

Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L

Subject: FW: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form
Attachments: FOIA Response 11-2-2022.pdf

From: Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6:04 PM
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Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Mr. Castagnino:

Although we already replied regarding the referenced items as part of your Oct. 19 FOIA request, in your Wed. Nov. 2 response you also requested the highlighted information. That information is attached.

Regards,
Candace

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Candace,

As always, the district is evasive on PPRA and FOIA requests by doing 2 things - ignoring MOST of the request, then addressing a small portion of the request with a ridiculous (and probably illegal) charge to deter the request.

I will address the insane cost in another way, but the questions below have been totally ignored and need no research, cost, printing of items, etc.

1. Who reviewed the books and deemed them appropriate for children. Since the books are rated for adults, someone in our district must have read the books to dispute the age rating that is placed on the book?

2. Who authorized purchase of the books. There would be a point of contact that authorizes purchasing for the schools, and library books. Who is this person?
3. Who accepted delivery of the books at the district or school level and distributed and cataloged them into our libraries. If books were sent to the district office, who accepted. If they were sent to each school directly, who accepted delivery.

I also want to know the names of the librarians in each school. Since they are responsible or distribution of obscene and pornographic materials to the children, I would like to know who is handling this in each school.

All of this was in my original FOIA request dated October 19, 2022. As usual, you have violated the law and your job to provide full details of the FOIA and PPRA as covered under Federal Law.

Parents will not be bullied into allowing obscene and pornographic materials into our schools, despite the coordinated effort last night at the board meeting. I will remind you and everyone in the district that you work FOR the parents, not the other way around, and NOT for a bunch of activists that float around looking for media attention that have NO real interest in protecting our kids - which is something the board IS responsible for.

I expect the answers, in full with no redactions, restrictions or bogus charges, to be available to me within the legally required timeline for FOIA requests, with my submission date listed above.

Thank you
Joseph Castagnino

On Tue, Nov 1, 2022 at 10:42 PM Bruder-Brasseur, Candace L <Candace.Bruder-Brasseur@beaufort.k12.sc.us> wrote:

Dear Mr. Castagnino:

We are in receipt of your October 19, 2022 FOIA request.

FOIA requires the public body to make public records available for copying, inspection, or to be provided electronically. In some instances, the District is not in possession of any documents or records responsive to the item you have requested.

As denoted in the General Records Retention Schedules for School District Records ([https://scdah.sc.gov/sites/scdah/files/Documents/Records%20Management%20\(RM\)/Schedules/genskedskldist.pdf](https://scdah.sc.gov/sites/scdah/files/Documents/Records%20Management%20(RM)/Schedules/genskedskldist.pdf)) provided by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, the Beaufort County School District (BCSD) is required to retain paid invoices for 5 years (12-902.17), purchase orders for 3 years (12-902.18), and accounts payable check registers for 3 years (12-902.19). After these timeframes pass, documents are to be destroyed as per the directive of the SC Department of

Archives and History. As such, documentation does not remain for library book purchases prior to these timeframes.

As for current purchasing documentation, BCSD has approximately 30,000 credit card purchases a year that would need to be searched for the specific titles you are seeking, per school, along with any accompanying purchase orders and invoices. In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-30(B), the public body may establish and collect reasonable fees not to exceed the actual cost of the search, retrieval, and redaction of records. For existing documentation associated with library book purchases, the BCSD estimates search, retrieval, and redaction, if necessary, of public documents to respond to your request surrounding the 96 titles listed will require approximately 240 hours, for an estimated cost of \$7,653 (plus 6 cents per copy if printed). Costs may increase or decrease. A 25% deposit of the total reasonably anticipated cost is required before work will begin on your request.

Please make all checks out to the Beaufort County School District and send to my attention.

Sincerely,

Candace Bruder, Ed.D

Director of Communications

From: Jotform <noreply@jotform.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:29 PM

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Name: Joseph Castagnino

Address:



Home
Phone
Number:



E-mail
Address:



Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested): Under The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (FOIA) and Protection of Pupils Right Act, 20 U.S. Code § 1232h (PPRA) I am requesting the following information on the list of books below:

- Name and position of Beaufort County School District employee and/or Beaufort County School Board Member that ordered the books below
- Name and position of Beaufort County School District employee and/or Beaufort County School Board Member that approved the order(s) of the books below
- Name and position of Beaufort County School District employee(s) and/or Beaufort County School Board Member(s) that accepted delivery of the books below
- Name and position of Beaufort County School District employee(s) and/or Beaufort County School Board Member(s) that conducted oversight of the distribution of the books below each school library
- Name and position of Beaufort County School District employee(s) and/or Beaufort County School Board Member(s) that reviewed the books and determined they were appropriate for Beaufort County Public Schools and children under 18.

I am also requesting access to the invoices of these books. You can email me the invoices, mail me copies of the invoices, or have them available for review in the district office.

The search for these books should not take time, as they can be filtered in your catalog by "Level 3" and higher.

