

Responsible parents help their children select books that are both age appropriate and reflect their family values. Responsible parents are willing to have those uncomfortable conversation when their child asks why they are not allowed to read certain books.

Irresponsible parents want to avoid uncomfortable conversations with their own children by controlling what books other children are allowed to read. Everyone, from the youngest child to the soon to graduate high school student should be able to find books that reflect themselves in their libraries.

Book bans censor groups of people and history. As Oregonians, we owe all of our students the dignity of seeing themselves and their cultural history in our school libraries.