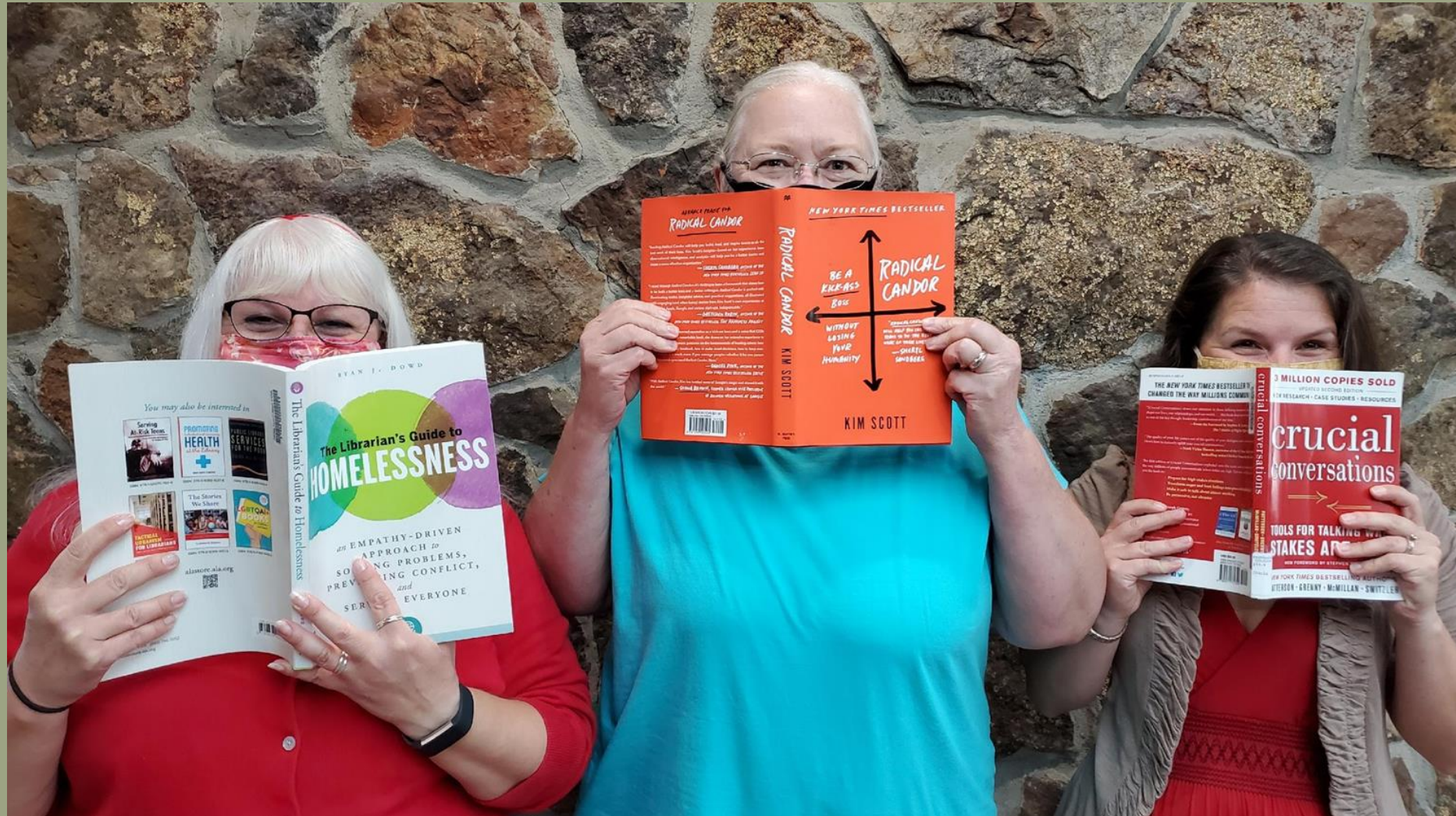


# **LIBRARY ETHICS 101**

**What Would You Do?**

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## SCENARIO

Gary was arrested at the library and then returns weeks later. Another patron, April, complains and doesn't want Gary allowed in the library.

What do you do?

## SCENARIO

A mother receives an overdue notice and contacts the library to find out all the materials checked out on her 15-year-old son's account.

What do you do?

# SCENARIO

A middle aged man comes to the front desk and asks if Dorothy Gale is in the library.

What do you do?

# SMILE BREAK



## 3 Reasons to Ban a Patron from the Library

1. Preventing other patrons from using/enjoying the library
2. Preventing staff from doing their job
3. Vandalism and/or property damage

## SCENARIO

A patron has gone through all the art books and has drawn undergarments on all the nude art.

What do you do?



## SCENARIO

Julia and Judy are good friends and share similar reading tastes. Julia wants to know what Judy checked out last time so she can read those books too.

What do you do?

# SCENARIO

A prominent member of the community passed away and donated their portrait to the library.

What do you do?

## ONLINE RESOURCES

- ALA Tools <http://www.ala.org/tools/ethics>
- WV Public Library Directors Boot Camp: Ethics and the Librarian  
<https://librarycommission.wv.gov/Librarian/Documents/ETHICS%20AND%20THE%20LIBRARIAN.pdf>
- [CKLS Intellectual Freedom Presentation from Kansas Library Association Conference](#) (slides)
- Booklists
  - <https://libraryaware.com/24W4CX>
  - <https://libraryaware.com/24W4E7>

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