

The Craighead County-Jonesboro Public Library Board today (Mon) is expected to discuss how to move forward with selecting a new library director. As KASU's Brandon Tabor reports, it's the latest in the saga in how the Northeast Arkansas library handles 'sensitive materials.'

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*Current director David Eckert is expected to resign from the post effective January 1st. Eckert told content partners KLEK that he's taking a similar position at a library in Waterloo, Iowa.*

*He said the decision was set in motion prior to recent discussions surrounding how 'sensitive materials' are handled at the library.*

*{Library Board 1                      0:21                      "...gave us that push that we needed."}*

*The library board for months debated how 'sensitive materials' would be handled in the library some patrons complained about sex education books in the children's section.*

*The board ultimately decided to not change its sensitive materials policy, which gives discretion to library staff to choose how those materials are handled.*

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*I'm Brandon Tabor.*

The board for the Craighead County-Jonesboro Public Library are meeting today (Mon) to finalize the job posting for a new library director. It comes as current library director David Eckert submitted his resignation which will go into effect on January 1st. He's taking a similar job at a library in Iowa.

Eckert has defended the library's actions on how it handled the 'sensitive materials' debate which was sparked after some patrons complained about sex education books in the children's section.

The debate has evolved into a conversation on outright banning certain books from the library's circulation - especially some about the LGBTQ-plus community. He told KLEK-LP FM in Jonesboro that the library has done nothing wrong...

(Library Board 2            0:20            "...a little something for everybody.")

After months of discussion, the board had decided to not change the library's 'sensitive materials' policy, which gives discretion to library staff to choose how those materials are handled.

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