

Library board failed to uphold UA's values

To the Editor:

Yet again a city board has ignored the interests of the citizens and failed to uphold the values of this community.

The Upper Arlington Public Library Board has chosen to side with the American Civil Liberties Union and people who live outside UA.

All the while they pat themselves on the back and hide behind the supposed advice of legal counsel. The board knows, especially the attorneys who serve on the board, that this is not a legal dilemma. It is doing what is right for the UA community.

Instead of fudging numbers of those who have contacted them since their decision to do nothing, the board would be better served to take time to reflect on how they handled the situation.

There was no open debate involving the board. The comments and concerns raised by hundreds of UA residents went in one ear and out the other.

All along it is clear that there was a concerted effort to craft support for the decision they intended to make from the outset.

And what will be the result?

Clearly the growing frustration of residents being dismissed (and attacked personally) will continue to raise awareness of not only all of the actions and decisions of our library board but all other city boards and government.

There needs to be accountability to the residents who are supposed to be served.

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