

## PRESS RELEASE & STATEMENT

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#### Statement Against SB 1271, An Act Concerning School And Public Libraries. And HB 7014, An Act Concerning Public School Libraries.

The Connecticut General Assembly is ready to vote on two bills that will dramatically preempt local control of school and public libraries - SB 1271 and HB 7014 (see detailed analyses and questions [here](#) and [here](#)). The bills preempt existing library policies and require adoption of new policies with state mandated provisions that ban broad categories of books from challenge. According to the main sponsor, Senator Bob Duff, this preemption is needed because some books were removed in other states. This fear is misplaced in Connecticut since in all of 2025, only [17 books](#) were “challenged” in its over 1000 libraries. “Excluding large categories of books from democratic challenge and transferring authority from school boards to media specialists is authoritarian, fearmongering and undemocratic” states Leslie Wolfgang, Director of Public Policy for the Family Institute of Connecticut. “It is bad public policy because Connecticut libraries and public schools have a tradition of local control and are improved with more engagement from parents, grandparents and community members” she added.

SB 1271 not only transfers local control from the elected Board of Education to a “media specialist”, it also gives immunity to librarians and the original bill even enabled lawsuits against parents and students. SB 1271 even prevents challenges of “programs”, including Drag Queen Story Hours (line 89). Hundreds of parents testified in person and in writing against these bills during the public hearings. “Connecticut school and public school libraries have materials or programs that sometimes deserve to be challenged by concerned parents, school boards and community members” and “being challenged is part of life and nothing to fear, it is part of the democratic process and healthy for communities”, stated Leslie Wolfgang.

There are many examples of books in Connecticut libraries that would be exempt from challenge as a character or other “views” (HB 7014(a)(d)(1)-(5)), “viewpoint” (SB 1271(1)(e)(3)), as “sexual health material”

(HB 7014(1)(d)(6)) or because it is deemed “appropriate” by a media specialist (HB 7014 line 65, SB 1271(1)(c)(2)). These books may be suitable for some communities, but don’t deserve to be exempt from challenge by parents, school boards and community members (SB 1271(1)(a)(3), HB 7014(a)(4)) - it is basically banning parents from the process. Why should any parent or community member be banned from challenging these . . .

Flamer by Mike Curato is available in schools across the state including [Regional School District 08 - Andover, Hebron, Marlborough - RHAM Middle School](#), [Torrington School District, Torrington Middle School](#), [Meriden School District, Francis T. Maloney High School, Cheshire High School](#) and states *"Hey, Navarro, suck any good dicks lately? Hahahahaha" "What's wrong, Navarro? I thought you like a big sausage in your mouth! Haha!"*.

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson is available at [Regional School District 08 - Andover, Hebron, Marlborough- RHAM High School](#) and others across the state . . . *"He asked me to "turn over" while he slipped a condom on himself... But this was my ass, and I was struggling to imagine someone inside me. And he was . . . large... I had previously topped someone who clearly enjoyed it, but he had been enjoying anal sex before I ever came along... He got on top and slowly inserted himself into me... He then added more lube and tried again, which felt better but not by much. He began his stroking motion. Eventually, I felt a mix of pleasure with the pain... He didn't last long inside of me, thankfully. He gave me a kiss before he pulled out. I didn't stay long, nor did I masturbate after."*

Torrington [Middle School](#) and others across the state have "[Crown of Midnight by Sarah J. Maas](#) . . . *"His mouth was a work of art, too, all sensual lines and softness that begged to be explored. Archer looked at her and gently twined her fingers with his before raising her hand to his lips. It was a soft, slow kiss that burned through her. He murmured onto her skin. "Do you want to come inside?"*"

[Granby Middle School](#) and others across the state have [L8r, G8r](#), (pronounced “Later, Greater”) by Lauren Myracle, in which a character states . . . *"have you ever given logan a blow job? "...no blow jobs for YOU, missy!" ...what about plain old sex? If yr embarrassed to have him go down on you, won't you be embarrassed to have sex?"*

