had about the books simply highlighted the fact that Samuels Public Library is not currently accountable to the people that it serves.

3.) No one wants to ban books. Clean Up Samuels and supporters have no objection to individuals acquiring whatever books they would like through purchase or inter-library loan.

BUT WHO WOULD DEFEND PORN FOR KIDS?

- Employees, volunteers, board members, and the former director at Samuels
- Save Samuels
 - Kelsey Johnson
 - Donna Provencher
 - Syndey Patton (no longer involved)
 - Bridget Randolph
- Defense for Democracy
- ALA

DEFENSE FOR DEMOCRACY

- National organization founded in New York City
- Receives funding from George Soros
- Has recruited outside agitators to participate in Warren County public meetings
- They started a Warren County chapter in Aug/Sept and entered the scene on the side of the library
- Early September put a video on their FB page asking if people could come support Warren County at the 9/5 meeting (out of towners)

ALA

One of the central problems with the current status of Samuels is its affiliation with the ALA. Here is the section from the ALA Policy Manual that Samuels staff has cited when they refuse to remove sexually explicit, age-inappropriate books.

FROM THE ALA POLICY MANUAL

B.2.1.4 Access to Library Resources and Services for Minors (Old Number 53.1.4)

The American Library Association supports equal and equitable access to all library resources and services by users of all ages. Library policies and procedures that effectively deny minors equal and equitable access to all library resources and services available to other users is in violation of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights. The American Library Association opposes all attempts to restrict access to library services, resources, and facilities based on the age of library users.

THE BOOKS

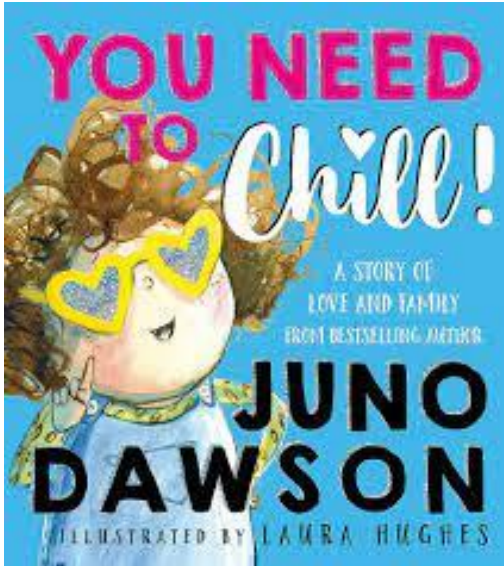
Though the debate is much bigger than the books, they were the catalyst that kicked everything off. So what are the books in question, and what's been done about them?

BUT DIDN'T THE LIBRARY SOLVE THE BOOK ISSUE?

In short - no. Here's what's been done:

- 1.) The library has only confirmed that 1 book (This is Why They Hate Us) has been moved to the "New Adult" section. (The new adult section is still in the under 18 section of the library.)
- 2.) A new library card system has been implemented. The new library card system does not stop any child from accessing the "New Adults Section", it simply prevents them from checking it out, IF the parent opted the child into the new card system. The new system does nothing to identify children's books which have themes many parents find objectionable.
- 3.) ZERO of the objectionable books have been removed from the children's section.

BOOK EXCERPTS AND EXAMPLES



- It is for children ages 3-8
- It is currently in the children's section of the library
- It is about a little girl whose brother recently became her sister.
- To anyone who asks about her sibling, she is supposed to tell them, "You need to chill."

Concluding text of the picture book:

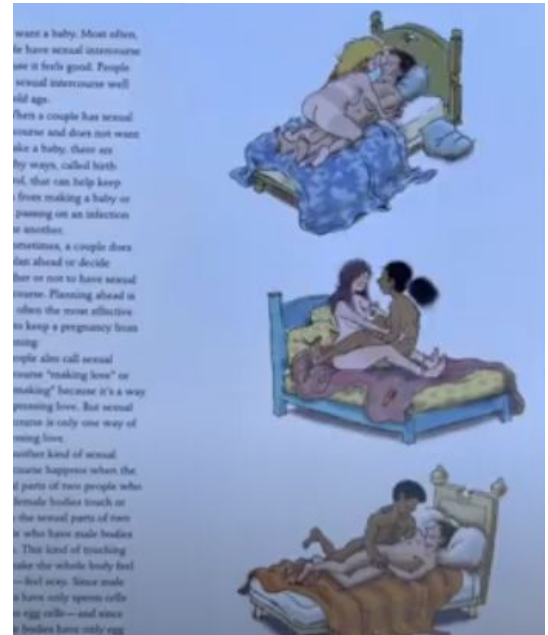
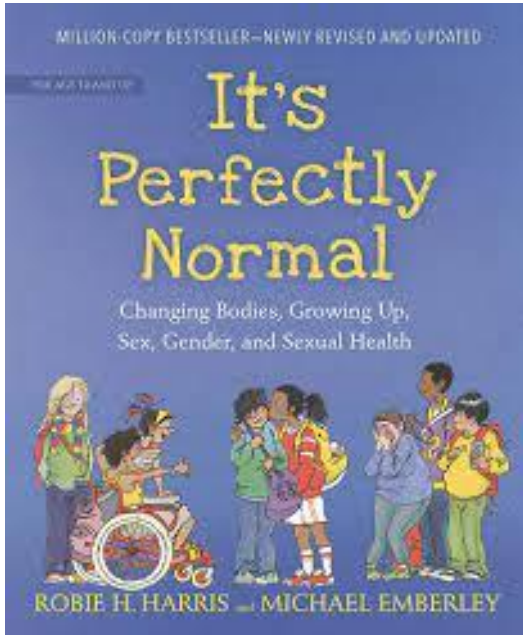
"There are NO hungry whales...NO little green men...Your hysteria is silly. The truth is my brother Bill... is now my sister Lily." "It was maybe quite a shock, at first, but she's really just the same. She looks a little different and she has a new first name." "She's still clever and funny and kind and cool. She's one in a mil... And if people have a problem, we shout... HEY, YOU NEED TO CHILL!"

