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I am a senior at Sisters high school and I think it is very important to have every book available to students. I grew up in the library all the time and I cannot recall a single moment where I opened up a book that would now be considered banned and thought "wow this is an awful idea." Sure, I may have been too young to notice, but my parents or teacher never thought that way either. I think a major reason for why people are banning these types of books is because they are afraid that the youth will get the wrong idea or be too influenced at a young age. Personally, I believe that children will be so much more successful if they can just read whatever they want to read. It is good for them to see different ideas, if we just ban things that we think are bad, then we are just sugarcoating literature. This is not fair to the children and it certainly isn't fair to the authors.