

To: ND Legislators
Re: HB1205 and SB2123

As parents we oppose HB1205 and SB2123. The core of the US Constitution and Freedom of Religion is Freedom of Speech. Censoring books at public libraries is a direct violation of Freedom of Speech.

It is parents' responsibility to decide what a child reads. Some children may not have access to proper information about relations. Allowing children (and adults) access to materials gives them proper information and helps people understand what real relationships are like.

Banning books on content would also ban art books, educational material, scientific material, and religious material (including the Bible).

Are these concerned parents censoring the movies their children watch that show sexual abuse? Are parents stopping children from watching online videos? Are there discussions about video games?

Parents need to do the education. Parents need to take the responsibility. The materials need to be there to educate children and parents and help spur discussions.

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