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- It was checked out by a 4 year old child of a supporter of CUS - after the child had obtained one of the new cards
- It randomly contains an image of a naked father taking a shower
- While this may be a minor detail, it certainly speaks to a lack of care for children's innocence and raises many questions
- Nudity in movies of a non-sexual nature requires a PG rating (sexual is PG13)

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"What If It's Us" is a collaborative young adult novel by Becky Albertalli and Adam Silvera. The story revolves around two boys, Arthur and Ben, who meet-cute at a post office in New York City. They're instantly drawn to each other, but circumstances pull them apart before they can exchange contact information. The book follows their attempts to find each other again and navigate the start of a relationship.

P. 1 "Instantaneous pedestrian rage: Jesus. Come on. MOVE. Fucking tourists. Literally, I take a two-second photograph, and now I'm obstruction personified. I'm responsible for every subway delay, every road closure, the very phenomenon of wind resistance.

Fucking tourists."

Homosexual implied sex scene

P 140. "He laughs, hands falling to my waist. And then we're kissing again, and it's the same startling closeness.

I slide my eyes shut.

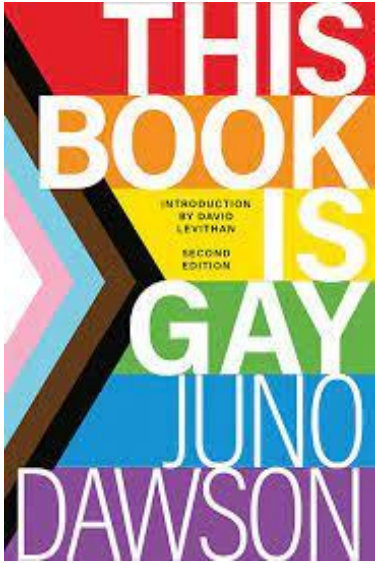
And the whole world narrows. I don't know how else to describe it. It's

like I'm not on the street and I'm not in New York and it isn't July and none of it matters. Nothing exists but Ben's hands on my back and his lips on my lips and my fingertips and his cheekbones and my thundering heartbeat.

I never knew kissing had a rhythm. I never even thought of it, beyond lips mashed together. But I can feel it like a bass line, somehow steady and urgent at once. Ben pulls me even closer, not an inch between us, and this time I don't worry about boners, because if there are rules about that happening, he's definitely, definitely breaking them, too.

I kiss him even harder.

BOOK EXCERPTS AND EXAMPLES



This Book is Gay is an electronic resource categorized as young adult nonfiction. Page 171 reads, “Here is a diagram of a boy. If you are also a boy, you are probably aware of which parts FEEL NICE when you touch them, but here's a rough guide. The lips: Sex should always start with a kiss. Initially, you might not go any further than a kiss, in fact. Kissing is as intimate as sex, and if you're not comfortable going further than a kiss, a good partner will respect this and wait. Nipples: A lot of guys like having their nipples played with- they are mega sensitive. Testicles: Also to be treated with loving care. Bum: Up your bum you have a prostate gland which feels nice when massaged. The anus is also sensitive and responds to being played with. Neck/ears: These sensitive areas love being kissed and licked. Skin: Any part of your body will respond to being stroked and kissed. Penis: If you are a guy, you'll already know that even a gentle breeze can be enough to inspire a stiffy in this super-sensitive organ. But keep in mind that sex doesn't begin and end with your dick. Be creative.”

MORE INFO

Clean Up Samuels can be found on cleanupsamuels.com, on Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram. Great articles, interviews, and opinion pieces can also serve to provide further information.

WATCH SPEECHES AND OTHER CUS CONTENT



Resident Asks Board of Supervisors to End the...



What's ACTUALLY in the Library?



Fringe Radicals Descend on Warren County



Warren Resident Compares Restrictions to Movie Ratings



Local Woman Gives Fiery Speech on Hypocrisy of Por...



Community Organizer Speaks to Fox about Clean Up...

<https://www.youtube.com/@SamuelCleanup>

FURTHER INFO, LINKS, RESOURCES

- CUS website: <https://www.cleanupsamuelslibrary.com/>
- Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/@SamuelCleanup>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550844820424>
- Instagram: <https://t.ly/7weks>
- Excerpts from inappropriate books:
<https://www.cleanupsamuelslibrary.com/important-links>

FURTHER READING, IMPORTANT DOCS

- Parents Matter Pledge signed by pastors and religious leaders:
<https://royalexaminer.com/parents-matter-make-the-pledge/>
- Op-ed exploring why the library let their MOA expire
<https://royalexaminer.com/the-missing-moa-the-overlooked-agreement-behind-library-funding-controversy/>
- Op-ed raising questions about the library funds, and the lack of transparency
<https://royalexaminer.com/samuels-library-has-money-a-lot-of-money/>

A FINAL WORD

And how to get involved.

We, the concerned parents and citizens of Warren County that make up Clean Up Samuels, ask that you join us in our mission of protecting children, and having a library that is accountable to us, the taxpayers.

Clean Up Samuels is truly a movement for all. If you are interested in getting involved, please do. Show up to meetings. Follow us on social media. Send us an email. You can help shape this movement if you want to.

We want to hear your questions, concerns, ideas, and input: cleanupsamuels@gmail.com.