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At a Highland Lakes Democratic Women's meeting, former Kingsland head librarian Suzette Baker held up a copy of 'Gender Queer,' one of the books she was asked to remove from the library's shelves. She refused to do so and was subsequently fired. Staff photo by Dakota Morrissiey



“The County wholly denies Ms. Baker’s claims about the reasons for her termination and was prepared to prove it in Court,” reads a statement to DailyTrib.com from Llano County Judge Ron Cunningham. “However, the County understands TAC’s decision to resolve the case for this amount in order to avoid the extensive attorney’s fees and expenses of continuing this litigation, which would have exceeded the settlement amount, and avoiding the disruption to County affairs that the ongoing litigation would have caused. We are glad to put this behind us and focus our energy on the important government services that Llano County provides, including but not limited to public and emergency services, maintaining our county road system, and offering vital rural health care to our citizens.”

Baker spoke on her experience during a Highland Lakes Democratic Women meeting Thursday in Marble Falls. She lives in Buchanan Dam and now works in a local hardware store, but is also touring the country with a documentary film crew for “The Librarians,” which features stories of censorship from her and other librarians.

BEYOND BAKER’S SUIT

Another civil lawsuit regarding the library system, Little et al. v. Llano County et al. (<https://www.dailytrib.com/2022/04/25/llano-county-faces-federal-lawsuit-over-censorship-in-library-system/>), was filed April 2022 and alleges violations of First and 14th amendment rights with the removal of 17 books from Llano County Library System shelves and its online app. Read the latest on this case and see a list of books central to both cases in this September 2024 story (<https://www.dailytrib.com/2024/09/25/full-appeals-court-hears-library-case/>).

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2 thoughts on “Ex-librarian gets \$225K settlement”



Richard Day says:

03/28/25 at 4:32 pm (<https://www.dailytrib.com/2025/03/28/ex-librarian-gets-225k-settlement/#comment-27922>)

Gender Queer was never in the Llano Public Library and is not one of the books involved in the lawsuit. However, Overdrive, the library's online interlibrary checkout system, was terminated because of the possibility that minors might access LGBTQ materials despite built-in parental controls

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M. Osowski says:

03/28/25 at 2:57 pm (<https://www.dailytrib.com/2025/03/28/ex-librarian-gets-225k-settlement/#comment-27921>)

Kingsland librarian Suzette Baker is a heroine. I support her stance in upholding the Constitution.

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