

I write in support of SB 1583 and I urge you to support the bill as well. As a librarian for over 30 years, I know the importance of providing readers the opportunity to access materials representing the expanse of human experience. It is important for all students to have the chance to read books that reflect themselves and their families. And it is critical that all students have the chance to read about people and experiences that are different from their own. This is a crucial part of learning!

Attempts to censor library and curriculum materials in the United States has increased dramatically in the last few years, including in Oregon. SB 1583 will help prevent these book bans and removal attempts, ensure that materials are available that represent Oregon's diverse student populations, and see to it that these materials are available to those students who need them.

Please vote in favor of SB 1583.