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1. Alice Ingram 10.28.23 2 Ridgeway Dr. Chillicothe
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6. Misty Kennedy 10/31/23 48 Camp Dr. Chillicothe OH 45601
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7. ~~Ira Kusin~~ 10-31-23 35 Westview Dr. Chillicothe, Oh 45601
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1. Janet Robb 12/23/23 801 Cliffside Dr. Chillicothe, OH
2. Michelle Hutchison 12/23/23 777 Cliffside Dr. Chillicothe, OH
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- 7. Sela An Smith 4 January 2024 59 Timberlane Drive
Chillicothe
- 8. Arietta Corbin 02/06/2024 825 EVERGREEN LANE
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1. Stanley Clark 11-5-23 5627 Marietta Rd Chillicothe 45601
2. Cameron Clarke 11-5-23 340 western Ave. Chillicothe 45601
3. Steve Gilliland 11-5-23 117 Grant Dr Chillicothe, OH 45601
4. Diana Everhart 11/14 566 N. High St Chillicothe
5. Darlene Hill 11-14-23 16291 Sherman St Laurelville 45601
6. ^{Rev} Jim Felt 11-14-23 194 Park St Chillicothe 45601

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1. Jessie Hambriek / 11/28/23 / 9679 Dry Run Rd. Kingston, OH 45644
2. Josh Hambriek / 11/28/23 / 9679 Dry Run Rd. Kingston, OH 45644
3. Clinton Smith 11/28/23 18763 St. Rt. 104
4. Shane Mair 11/28/23 184 Caldwell St., Chillicothe, OH 45601
5. [Signature] 11/28/23 1250 Carrick Ln, Chillicothe, OH 45601
6. Carla Ingram 11/29/23 1250 Carrick Ln. Chillicothe, OH 45601

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7. Howard Carter Jones 11-29-23 1254 Leitch Lane Chillicothe Ohio
8. Jond L. Bottenhouse 11-29-23 303 Clay St. Chillicothe, Ohio
9. Jerod Smith 11-29-23 381 East 5th St Chillicothe OH 45601
10. Dreana Green 11-29-23 818 Orange St Chillicothe Oh 45601
11. W. Burnett 11-29-23 P.O. Box 725 - City
12. Carol Frey 11/29/23 P.O. Box 34 city
13. Norma Mason 11/29/23 550 Kellin - City
14. Catherine Hall 11/29/23 197 Barnhart Drive Chillicothe Ohio
15. Kathy Hinty 11/29/23 990 E. Main St Chillicothe Ohio
16. Norma Brown 11-29-23 111 Western Ave Apt 110 Chillicothe Ohio 45601
17. Eleanor Portions 11-27-23 419 Church St.
18. Amanda J. Graver 12-3-23 491 S. Pohlman Rd Chillicothe, OH 45601
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1. Lynsey Muehrman, 12-13-2023 81631 Co Rd 550, Chillicothe, OH 45601

2. Pamela Hart 41 W Poplar Chillicothe OH 45601

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1. Daniel Hambrick 11-3-23 7441 Walnut Creek Rd Kingston, OH 45644
2. Evan Bowman 11/3/23 29 N. MacArthur St. Chillicothe, OH 45601
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2. Pat Cuyper 10-29-23 7388 Kingston-Adelphi Rd.
3. Leah Richards 10-29-23 7388 Kingston - 2 Kingston, OH
4. Leslie Marlo 11-4-23 2868 Bull Creek Rd Laurelville 43135 ⁴⁵⁶⁴⁴
5. Tammy Kirk 12-3-23 29813 Pick-Saltcrk Kingston
6. Tara McClure 12-19-23 824 Evergreen Ln. Chillicothe

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7. Debra Gardner 1/4/24 31800 US Hwy 50 Apt 5 Chillicothe OH 45601

8. Ally Hammel 1/4/24 320 Hough Rd Chillicothe OH 45601

9. Meghan 1/4/24 3181 Cattail Rd, Chillicothe, OH 45601

10. Christy Marbo 1/4/24 20928 Thompson Rd Laurelville OH

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2. Mark Pagano 11-13-23 254 BUCKEYE TRAIL

