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Benjamin R. Weseloh, Director
West Chicago Public Library
118 W. Washington St.
West Chicago, IL, 60185

Dear Management and Staff of the West Chicago Public Library,

On behalf of the National Coalition Against Censorship and the other sponsors of the Kids' Right to Read Project, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for the West Chicago Public Library's decision to keep Dr. Gayle E. Pitman's *This Day in June* in the children's section of the library.

We know how difficult it is to resist censorship pressure, especially during a time of growing political intolerance. We congratulate you for having organized a thoughtful public discussion of the danger of book censorship. The open and public debate about *This Day in June* is an inspiring example of democracy.

Thank you for your exemplary community leadership and strong support for First Amendment rights.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Finan".

Christopher M. Finan, Executive Director
National Coalition Against Censorship

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James LaRue".

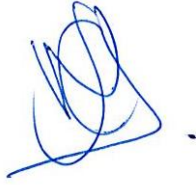
James LaRue, Director
Freedom to Read Foundation

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Brownstein".

Charles Brownstein, Executive Director
Comic Book Legal Defense Fund

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Rasenberger".

Mary Rasenberger, Director
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