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As a parent and a librarian, I support SB 1583. Parents have the ultimate choice in guiding their children in their reading material, with two very important caveats: one, a wide variety of material supporting different philosophies and points of view should be available to choose from, and two, at some point the child will begin making choices for themselves, and they need and deserve to have a variety of choices available. I am saddened every time I hear of another report of book banning or censorship, and doubly saddened that the person(s) requesting or instigating the ban should feel threatened by an idea that is different from their perspective. If we were all uniform in our thoughts, preferences, appearance and behavior, the world would be far less rich and complex. Please allow schools and libraries the basic decency of choosing books for their collections that support and represent ALL of us in society, not just a small, limited slice of what is actually part of our world.