



[Ashley Podunavac](#) We could all just go sit in every seat in the library and refuse to pay. Someone can tutor me on something cool. I'm in for sitting for a few hours. Yeah I'm super pregnant...sitting is just fine by me. This is ridiculous coming from a library in a town full of families. In this day and age with so much technology we are suppose to be encouraging kids to go to the library and read and learn...not pushing them away. Big fat fail.

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[Kathy Panattoni Meade](#) I think it would be more effective to have a tutor-in in city hall. At this point Trinza is an immovable force. The mayor can remove him from the board. This needs to be brought to city hall.

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[Ashley Podunavac](#) At 34.5 weeks pregnant I'll sit where ever yall want me to as long as someone helps me up.

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[Elizabeth Yourell-Cataudella](#) 3 things bother me about their decision. #1 are the librarians going to be asked to be the enforcers of this policy? will they be reprimanded if they don't? If it would be part of their job description and they are letting it slide will they face repercussions? #2 the library fosters a sense of community and meeting. This policy does none of that. #3 you ask residents to be involved and voice their opinions but then they do and it's very evident it doesn't matter. This is when citizens don't vote and don't attend meetings. People naturally want to be a part of their community but when a select few ignore the majority it's disappointing

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[Kristin Black Clarke](#) Did they attempt to research how other comparable suburbs handle this? I am a teacher and have tutored in libraries in the past.

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[Kathy Panattoni Meade](#) There are only something like 140 libraries in the entire nation that charge fees for tutors.

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[Kristin Black Clarke](#) Not surprised. Even Lake Forest lets you tutor in their library. It's a hub for that and a safe place in the community for all to work, learn, and utilize resources. Such a shame.

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[Kathy Panattoni Meade](#) Even the park ridge and library legal council advised against this tutoring policy.

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**Michelle Lebus Caceres** This is so sad! I love seeing all of the kids studying there! It is a large building! Plenty of room for everyone without charging!

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**Michelle Tullett Charley** What is the next logical step? Who do we contact?

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**Kathy Panattoni Meade** The mayor.

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**Eastman Tiu** Mayor's office. Speak with your votes. Speak loudly.

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**Danna Boutwell Karkazis** Can we have our tutors utilize the mayors office??

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**Doris Holmes Jordan** You look at the surrounding area libraries and they are soooooo much better than the Park Ridge Library. Why is that?

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**Kathy Panattoni Meade** Because our library board won't allow our library to spend money on anything. Join Park Ridge Concerned Homeowners. There are several articles and threads. The board won't even let the library buy new chairs for the meeting room and they are falling apart!

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**Doris Holmes Jordan** Very sad

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**Gina McGing Gatziolis** Park Ridge has been afraid of "outsiders" coming into town and using the facilities! This town is so ass backwards! Always has been! Who charges for kids to learn at the library?!?!?

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**Gina McGing Gatziolis** \*always

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**Mary Taylor Byrne** Yes, kind of ridiculous, every other library is much nicer than parkridge but no "outsiders" are allowed to use the library. We're not interested in using your outdated library & I feel bad for the residents who'll have to deal with much more of this in the future!

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**Denise Dworak Massaro** We live in Chicago and rarely use the Chicago public library. Our library card and patronage is fully supported at the Niles Public Library. We love the Niles Library and have participated in all their programs since my kids were babies. We have never been turned away. It's so sad that the Park Ridge Library Board is so one-sided and is determined to drive a wedge between its residents. Lots of political BS is what I'm seeing.

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**Joshua Nichols** Instead of the name calling (which I can relate to), pick up the phone right now and tell your elected officials what you think of this. (Sorry to be a broken record on this, but I think it's the most important outcome.) Remember that they work for you, and if they are making bad hiring decisions, you need to tell them. And if they fail to represent their constituents, you can and should replace them.

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**Marlo Sepanski-Flanagan** Amen Brother!!

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**Maggie Mae** So sorry to hear this. I decided to have a peak at this guys blog and I can't believe he's being taken seriously. I live in Chicago, but let me know if there's a way we out of town "parasites" can help. Good luck!

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**Maggie Mae** I wonder if we're still "parasites" when we shop in Park Ridge or spend our money at the Park Ridge Norwegian Parade, farmer's market or other events. Ugh. This guy is a poor choice for any public office. Sorry you all have to deal with him representing his buddy, I mean the public □, on your library board.

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**Kathy Panattoni Meade** I think it is very important that we do not punish our library by taking our patronage elsewhere. The library gets funding based on our usage. That is what Trinza and his ilk want is for people to stop using the library so they can stop wasting "their tax dollars" on a socialist institution.

Our library staff is phenomenal and they need 100% of our support. Our wonderful library staff are suffering under this current boards oversight. They know what our library needs to be great and are being stifled under the board. Please don't take your frustration out on the library. We need to get to the mayor to unseat the obstructionist board. Direct your energies to that.

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**Ashley Hawkes** I will continue my patronage but this is a slippery slope. Are we going to cater to Netflix next? It's not fair that you can rent movies for free. Or Barnes and Noble? Not fair that I check out books instead of buying them. Not fair to the park district? Because nannies take children there to play rather than open gym.

I seriously want to get my daughter a tutor or start tutoring kids just to undermine this.

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