Under PPRA, there will be no restriction, redaction of information, or cost associated with this request.

Under FOIA, there will be no restriction, redaction of information, or cost associated with this request.

I am expecting this request will take no longer than the legally required timeline of 10 business days, but based on the simplicity of the request, should be completed within 48 hours.

There will also be a submission through the portal for this request for confirmation of the submission.

Book List

1. A Lesson in Vengeance by Victoria Lee Rated 3
2. All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson Rated 4
3. All the Things We Do in the Dark by Sandra Mitchell Rated 3
4. Almost Perfect by Brian Katcher Rated 3
5. Ask the Passengers by A.S. King Rated 3
6. Beautiful by Amy Reed Rated 4
7. Boy Girl Boy by Ron Koertge Rated 3
8. Burned by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
9. Breathless by Jennifer Niven Rated 4
10. *City of Heavenly Fire by Cassandra Clare
11. Clockwork Princess by Cassandra Clare Rated 3
12. Collateral by Ellen Hopkins Rated 4
13. Confess: A Novel by Colleen Hoover Rated 4
14. Cool for the Summer by Dahlia Adler Rated 3
15. Court of Frost and Starlight by Sarah J. Maas Rated 4
16. Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J. Maas Rated 4
17. Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas Rated 4
18. Court of Wings and Ruin by Sarah J. Maas Rate 4
19. Crank by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
20. Damsel by Elana Arnold Rated 4
21. Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell Rated 3
22. Empire of Storms by Sarah J. Maas Rated 4
23. Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer Rated 3
24. Fade by Lisa McMann Rated 3

25. Fallout by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
26. Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender Rated 3
27. Flamer by Mike Curato Rated 3
28. Forever for a Year by B.T. Gottfred Rated 4
29. Foul is Fair by Hannah Capin Rated 3
30. Gabi, A Girl in Pieces by Isabel Quintero Rated 3
31. Glass by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
32. Go Ask Alice by Anonymous Rated 3
33. Grit by Gillian French Rated 3
34. grl2grl by Julie Anne Peters Rated 3
35. Grown by Tiffany D. Jackson Rated 3
36. Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Rated 4
37. Hopeless by Colleen Hoover Rated 4
38. I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez Rated 3
39. Identical by Ellen Hopkins Rated 4
40. I'll Give You the Sun by Jandy Nelson Rated 3
41. Impulse by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
42. It Ends with Us by Colleen Hoover Rated 4
43. Kingdom of Ash by Sarah J. Maas Rated 4
44. Last night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo Rated 4
45. Layla by Colleen Hoover Rated 4
46. *Leah on the Offbeat by Becky Albertalli
47. Living Dead Girl by Elizabeth Scott Rated 4
48. Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov Rated 3
49. Looking for Alaska by John Green Rated 3
50. Lucky by Alice Sebold Rated 5

51. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews Rated 3
52. Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur Rated 4
53. Monday's not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson Rated 3
54. More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera Rated 3
55. Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult Rated 4
56. November 9 by Colleen Hoover Rated 4
57. Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood Rated 4
58. Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez Rated 3
59. Perfect by Ellen Hopkins Rated 4
60. Push a novel by Sapphire Rated 5
61. Ramona Blue by Julie Murphy Rated 3
62. Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson Rated 3
63. Rumble by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
64. Scars by Cheryl Rainfield Rated 3
65. Shine by Lauren Myracle Rated 4
66. Skin by Donna Jo Napoli Rated 4
67. Smoke by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
68. Sold by Patricia McCormick Rated 5
69. Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson Rated 3
70. The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein Rated 3
71. The Black Flamingo by Dean Atta Rated 3
72. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison Rated 4
73. The Carnival at Bray by Jessie Ann Foley Rated 4
74. The Duff by Kody Keplinger Rated 4
75. The Female of the Species by Mindy McGinnis Rated 3
76. The Fixer by Bernard Malamud Rated 3

77. The Freedom Writers Diary by The Freedom Writers with Erin Gruwell Rated 4
78. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood Rated 4
79. The Haters by Jesse Andrews Rated 4
80. The Infinite Moment of Us by Lauren Myracle Rated 4
81. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini Rated 4
82. The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold Rated 3
83. The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky Rated 4
84. The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo Rated 3
85. The Truth About Alice by Jennifer Mathieu Rated 3
86. The Upside of Unrequited by Becky Albertalli Rated 3
87. The You I've Never Known by Ellen Hopkins Rated 3
88. Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher Rated 3
89. This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki Rated 3
90. Tilt by Ellen Hopkins Rated 4
91. Tower of Dawn by Sarah J. Maas Rated 3
92. Tricks by Ellen Hopkins Rated 5
93. Water for Elephants by Sarah Gruen Rated 4
94. Wintergirls by Laurie Halse Anderson Rated 3
95. Yolk by Mary H. K. Choi Rated 3
96. YOLO by Lauren Myracle Rated 4

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