



Attendees: {7} Zoom Meeting

* **Welcome by Chair Woman Mary Kay Vatalaro-** *Oneida Chapter Mission Statement*

* **Guest Speaker: Pastor Gary VanRiper from Camden, NY discusses age-inappropriate books in school libraries—** Mr. VanRiper is the senior pastor at Camden Parkside Bible Church as well as co-creator and publisher at Adirondack Kids Press, Ltd <https://adirondackkids.com/> . As an avid writer and photographer he's accumulated awards in journalism and photo-journalism, and published articles and photos in the publications *Adirondack Life*, *The Conservationist* and *Birder's World*. His love for children inspired The Pastor to coach high school basketball, as well as engage in therapeutic foster care with his wife (married for 42 years). Pastor VanRiper has been a loud voice advocating for inspection of book collections in our school libraries. In February he attended his local school board meeting with samples of books that are inappropriate for such young readers. The link, plus a copy of the book samples handed out https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10228245984368780&id=1652943004&mibextid=oFDknk&rdid=UNdLBbUFomAljJUf . Also, in March The Pastor spoke in Albany on Legislative Day regarding these same pornographic and erotic books inundating our schools <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOJ3wr3QoXY&t=1s> . Take a few moments to peruse his many posts regarding the failure of our schools to recognize and address these pornographic and highly sexual books being fast tracked to the schools. As a result of his efforts it appears the Camden district has removed about 100 books from their libraries! Much is yet to be done though. Two sources of school book collections offer the gateway to sex, erotica and pornography. They are SORA for audio/ebooks and CIDER Union for physical books. More needs to be

discussed with school administrators and librarians regarding a child's access to these services via their phones and/or computers.

- * Moms For Liberty is opposed to age-inappropriate sexually explicit books available to children in school libraries. As grassroots activists we offer samples of said books, hear arguments for and against their availability, then offer solutions to either remove these books from the school or limit access. WE DO NOT BAN BOOKS! A main goal is to protect very young readers from sexually explicit material. We are NOT against health classes or human reproductive instruction, nor against the LGBTQ+ community (as touted by the main stream media). We only suggest that a book rating system and/or parent permission slips be utilized in school libraries so parents are aware of the material offered their children. Adversaries of Moms For Liberty state we {paraphrased} "hate gays and transpeople and want to ban books which help children find themselves and make sense of sexual confusion". This is absurd! What kindergartner prior to 2019 did ANYONE know that was confused about their sexuality?? This is a recent phenomenon fueled by the "WOKE AGENDA" to garner power and control over the average citizen and thereby enrich themselves politically and financially. By promoting sexual merchandise, videos/movies, books, etc. the facilitators have become wealthy at the expense of the innocent children. Through many federal/state/local politically motivated policy changes parents' rights have been removed to determine what is right for their own children. We advocate for children's and parents' rights, not control or repression by our own government, be it local, state or federal.
- * Check out "***Moms For Liberty-Library 101***" on YouTube. To assist parents decide if material is appropriate for their child, we've also created frequently updated book lists for each district of books available from K-12. ***[Emailed upon request.]***
- * ***Create a NYS Senate account to voice your support/opposition of a bill; sign petitions; follow issues, committees & bills; contact your senator: <https://www.nysenate.gov/user/login>***

Next Meeting: TBA ~ Also, Planning social gatherings with speakers, food & drinks

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