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While it is both understandable and commendable that parents want to protect children - it MUST be up to each parent. Our society is extremely diverse, both spiritually and politically. What is acceptable to one may be extremely unacceptable to another. I always use the buffet analogy in regards to a public library: If you go to a buffet restaurant, you push your tray along and select what items you want to eat - and if your child is with you, you put on their tray what you want them to eat. You don't get to choose what I or my child eat. You don't get to tell the restaurant to remove certain items you don't like from the buffet - you just push your tray past it. To use another food analogy - some parents are fine with allowing their kids to eat sugary cereal for breakfast, some are not. That doesn't mean Fruity Pebbles should be banned. Of course there are books at the library that I would prefer my child not read, but I will fight to the death for the right for other parents to make that decision for their own child. So many of the books people are attempting to ban have LGBTQ+ themes. Reading a book with a gay character won't turn a child gay, anymore than a gay person reading a book with straight characters will suddenly become straight. But it could help a child who feels "different" not feel alone. It could help a "straight" child feel empathy - and maybe less likely to bully someone who is different. Finally, there are fads in literature just like everywhere else. After "Twilight", there were tons of teen vampire/supernatural creature novels. After "Hunger Games" there were tons of dystopian novels. Currently LGBTQ+ books are a hot ticket, but that will change with time. Oregon has an opportunity here to be at the forefront of individual freedom and choice - qualities our state should be proud of. Let's make sure we're on the right side of history. Please ensure extremist conservatives are not allowed to push their narrow-minded ideologies onto the rest of us.