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Read My Lipstick...No News Ideas

By *Mark Brickman* - Sep 5th, 2008 at 12:17 pm EDT

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In an attempt to deliver a stirring, dramatic and historic speech, Sarah Palin instead resorted to a speech filled with unfair attacks, sarcasm and inaccurate references to herself and promising changes that were both disingenuous and not plausible. Check out this article from her hometown newspaper <http://www.adn.com/sarah-palin/story/515517.html>

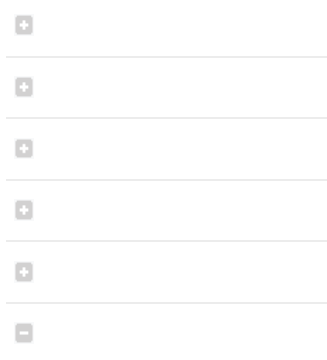
What Palin failed to mention is anything about many of her extreme positions on abortion rights, global climate change, equal pay for women and gun control issues. She gave the impression that she is against government waste and fights for her citizens as a reformer, but her limited experience as mayor and then governor of Alaska shows us just the opposite.

But a recent list of books that she wanted banned from the Wasilla Public Library truly demonstrates that Palin not only has no new ideas, but is really a throwback to days of old when we needed to always be full of fear, to go back to days when we had a less than equal world and where anyone who does not look like Sarah Palin must fight every day for the same rights and privileges that she and her family have come to take for granted.

This is the list that comes from the records of the Wasilla library. Most of these books are not a surprise, but some of them do raise some questions as to whether she wants citizens to be left completely uninformed and uninspired.

Here's the list and a little preamble that goes along with the list from the person who provided this list of proposed banned books:

More things to learn about Sarah Palin>>For those of you who think that all of the opposition to Sarah Palin is >from "leftwing" nuts; the following is a list of books that she tried to >get banned when she was mayor of Wasilla. I am not sure that Mark Twain, >William Shakespeare, Maya Angelou and Geoffrey Chaucer would be considered >dangerous to children. Judy Blume give me a break. Harry Potter, who is >kidding who. I also fail to see how Webster's Ninth New Collegiate >Dictionary by the Merriam-Webster Editorial Staff should be banned.>>This information is taken from the official minutes of the Wasilla Library >Board. When the librarian refused Palin tried to get her fired as she did >with the Safety Director of the State who refused to fire a trooper who was >getting a vicious divorce from her sister>>She also told her Assembly of God Church in June 2008 that it is "God's >Will" that the federal government contribute to the expansion of the Alaska >pipeline. (Must have been talking to George Bush). She sounds like one of >those lawyers Bush put into the justice department.>>This is the list of books Palin tried to have banned. As many of you will >notice it is a hit parade for book burners.>>A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess>A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle>Annie on My Mind by Nancy Garden>As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner>Blubber by Judy Blume>Brave New World by Aldous Huxley>Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson>Canterbury Tales by Chaucer>Carrie by Stephen King>Catch-22 by Joseph Heller>Christine by Stephen King>Confessions by Jean-Jacques Rousseau>Cujo by Stephen King>Curses, Hexes, and Spells by Daniel Cohen>Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite>Day No Pigs Would Die by Robert Peck>Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller>Decameron by Boccaccio>East of Eden by John Steinbeck>Fallen Angels by Walter Myers>Fanny Hill (Memoirs of a Woman of Pleasure) by John Cleland>Flowers For Algernon by



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By [Helene V.](#) Yesterday at 12:28 pm EDT (Updated Yesterday at 12:28 pm EDT)

I am a librarian and unfortunately I have to warn against releasing this list. It seems that it is not accurate and came from an unreliable web source. However, it is true that Palin tried to harass the town librarian and threatened to fire her if she did not remove books which the Pit Bull found offensive.

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By [Mark Brickman](#) Yesterday at 4:09 pm EDT (Updated Yesterday at 4:09 pm EDT)

Thank you for the admonition. I have no way to vet this information. But it should be taken into consideration for whatever value it has. I worked in a library for four years myself in my earlier life and become concerned if any person and particularly an elected official moves to get even one book banned.

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By [BarrackSucks from Fair Oaks, CA](#) Today at 12:30 am EDT (Updated Today at 12:30 am EDT)

Please keep posting these completely un-researched rumors. Your list is one that's been floating around the internet for years. The fact that you didn't realize this means you learned absolutely nothing about research during your "years" as a librarian... These base-less allegations will do nothing but fan the flames and make Palin even more popular than she is now. You're working harder for McCain than most volunteers! Keep up the good work!

