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Please support this bill to encourage clarity on choosing books for schools and school libraries..

Banning information and discussion adds mystery and enticement to the topic. Ooooh! This is banned. I wonder why? I should find a copy (easy to do via the Internet) and read it so I can decide for myself. Having the opportunity to read about and discuss topics in a neutral school setting is a fine way to learn, to research, and to make decisions for yourself, based on the material you find and the info in discussions. Example? When I was a freshman (that's what we were back then) in high school, Peyton Place was the "banned" book of choice. Of course copies circulated, and I read it too. It was exceedingly dull, not particularly well written, and I was bored by it. End of the issue. Zane Gray was much more fun to read!

Fix the situation so access to information on both (or all sides) of current topics is available, not hidden, not skewed by bias.