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I am opposed to the banning of books in any manner. Too many efforts are being made to discriminate against marginalized people through the banning of books. It is most prevalent in our local libraries and our schools. Our community has experienced this action where hard line conservatives want to deny access to reading material that they consider "immoral" or "pornographic" in nature. In particular, any LGBTQ+ or gender issues are subject to removal or displayed in prominent locations so anyone wishing to read or check them out will be "outed" if they choose the material. The right to free speech is one of our most cherished protections under the constitution. Don't enable hate mongers! Pass this legislation.