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I am writing to express my support for SB 1098. Passage of this bill will ensure that the decisions concerning the books to which children are exposed will remain in the hands of the parents of the children rather than in the hands of school employees and elected officials with whom some parents may disagree as to what is suitable for their own children to read. Every parent has the right to ask the school to restrict access of his/her child to certain books, but such restrictions should not be required for all children. Common sense may be exercised by library staff to guide very small children away from certain clearly inappropriate books (sexually explicit books for 5-year-olds, for example), but, if a certain book is not there at all then EVERYONE is restricted, and that seems excessive to me.