



ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MISSOURI
CATHERINE L. HANAWAY

July 23, 2026

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

Re: Daniel Boone Regional Library's July 25th Rainbow Story Time

Dear Ms. Westphal:

It has come to my attention that the Daniel Boone Regional Library plans to offer a "Rainbow Story Time" on Saturday, July 25. According to your library's website, this event is "a queer-led story time with an LGBTQ+ theme" which is directed to toddlers and preschoolers.¹ Local residents have requested that my Office take action to ensure that this event is conducted in a manner consistent with Missouri law.

In light of this, I would like to remind you and your staff that the following actions are crimes under Missouri law:

- Furnishing any material pornographic to minors, knowing that the person to whom it is furnished is a minor. § 573.040.1(1).
- Displaying explicit sexual material in any location in such a manner that it may be readily seen and its content or character distinguished by normal unaided vision as viewed from a public location. § 573.060.1(1).

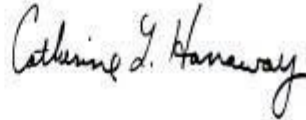
Additionally, the Secretary of State's Office requires that all libraries which receive funding from the state librarian to certify that "[n]o event or presentation shall be held at the library without an age-appropriate designation affixed to any publication, website, or advertisement for such event or presentation," among other requirements. 15 CSR 30-200.015(1)(E).

Protecting the safety and wellbeing of minors is one of my top priorities. While your library has the right to determine its own programming, I am fully prepared to

¹ <https://events.dbrl.org/event/16730920>

take appropriate action should any of these programs violate Missouri law. I am confident that you and your staff will comply with the law and ensure that this program is conducted appropriately.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Catherine L. Hanaway". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CATHERINE L. HANAWAY
Missouri Attorney General

CC:
Roger Johnson, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney