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Although this may not have been the route I would've taken to get there, I think it is important that all aspects of our society are accounted for in libraries, both school and public. It has not only been white, male, upper-class people that have made Oregon and the US what it is. Unfortunately, there are some who are using buzz-words to limit access, and that needs to stop. If someone wants to keep their kids and themselves from certain topics, that is on them. However, as a society, we need to understand all of our history starting young. We also need to understand our society as it is now, which can only be done if we don't hide it. Finally, we need the material so we can understand ourselves. When we block or remove material based on race, sexual preference, etc. we are indicating that we think that that group of people don't matter.

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"The libraries of America are and must ever remain the home of free and inquiring minds. To them, our citizens - of all ages and races, of all creeds and persuasions - must be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth, unvarnished by fashion and uncompromised by expediency." - Dwight D. Eisenhower.