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3. Laura Hostetter 44 N. Oak St. Kingston OH 45644
4. Richard L. Lockwood 16119 Charleston Pike, Kingston, OH 45644
5. Rebecca Upperman 613 Oak Lane, Kingston, OH 45644
6. Coleen Baffy 1582 Orr Rd. Chillicothe, OH 45601
7. J B 201 Buckeye Trl. Chillicothe
8. ~~R J~~ 201 BUCKEYE TRL CHILLICOTHE, OH
9. Alicia Thompson 2877 Lick Run Rd Chillicothe OH 45601
10. Chloe Miller 398 Belleview Ave Chillicothe OH 45601
11. Eva Steinhauser 9400 Winchester S. Rd. Stoutsville 43154
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2. Annette Evans 10-28-23 915 Thornton Spring Rd Kingston, OH 45644
3. Paul Leach 10-28-23 277 Thornton Spring Rd Kingston
4. Conrad Chester 10-28-23 2590 Deere Rd Kingston 45644
5. Richard Chester 10-28-23 2590 Deere Rd. Kingston, Ohio 45644
6. Rudy L Perie 10-28-23 54 Thornton Spring Rd. Kingston, OH 45644

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7. Laura Pierce 10-28-23, 54 Thornton Spung Rd, Kingston, OH 45644
8. Ken [unclear] 376 Thornton Spung Rd Kingston Oh 45644
9. Susan Rank 376 Thornton Spung Rd Kingston Oh 45644
10. Rin Davis 432 Thornton Spung Rd. Kingston, Oh. 45644
11. David Davis 432 Thornton Spung Rd. Kingston, Oh. 45644
12. Mark R. Hunt 10-29-23 740 [unclear] Spung Rd Kingston Oh 45644
13. Cory Sullivan 10/29/23 295 Edwards Rd. Chillicothe, OH 43113
14. April Lunde 10/31/23 320 Keller Road Chillicothe, OH 45601
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17. Lisa Steff 11-3-23 1256 Thornton Spung Kingston
18. Tim Gayheart 417 Liberty Hill Rd Chill, Oh
19. Caleb Potts 1300 Thornton Spung Road Kingston Ohio
20. Jim Baker 1275 Thornton Spung Road Kingston Ohio 45644
21. Karen Stanley 1 Windsor Dr., Kingston OH 45644
22. Gary E Stanley 1 Windsor Dr., Kingston OH 45644
23. Bekky Graves 1254 Lamick Ln Chilli. OH 45601
24. Cris Adams 720 [unclear] Chillicothe OH 45601
25. Brian [unclear] 2280 owl creek Rd Frankfort 45628
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Petition to the Chillicothe-Ross County Public Library

We, the undersigned citizens of Ross County, Ohio, love and appreciate the library and the many services it provides. We appreciate the statement in the September, 2023, Director's Report of the Chillicothe-Ross County Library that "Your library strives. . . to represent the identities and cultures that make up this beloved community."

According to a Gallup Poll quoted in the February 17, 2022, issue of "Politics," (1), the percentage of U.S. adults who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or something other than heterosexual is at a high of 7.1%. This means that nearly 93% of Americans identify as heterosexual.

While we realize that a library is not supposed to censor books, we do not believe the library is representing the "identities and cultures that make up this beloved community" when it promotes the LGBTQ+ culture with displays including window banners and t-shirts at the front desk advertising "PRIDE" and "the library is for everyone." We find it unethical to have books and displays promoting this culture in the children's area where children who may not be old enough to understand the information will be exposed to it, in many cases without parental oversight or guidance.

Since 100% of Ross County citizens pay taxes which support the library, we believe that the library should be protecting our children and respecting the 93% of us who do not identify in this way and do not want our children exposed to these things. For this reason, we are respectfully requesting that the library:

1. Cease displaying "PRIDE" or other LGBTQ+ promotions in the primary areas used by children, i.e. the main lobby, the front door windows, the restrooms, and the children's section of the library.
2. Remove all LGBTQ+ materials from the children's section of the library. If you must keep these materials on hand, please a.) place them where a child cannot find them but a librarian can get to them when they are requested and b.) require a parent or guardian to check them out or give written approval before a child can check them out.

If the library is unwilling to comply with our requests, we the undersigned vow that in spite of how much we love and appreciate the library, we will vote against all future tax renewals and increases which support a library that does not represent or respect this community.

(1) <https://news.gallup.com/poll/389792/lgbt-identification-ticks-up.aspx>

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