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Patrons, Friends, Neighbors, and Residents of the City of Marion,

It was brought to our attention that during our Free Comic Book Day event on Saturday, May 6, 2023 that a child was given a series of comics that were intended for a mature audience. While we take full responsibility for the error, it was never our intention to distribute those materials.

This was our first year participating in the [Free Comic Book Day](#) event and comics were given to us pre-packaged in groups of 12-15 titles. Every package was marked with either "All Ages" or "Mature" label that symbolized the age group a particular package was intended. It was poor judgement on our part to accept the Mature titles in the first place. We did not check each title in each grouping for accuracy which is where the error occurred. We trusted the comics were packaged correctly and that mistake is ours and ours alone. We are only aware of one mislabeled package at this point and encourage everyone who attended to review the titles they or their child received. We distributed approximately 100 packages total on Saturday.

Again, it was never our intention to distribute mature content to children nor is that something we circulate at the library. We regret the error and apologize more oversight was not in place to prevent such an incident. We will work over the next weeks and months to regain your trust and will be reviewing and implementing new policies to ensure a similar mistake is not made in the future.

On behalf of the staff of the Marion Carnegie Library, we are deeply sorry the error was made.

Apologetically,

Loretta Broomfield, Director
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