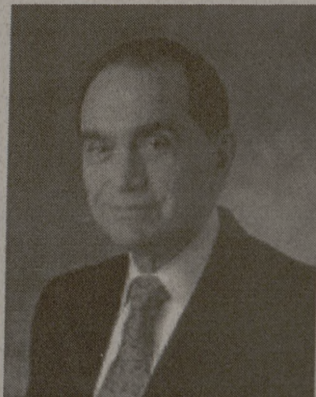
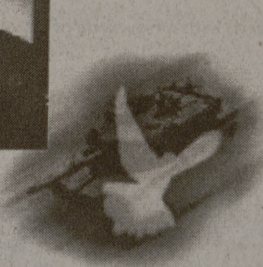


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NEWS IN BRIEF

Librarian honored for disputing book bans

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A woman who helped fight efforts to ban two young adult sex education books from Montgomery County library shelves has been awarded this year's PEN/Newman's Own First Amendment Award.

Jerilyn Williams, director of the Montgomery County Library, will receive a \$25,000 prize, at PEN's annual gala on April 22 in New York City.

Last August, commissioners in Montgomery County, located north of Houston, agreed to

temporarily remove two books, "It's Perfectly Normal" and "It's So Amazing," both by Robie H. Harris, after complaints, particularly from the conservative Republican Leadership Council. The group objected to what it described as the books' pro-homosexual stance and explicit illustrations.

Williams worked to convince a review committee looking into the books to put them back on library shelves.

In early 2000, she was criticized for not supporting Internet filtering on all public access computers. After commissioners unanimously voted to have filtering

software placed on all of library's public computers, Williams won their approval to modify Internet use in a separate area to require disabling of the filtering software.

The prize was established by the PEN American Center to promote literature, free expression, and Paul Newman and author John Hotchner to honor a student who fought to save the First Amendment right of freedom of expression in the written word.



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