

Working in a middle school library in the Tigard-Tualatin School District, I end up talking to a lot of kids about books - either enthusiastically or not. I distinctly remember telling a student about how other states have banned books that are not allowed in their library. They were flabbergasted! I had to explain that some parents don't like the idea of their children reading books with content they don't agree with. "Well, they can tell their child to not read them..." the student said, in a slow, confused tone. I further explained that those parents think if they feel the content is unsuitable for *their* children, they are unsuitable for *all* children. "But it's not up to them! Random parents can't decide what is good for me!" the student now exclaimed. I am, sadly, used to this problem, but it was a reminder of how absurd of an idea it is to infringe on someone's rights in this way.

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