

My name is Randi Monley, and I am the Children's Librarian at the Minot Public Library in Minot, North Dakota. I have worked in the Minot Public Library for 10 years with the past 7 years being devoted to children's services. I also hold a Bachelors of Arts degree in Literature, and I have my own children to raise. I strongly oppose HB 1205. HB 1205 is vast and vague.

Under 1-1, this would deplete the public library's collection for adults as "minors are or may be invited as part of the general public" into all areas of the public library.

Under Section 2-1A, what is "explicit sexual material"? Who defines this?

Under Section 2-1A, who will be in charge of denoting what is "serious artistic significance, or works of anthropological significance."

Under Section 2- 1A subsections, I question who will have the authority to define (2) deviant sexual intercourse (7) sexual preferences (8) sexual activity (9) sexual perversion (10) sex-based classifications (11) sexual identity and (12) gender identity. I argue that this verbiage means something different to all people. Therefore, having one body define these terms for all North Dakotans is beyond the scope of the government.

The government nor the library have been called to serve in loco parentis. The library maintains access for all patrons and families to make their own decisions on what is correct for their children. As a Children's Librarian, I feel it is the duty of the caregiver to be a part of their child's reading and viewing experience. As a parent, I am happy to have my children come to me with materials they want to check out, so that I can read, understand, question, and foster conversation with them. Therefore, I do agree that material should be accessible to all ages. It is my right as a parent to my children to have control over what they experience. It is not the right of North Dakota or any government to usurp my judgement regarding my children.