[Meriden School District, Lincoln Middle School Library](#) and others across the state have, *What My Mother Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones, *"I can feel the heat of his hands penetrating the thin fabric of my dress at the small of my back. His fingers roam up to my shoulders, melting away my shyness, as he draws me close enough to feel my breasts against his chest. We move together, breathe together, my hands gripping his shoulders, his thigh pressed between mine."*

[This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki in Meriden School District Lincoln Middle School Library](#) and others across the state . . . *"Okay but obviously, like, when I say SIX, I'm not including blow jobs-" "HA! Who's all BLOW JOBS with the kids now, Sarah?" "What? Oh. Fuck. "BLOW JOB. "It's ORAL SEX kids!" "OH MY GOD. They TOTALLY weren't expecting us to rent this, right? It's like X- rated!" "Hello? That's PORN. Porn is X. Violence and all that other stuff is R."*

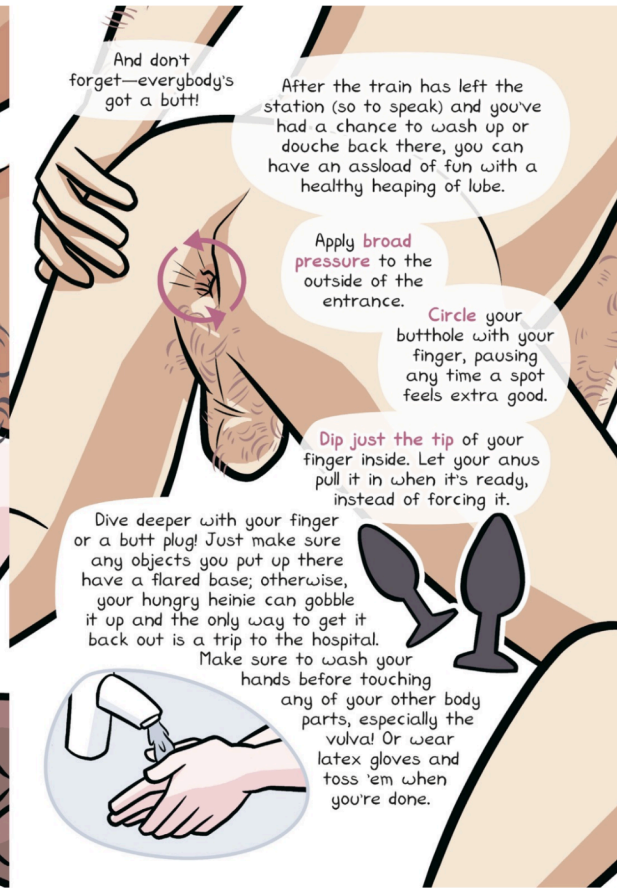
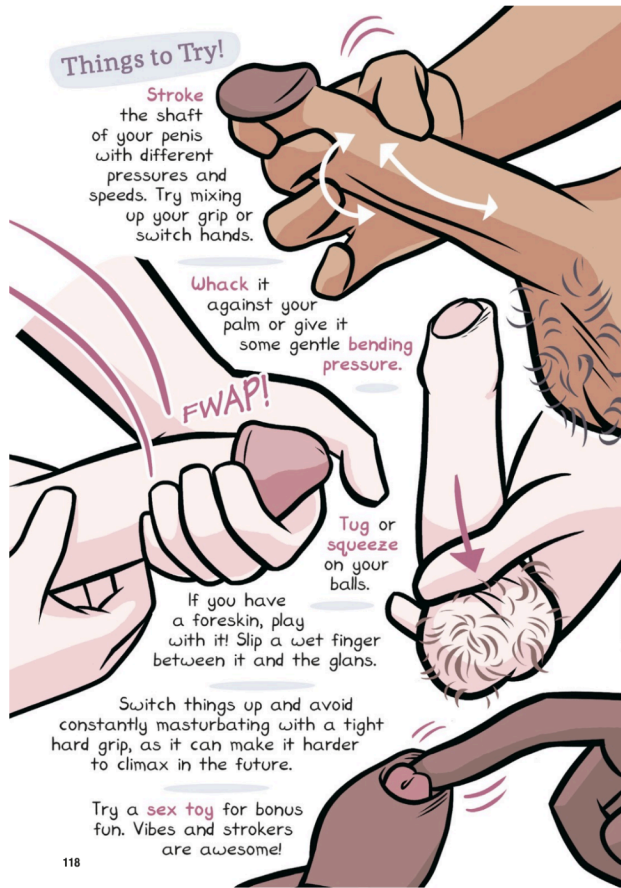
Lucky by Alice Sebold available at [Henry M. Bailey Middle School in West Haven](#) and others across the state . . . *"Give me a blow job," he said. He was standing now. I was on the ground, trying to search among the filth for my clothes. He kicked me and I curled into a ball. "I want a blow job." He held his dick in his hand. "I don't know how," I said. "What do you mean you don't know how?"*

