

What Our Children Are Learning

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What We Are Not Advocating

- Banning of Books
 - Discussion is confined to several books available in the ORR School Libraries
 - Not advocating for their removal from:
 - Public Libraries
 - Online Book Stores
 - 'Brick & Mortar' Book Stores
- Passing Judgment on Lifestyle, Gender or Sexual Orientation – “Judge not lest ye be judged” - MT 7:1
- Telling Teacher’s How To Teach

What We Are Discussing

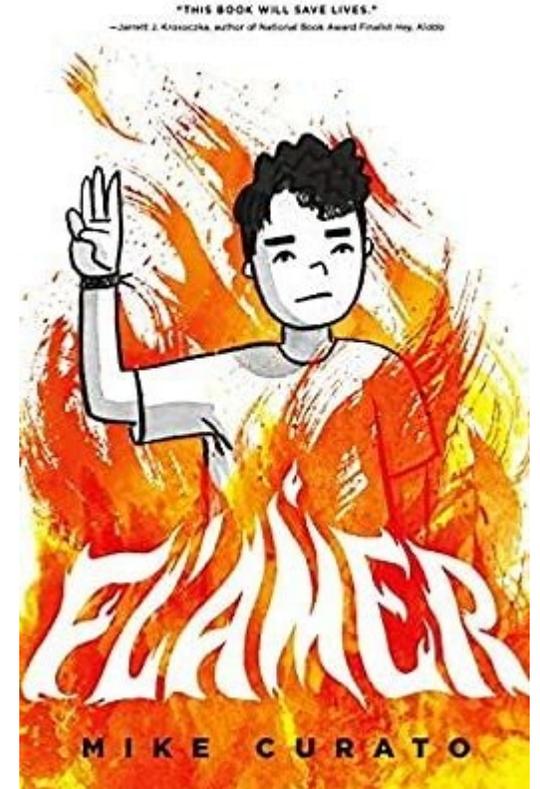
- Public Libraries are not School Libraries
 - Public libraries intend to serve the general public and offer collections of bestsellers, general fiction books, self-help books and lifestyle books, such as repair manuals, cookbooks and craft guides. Public libraries may carry some reference materials, such as government documents and local interest research materials, but the primary collections at most public libraries are not academically-focused.
 - School libraries, on the other hand -- especially at the upper grade levels and universities -- have an academic focus. While they may carry some fiction, and the occasional popular title, the vast majority of the collection is geared towards nonfiction, scholarly books that students can use for research and learning. The exception is elementary school libraries, which may have a wider variety of fiction titles to encourage children to read.

Guarantee

- If any school student can prove their financial need and have parental permission, Mattapoissett Republican Party will:
 - Purchase any or all these books and gift them to that individual
 - All costs will be absorbed by the MRP
 - No follow up or briefing is required

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- Parent's right to know what 'controversial' Books are in School Libraries
- "Flamer" claims that "This Book Will Save Lives" –
- Why Keep these titles "Quiet"?
- Do Parents have the right to have some "say" in their child's education?
- Are Teacher's more trusted to instruct our children about "sex orientation"?
- Are Librarian's trained sexual orientation instructor's?
- Is CRT a fair analysis of American History?



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- The ludicrous demand that one parent can't tell another parent what their children can learn? In School - YES!
- One person who was offended in Boston was able to have this Fredrick Douglas sponsored statue removed. If these books offend one parent, do they have the same right?



Max Page, the president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, who unloaded on state education leaders at a hearing on raising the MCAS scores needed to graduate.

“It struck me that we have a fundamental difference of views of what schools are for,” Page said at the hearing. “The focus on income, on college and career readiness speaks to a system ... tied to the capitalist class and its needs for profit. We, on the other hand, have as a core belief that the purpose of schools must be to nurture thinking, caring, active and committed adults, parents, community members, activists, citizens.”

Max Page, president of the 115,000-member Massachusetts Teachers Association, is a longtime public education activist who believes that the quality of life in our communities depends on having public schools and colleges that meet the needs of every student and family.

Page was elected president of the MTA in May 2022 after serving two terms as vice president. He is on leave from UMass Amherst, where he has been a professor of architecture since 2001. He also has served as the director of the Master of Design in Historic Preservation Program. As an MTA leader, Page helped organize members to ensure passage of the Student Opportunity Act. As president, he is continuing to fight for similar legislation to increase funding for public higher education, with the goal of making it debt-free for students.

Page has long championed progressive tax policies for Massachusetts, including the Fair Share Amendment, which will generate billions of dollars for public education and transportation by requiring the very rich to pay an additional 4 percent on income over \$1 million a year.

Page will maintain the MTA’s focus on ways to create a more diverse educator workforce, from prekindergarten through higher education. **Under Page’s leadership, the MTA will also continue to oppose the use of high-stakes standardized tests such as the MCAS exams. He is also dedicated to promoting “Green New Deal” policies and practices at schools and on college campuses to combat climate change.**

Page believes strongly in the power of coalitions, both within the MTA and between our union and partners across the state. Page is a member of the Steering Committee of Raise Up Massachusetts and has devoted efforts to creating regional bargaining councils and action networks among MTA locals.

Page notes that MTA members across the state are making their locals more powerful and winning the working conditions that educators deserve and the learning conditions that students need to succeed and thrive. **He vows that as the state’s largest labor union, the MTA is poised to fight for the common good and defend public institutions from right-**

“ I will never tell teachers what to teach. I will never support a bill like the one in Florida.”

