

January 29, 2026

Chairwoman Anna Claire Dando  
South Carolina State Library  
1500 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

**CC: The Honorable Nancy Mace, Member of Congress; The Honorable Alan Wilson, Attorney General; The Honorable Curtis Loftis, Treasurer; The Honorable Chip Campsen, Senator; The Honorable Rex Rice, Senator; The Honorable Tom Hartnett, Representative; Chairman Joe Boykin, Charleston County Council.**

Dear Chairwoman Dando,

As you are aware, State Budget Proviso 27.1 requires county library systems to certify to the State Library, *inter alia*, that materials appealing to the prurient interest of children, regardless of where they are located, are accessible **only with explicit parental consent**.<sup>1</sup>

I regret to bring to your attention that an erotic graphic novel entitled *Big Hard Sex Criminals Vol. 2 Deluxxe* was recently discovered near the entrance to the children's section at the John Dart Branch of the Charleston County Public Library ("CCPL"). Disturbing illustrations from this book, which depict a minor child observing his father being anally penetrated by a dominatrix and an adult male, wearing a child's mask, masturbating in the presence of an adolescent-looking fairy, are attached for reference. Particularly concerning to parents is that books in the *Big Hard Sex Criminals* series are expressly advertised as being available with a "modesty cover to enable shame-free public consumption." It is unacceptable and appalling for our public libraries to provide a venue for individuals seeking to access degrading and obscene pedo-pornographic content containing illustrations of **prepubescent-appearing characters sexually interacting with adults**, as depicted in the aforementioned book, particularly within view of small children while hiding behind a 'modesty cover'—all at the expense of the South Carolina taxpayer.

Shockingly, this book was documented on video as being located **across from *Mother Goose***. While the library director has confirmed that one title from the *Big Hard Sex Criminals* series was pulled from physical circulation in response to my complaint, as of the date of this writing, she has declined to confirm that all three volumes have been removed; furthermore, the full series remains available to minors through the library's digital platform, Hoopla. Moreover, other titles containing graphic sexual illustrations remain available on the shelves, including *Grandad's Pride*, a picture book depicting bondage scenes in a format clearly intended for young children, as well as other titles targeting toddlers and adolescents.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> H. 4025, 126th Gen. Assem., Part IB, § 27.1 (S.C. 2025) (enacted)

<sup>2</sup> See e.g., *Flamer*; *Looking for Alaska*; *The Bare Naked Book* (advertised ages 3-5).

The harmful effects of pornography on children are well documented. A 2024 report by the American College of Pediatricians,<sup>3</sup> notes that exposure at young ages often results in anxiety, depression, and feelings of disgust, shock, embarrassment, anger, fear, and sadness. Further, “children under twelve years old who have viewed pornography are statistically more likely to sexually assault their peers,” and “pornography is also used to groom children for sexual abuse.” The destructive consequences of such exposure are particularly concerning when materials like these are located adjacent to spaces intended for children, with minimal safeguards in place.

When I attempted to voice my objections to the presence of the *Big Hard Sex Criminals* series near the children’s section at a January 22, 2026, meeting of the Charleston County Library Board, the Chair declined to address my concerns and even refused to allow me to speak. My follow-up requests for public records to understand how these books, and others like them, were selected for inclusion in our collection were ignored, requiring me to take the unconventional step of filing a formal FOIA request to simply verify our policy. The library director even informed board members that she was unwilling to discuss this issue over email – a move that effectively shields these discussions from public scrutiny. Finally, formal notification to Charleston County Council of her administrative obstruction has failed to result in any remedy or corrective oversight.

Therefore, having exhausted all recourse at the local level, **I now call upon you to immediately initiate a comprehensive review of CCPL’s collection and parental consent policies** so as to ensure compliance with Proviso 27.1 and other applicable state law.<sup>4</sup> The presence of this type of material near the children’s section, as documented herein, is a blatant violation of Proviso 27.1, and under the terms of the General Appropriations Act, such a violation necessitates the withholding of state funding until full compliance is verified. As a trustee, I share your legal and ethical mandate to ensure the faithful execution of the laws governing our institution and to ensure the responsible and lawful use of public funds.

I look forward to your swift action on behalf of South Carolina parents, children, and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

**Graham Horsman, Esq.**  
**Trustee, Charleston County Public Library Board**

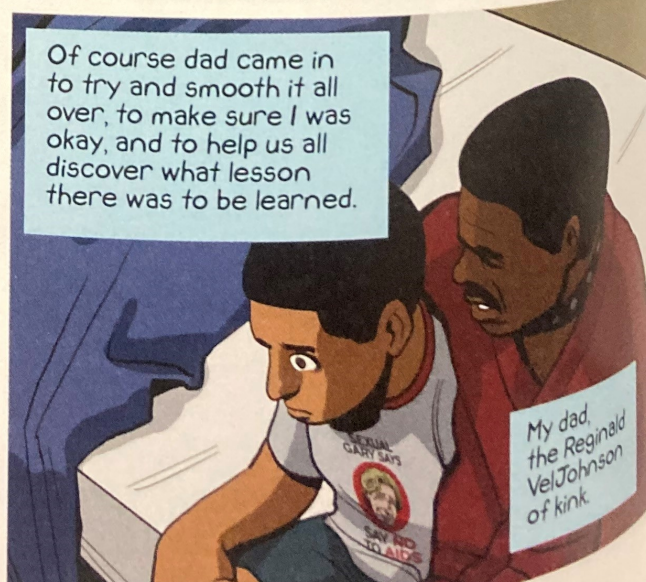
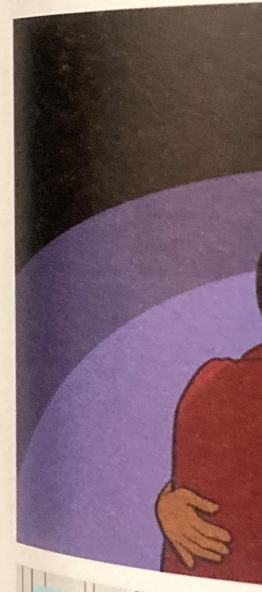
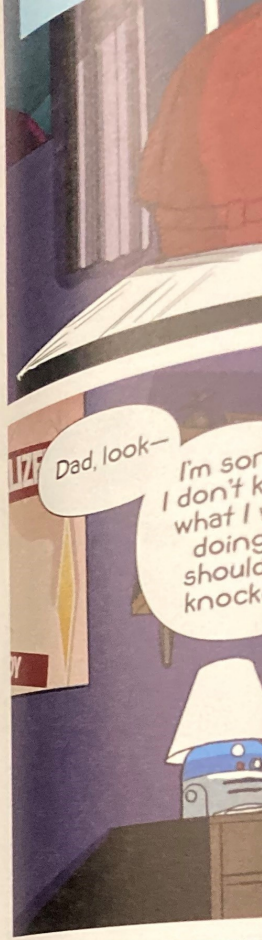
**Enclosures (3):** *Big Hard Sex Criminals* illustration 1; *Big Hard Sex Criminals* illustration 2; *Grandad’s Pride* illustration.

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<sup>3</sup> See American College of Pediatricians, <https://acped.org/the-impact-of-pornography-on-children> (last visited January 28, 2026).

<sup>4</sup> This letter is submitted in my individual capacity. The views expressed herein are my own and do not necessarily reflect the official position of the Charleston County Public Library Board.





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