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By [NoKoolAid from Laguna Hills, CA](#) Today at 1:35 am EDT (Updated Today at 1:35 am EDT)

After being admonished for posting blatantly false information, Brickman responds; "But it should be taken into consideration for whatever value it has." Are you kidding? Are you libs really THIS stupid? Hey, nummy, you were just informed that the post is FALSE. What possible value could it have? None to normal, honest, intelligent people. Your response says a lot about how you people think(?). Pathetic. No wonder you would actually consider voting for a zero like Obama.

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By [Mickey from Little Hocking, OH](#) Today at 12:40 am EDT (Updated Today at 12:40 am EDT)

You have no way to vet the information, so I can take it that you are purposefully submitting what you

know to be a lie. Your submission has only the value of an unproven smear designed to denigrate and slime another. "Here's the list and a little preamble that goes along with the list from the person who provided this list of proposed banned books"....do tell, so who is the "person who provided this list?" Don't misunderstand me...I have no problem with you continuing to post lies as it can only demean yourself and the candidate under whose banner you post, because everyone else will take THAT into consideration and give it full value, though it may not be the value or worth you intend.

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By **Jeff from Ardmore, PA** Today at 7:16 am EDT (Updated Today at 7:16 am EDT)

You have got to be kidding - despite the fact the list is bogus, you want to post it for whatever "value" it may have? So any unfounded allegation is worth repeating just because it MAY be true?

Sarah Palin does not have friends who are terrorists, and did not spend 20 years taking her family to listen to a hate-mongering preacher. Those are allegations that ARE true about Obama. Yet somehow they are supposed to be off-limits, while lies about Palin are fair game.

Amazing | [Report to Admin](#) [Reply](#)

By **Mickey from Newark, CA** Today at 1:17 am EDT (Updated Today at 1:17 am EDT)

Saracuda is more amazing that anyone had thought. Who else would have the incredible foresight to ban the Harry Potter books before any of them had been published. Her psychic abilities amaze me.

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By **Randolph** Today at 2:00 am EDT (Updated Today at 2:00 am EDT)

As was pointed out, this incident is alleged to have occurred in 1996, but the first Harry Potter book was published 1998. The librarian (Mary Ellen Emmons) was never fired by Palin. The reasons Palin was minded to fire the librarian are not documented. Before believing the contents of chain-mails, check out www.snopes.com; they're pretty reliable.

Also, June Pinell-Stephens, chairwoman of the Alaska Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee since 1984, has checked their files but found no record of any banned list or any incident involving Emmons.

This is right up there with "Barack was a practising Muslim," just because his mother enrolled him as Muslim in his elementary school and because he attended a mosque back then. Let's not leap to conclusions, not about anyone.

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By **Grace from Redmond, WA** Today at 2:34 am EDT (Updated Today at 2:34 am EDT)

Well, even if she didn't actually ban the books, she probably wanted to. I was reading my well-loved copy of Saul Alinsky's book last night and was so grateful that she didn't get around to banning this book.

Grace is a psychic | [Report to Admin](#) [Reply](#)

By **Kidd from Chicago, IL** Today at 9:16 am EDT (Updated Today at 9:16 am EDT)

She knows what Palin WANTED to do even though Palin didn't do it. The Nobama campaign must be very hard up to host these lies about the opposition.

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By **George from Laurel, MD** Today at 5:51 am EDT (Updated Today at 5:51 am EDT)

We now know that the banned book remour is false, was does this website, of the man who is supposed to be a different type of politcain, keep this lie on his website.

Change indeed...

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By **TheAudacityOfTheDope** Today at 10:05 am EDT (Updated Today at 10:05 am EDT)

BRILLIANT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I expect a little more of the community organizer annointed one. Sarah Palin must not only be an evil genius, but she must also be clairvoyant. Please, please, please keep running with these moonbat theories. I am delighted that you fools are doing this. Dope on a rope '08!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Seriously? | [Report to Admin](#) [Reply](#)

By **Moonbat from Cincinnati, OH** Today at 11:00 am EDT (Updated Today at 11:00 am EDT)

This is on Obama's official website?

You guys keep doing more and more to fire up the Right, and it's going to come back and haunt you come election day.

You don't even realize what you're doing. Smart thing would be to sit down and shut up.

But that's not how you do it. You need lies because your candidate is an puppet.

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