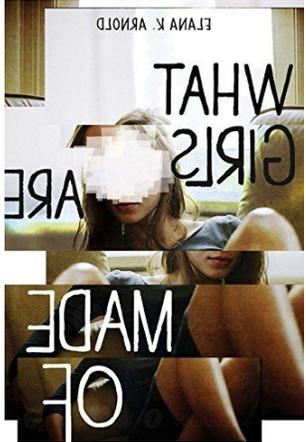
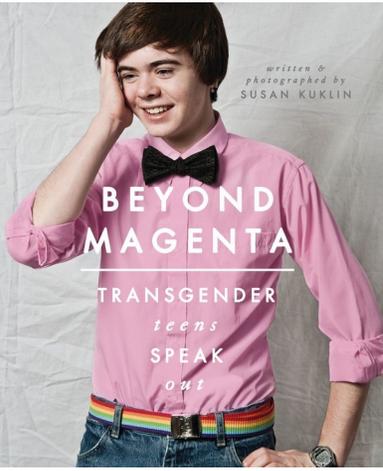
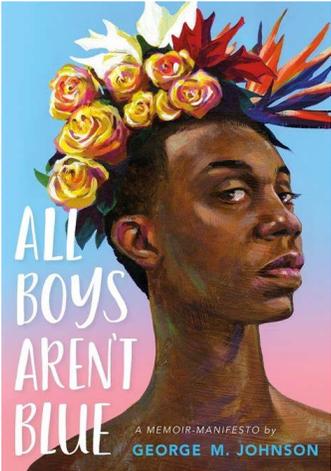
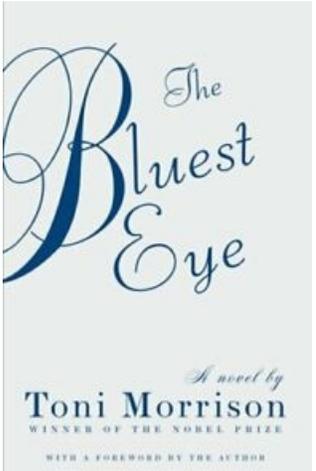
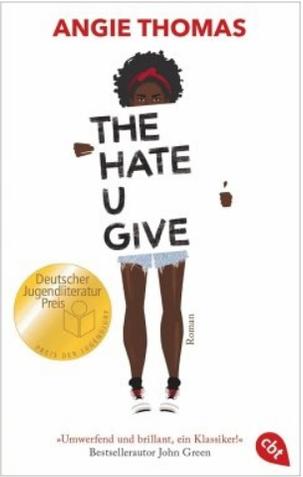
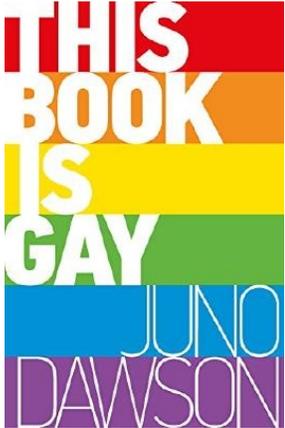
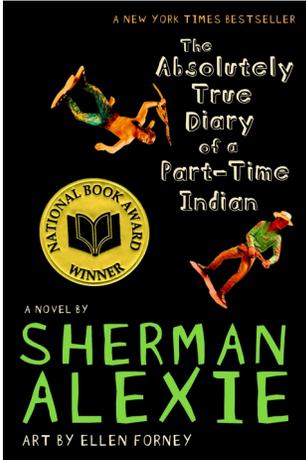
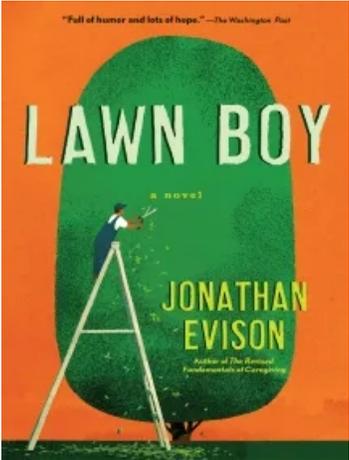
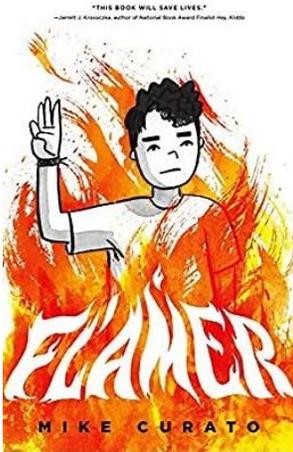
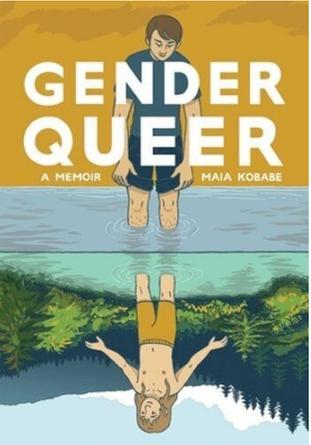
Bill Straus Tri-Town Meet the Candidates

St. Gabriel's Marion 8/2/22

March 28, 2022,

SPRING HILL, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill (HB) 1557, Parental Rights in Education, which reinforces parents' fundamental rights to make decisions regarding the upbringing of their children. The bill prohibits classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through 3rd grade and prohibits instruction that is not age appropriate for students and requires school districts to adopt procedures for notifying parents if there is a change in services from the school regarding a child's mental, emotional or physical health or well-being. The bill builds on

The Books



Anne Fernandes

Anne Fernandes, a two-term member of the Rochester School Committee, will be discussing the challenges of advocating for families and children seeking academic excellence within today's climate of advocates for 'Social Emotional Learning', 'Racially Charged Learning', 'Gender Ideologies' and 'Comprehensive Sexuality Indoctrination'. Anne believes, "Each student has a family, and the state nor local government is not their family. Families must unite to prevent educational tyranny. We are late to this battle." Anne has also served as a Special Education teacher for 22 years in our tri-town district.