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Measure: SB1583

As a librarian who has experienced challenges to intellectual freedom in our state, I wholeheartedly support SB 1583.

Books are tools for understanding complex issues. Limiting young people's access to books does not protect them from challenging issues; limiting this access reduces their ability to think critically, form their own opinions, and participate in society.

Please support SB 1583 to end book bans in our state and allow Oregon's students to decide what they can read and believe.