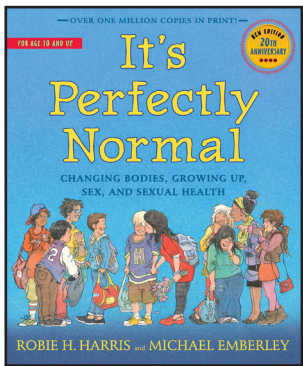


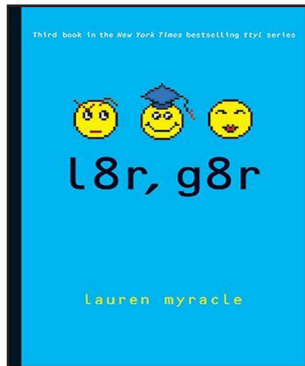
CRAIGHEAD COUNTY- JONESBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY MOVES BOOKS IN CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Sex education books moved to parent/teacher section



BOOK COVER COURTESY OF AMAZON

"It's Perfectly Normal" was moved to the parent/teacher section in the children's library.



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Mark Nichols moved to move "L8r, G8r" to the adult section during the last board meeting.

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Library Director and A-State Instructor of Double Bass David Eckert announced books under scrutiny will be relocated to the parent/teacher section of the children's library.

One of the books, "It's Perfectly Normal: Changing Bodies, Growing Up, Sex, Gender, and Sexual Health" by Robie H. Harris and Michael Emberley, was criticized at Oct. 11's Craighead County Library Board meeting for containing information on sexual positions and masturbation.

At the meeting, board member Mark Nichols made three motions to move three books in the library's collection. He motioned to move "L8r, G8r" by Lauren Myracle and "It's Perfectly Normal" to the adult section, and "Gender Queer: A Memoir" by Maia Kobabe to the A-State holdings. All three motions failed on second motion.

Another book criticized during the meeting was "Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out" by Susan Kuklin, however, there was no motion to move this book.

In a public statement, Eckert said the library will be taking a look at other



Photo by Jonathan Schaufler | News Editor

Meeting attendees, including A-State students, held up green cards of agreement while Steven Summers read "The GayBC's" by M.L. Webb to the board.

books in their collection and will release a full list of titles being moved next week.

"We have been listening to the community and we appreciate the feedback. Thank you for your patience," Eckert said.

The library has been under scrutiny since June, when community members raised concerns over a Pride Month display. Alongside books containing LGBTQ content,

community members began criticizing sex education books geared toward children.

A-State students have attended and spoken at the library board meetings. At the last meeting, students and community members held up red or green cards while people were speaking to show whether they agreed or disagreed with points being made.

"The education of our

youth is still at stake, and censorship will only endanger them," Jordan Herring, a junior vocal education major from Minot, North Dakota, said. "Censorship and exclusion are still unfortunate agendas being pushed on the library, a space where those two things should not infiltrate."

The next board meeting will be Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S POP PICK

REVIEW BY JONATHAN SCHAUFLE | NEWS EDITOR

"Easy On Me" - Adele



SCREENSHOT COURTESY OF YOUTUBE

After a six-year silence, singer-songwriter icon Adele released her new single "Easy On Me." In its first five hours of release "Easy On Me" chartered at No. 68 on the Billboard Hot 100 songs.

"Easy On Me" tells the story of Adele moving on from her recent divorce from Simon Konecki.

In the song, she vocalizes how it felt for her to get married and the courage she found to leave the marriage as well saying, "Go easy on me, baby. I was still a child, didn't get to chance to feel the world around me."

The "Easy On Me" music video shows Adele selling her home, packing all of her things and leaving the house. Rumors have been sparked that this song shows Adele closing this era of her life and directly correlates with her other music videos.

In "Rolling In The Deep" Adele builds her house, in "Hello" Adele is living in her house and, finally, in "Easy On Me" Adele sells her house and leaves, reflecting her recent divorce. Along with the release of the new single, Adele has announced her new album "30," which will be released Nov. 19. Adele dedicated the album to her son Angelo and the album will focus on the topic of divorce and has taken a lot of Adele to produce.

"I've painstakingly rebuilt my house and my heart since then and this album narrates it," Adele said in a recent Instagram post. This upcoming album is going to be such a staple, Taylor Swift even allegedly moved the release date for her new album to give Adele the spotlight.

While the full album is yet to be released, "Easy On Me" and its music video is quickly becoming yet again another hit for Adele. A song that will truly pull at the heartstrings and explore the painstaking trials of divorce, "Easy On Me" is a song to listen to on repeat this week.

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<p>ARIES + (March 22 - April 19)</p> <p>Don't accept offers with conditions. Now is not a time to tie yourself down.</p>	<p>TAURUS (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p>Dive into something new. Seizing new opportunities will be beneficial.</p>	<p>GEMINI (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p>Good things are on the way. Keep an open mind.</p>	<p>CANCER + (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p>It feels good to work hard and meet your goals. Try not to burn yourself out.</p>
<p>LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)</p> <p>Listen to your intuition. You know what is right for you.</p>	<p>VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)</p> <p>Do what you want for once. Focus on your happiness instead of your obligations.</p>	<p>☀️ LIBRA ☀️+ (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)</p> <p>Let others be there for you. You cannot take on everything alone.</p>	<p>SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)</p> <p>If you are feeling restless right now, do something about it. Try starting a new project.</p>
<p>SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)</p> <p>Don't act on your emotions right now. Take time to cool off and think things through.</p>	<p>♄️ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)</p> <p>Your life is enriched by the people who care about you. Find security in your relationships.</p>	<p>AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)</p> <p>Look for warmth and familiarity in your memories. Stop letting past negativity drag you down.</p>	<p>PISCES + (Feb. 19 - March 21)</p> <p>Your path is becoming clearer. Keep yourself focused on moving forward.</p>

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