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As a mother, a children's librarian and a long time volunteer in the public schools, I know there are many different needs and banning books because they make some of us white heteronormative parents uncomfortable is extremely frightening. Kids need to see themselves in books, they need to see others as well. Understanding and empathy are just some of the gifts that books give us. If a parent doesn't want her child to read a book, I fully support that, but don't take away my child's ability to learn and grow. Libraries need to meet the needs of all their patrons. Librarians and teachers are the experts, we need to let them do their jobs.