



Bottineau Public Library
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I am writing in opposition to HB 1205. This bill not only infringes upon our patrons freedom to have access to information, it is also is unconstitutional, as a violation of the First Amendment. This bill also potentially criminalizes the library employees. Libraries provide access to information to all and the freedom to read, it is not up to the libraries or their staff to decide what may or may not be appropriate for that patron. In the case of minors, that decision should be up to the child's parent or guardian, NOT the library or library staff. The Bottineau County Public Library , like most libraries, has a collection development policy already in place, which makes this bill unnecessary and a wasteful use of tax payers dollars.

I strongly urge opposition to HB 1205.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth Reitan", written over a horizontal line.

Beth Reitan
Bottineau County Public Library