Articles/Quotes/Responses
to the EBSCO Challenge

2019 Dirty Dozen List
https://endsexualexploitation.org/ebsco/

Some of this material has direct links to hardcore pornography websites staying within the EBSCO database bypassing school filters.

*Take note of the “propaganda” style reporting on this web page.

Inside Higher ED – Attack of the Porn Hunters October 22, 2018

EBSCO does not include pornographic titles in its databases, embed pornographic content in its databases, or receive revenue for advertising from any organization. With teams of educators, librarians and subject matter experts (many of whom are also parents of children), we bring together well-known, educational publications into curated collections to serve specific research needs. In addition to the measures we take to ensure only appropriate content is included. We have tools that allow customers to remove any publications from the databases if they so choose. We are appalled by the tenor of allegations related to our intent and the inaccurate of statements clearly made in absence of factual information. – Kathleen McEvoy

Protecting Kids from Porn – Colorado Sun
https://coloradosun.com/2019/04/02/colorado-library-porn-database/

We value freedom of speech, and libraries will always stand up and celebrate individuals who say what they want to say. But it’s also important for libraries and librarians to stand up and refute undocumented opinions with facts. – Jim Duncan
Three take-aways from this article:

1. Rapid Response is key
2. Coalition work is key
3. This is not over!

EBSCO spokeswoman Jessica Holmes said the academic contractor does not license an pornographic titles, yet content from our databases is erroneously being labelled pornographic. The content being questioned is from mainstream magazines.”

The Thomas More Society filed suit on October 10, 2018 against EBSCO, a nationwide corporation that embeds pornography in databases it markets to schools for use by unsuspecting school children for their homework and research. In the same suit, the Thomas More Society also sued the Colorado Library Consortium, a tax-supported nonprofit corporation that knowingly brokers EBSCO’s pornographic databases to schools and libraries throughout Colorado.
The Colorado Association of Libraries blasted the lawsuit filed on behalf of Pornography is Not Education and Aurora parents Drew and Robin Paterson as a blatant attempt to erase all electronic material the group does not like from local and school libraries.

“They are on a personal crusade to impose one particular worldview upon the entire community, and the targets of their campaign extend well beyond… Colorado,” said Carol Smith, president of the Colorado Association of Libraries, in a statement.

The ultimate decision on whether to read a book, though, should be made by the student with the careful guidance of his parents and mentors.

As parents, educators and as a society, we do a disservice to our children by sheltering them instead of emboldening them. Hovering or making decisions on behalf of young people serves no purpose. They need to experience some wild abandonment in both their childhood and in their education. And what better place to begin then with books?

An interesting article about curriculum censorship and how it can be subtle and complex.