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Dear Sir

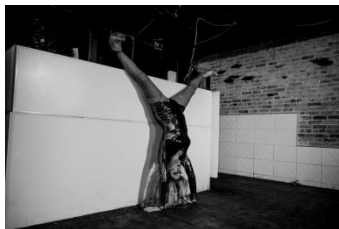
I am writing this letter to protest the recent decision made by the Kincardine Public Library; in conjunction with the Optimist club regarding the upcoming Drag Queen Story Hour. I believe that this is not only a bad idea by exposes young children to thoughts and ideas far beyond their age or understanding.



In my research of drag queens I was shocked to find that several who had ‘performed’ at libraries had previously committed crimes against children. As this group is such a miniscule percentage to the population criminality must raise a red flag of caution, and yet it seems that your library board is hosting and promoting this event. But even apart from the criminal aspect, the psychological and emotional impact on children must be considered.

One must ask, *what are ‘we’ trying to accomplish here?* Who is this exhibitionism for – the children or the drag queens?

I would like a detailed explanation of how these individuals have been vetted. If they have not had a thorough police check they should not be allowed near our children. Does your library incorporate a Plan to Protect with all volunteers? If not, why not? Other community agencies and churches must have this in place. These are individuals who live a double life so it only stands to reason more care than ever should be incorporated.



I challenge you to take a look at the facebook photos of a local Drag Queen Lita Von Sleaze (yes the name says it all!) and ask yourself if this is the person you want reading to your children and grandchildren? Yes, she is tied provocatively, upside down in this picture– promoting sadomasochism and bondage, among other things.

<https://www.facebook.com/litavonsleaze/photos?lst=100033622146881%3A100010053216812%3A1568999964>

I encourage you reconsider your decision and consider the effect it will have on not only the children but adolescents and young parents. Is this truly what we want to represent in our communities? I , along many others think not. We must protect our most vulnerable at all costs.

Sincerely,

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