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SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF MISSOURI

July 24, 2026

Ms. Robin Westphal
Executive Director
Daniel Boone Regional Library
100 W. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65203

Re: Queer-led "Rainbow Story Time" at Daniel Boone Regional Library

Dear Ms. Westphal:

I am deeply concerned to learn that the Daniel Boone Regional Library is planning a queer-led "Rainbow Story Time" with an LGBTQ+ theme this Saturday, July 25. This was brought to my attention by Missourians with strong family values who reside in your library's service area. These family-oriented citizens reached out to my Office and asked me to help block this shameful attempt to mold the minds of our young people with ideas that are far afield from what the vast majority of Missourians consider appropriate.

Our Governor just signed bi-partisan legislation that protects Missouri children from accessing inappropriate adult material online. Yet this event mocks some of the very protections so many have fought for by exposing toddlers and preschoolers to adult material that is not only inappropriate, but far beyond their level of cognitive development. This attempt to mold and manipulate innocent young minds with radical liberal ideology is a form of sexual grooming and is unconscionable, if not criminal.

As you know, the State Library falls under the Office of the Secretary of State, and as such, I oversee the administration of significant library grant funding. Please be advised if this inappropriate endeavor for children takes place, I will do everything in my power to block every dollar of state and federal funding I can from future events at the Daniel Boone Library System.

I welcome hearing from you and learning how you are planning to remedy this threat to our children's mental health and well-being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denny Hoskins".
Denny Hoskins, CPA
Missouri Secretary of State

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