Tricks by Ellen Hopkins, currently available at [New London High School](#) and others across the state . . .  
*"Swollen with desire. Demanding. Lips still locked to mine, she murmured, What if I give you this...? Her hand found my own, urged it along her body's contours, all the way to the place between her legs, the one I had never asked for. ...In the heat of the moment, I even got hard, especially when Janet touched me, dropped onto her knees, lowered my zipper, started to do what I never suspected she knew how to do. Yes..."*

Let's Talk About It, by Erika Moen is in [New Britain High School](#) and other school libraries across the state, contains these images below and encourages kids to *"look up interviews with your favorite porn performers"* and *"there is nothing wrong with some porn, it is a fun sugary treat"*.

Why should any parents be banned from challenging this . . . ?

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Let's Talk About It, by Erika Moen (2021)

A great place to research fantasies and kinks safely is on the internet!

There are tons of people and communities out there who share your interests and have all kinds of advice.



The online world is also chockablock full of pornography: professionals and amateurs alike sharing their sexy adventures online.

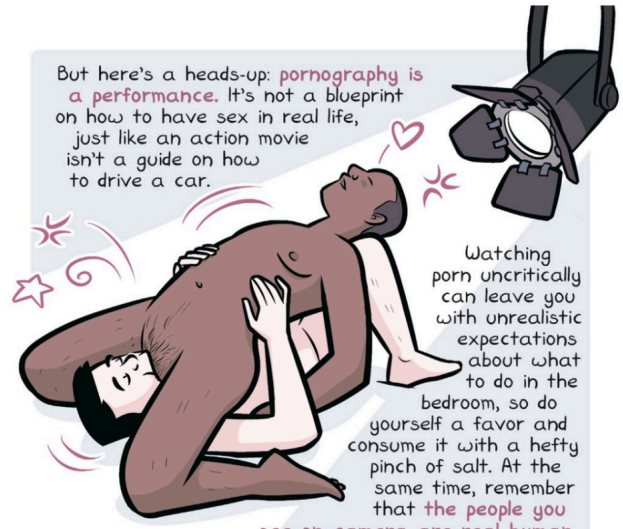
When consumed right, porn can help you discover new aspects of your sexuality, and help you safely explore kinks and fantasies.



Buuuut, depending on your age and where you found it, porn can also be unethical or illegal to watch. **So do your research!** Look up interviews with your fave porn performers, go to the sites they recommend, and pay for your porn.



But here's a heads-up: **pornography is a performance.** It's not a blueprint on how to have sex in real life, just like an action movie isn't a guide on how to drive a car.



Watching porn uncritically can leave you with unrealistic expectations about what to do in the bedroom, so do yourself a favor and consume it with a hefty pinch of salt. At the same time, remember that **the people you see on camera are real human beings who deserve your respect.**



Ha, sometimes I worry I watch too much porn, you know?

Yeahhh, I know that worry! But there's nothing wrong with enjoying some porn; it's a **fun sugary treat!** Though if the amount of porn you're watching feels like it's impacting your life, then it's probably time to pull back and give it some thought.



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