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As you may have heard in the news lately, libraries are facing more challenges to books, displays and programs nowadays than ever before. Library advocates such as Friends members can help educate people about intellectual freedom and the role of libraries in a free society.

Intellectual freedom is the idea that people should be able to determine for themselves what is appropriate for them and their family. It has been said that a good library has something in it to offend everyone. It's true that library staff tries to offer a wide array of items, information, and events. It's not because we are looking to offend people, but because we want to give them options. The beauty of a library book is if you don't like it or agree with it, you can simply close the cover and return it. Perhaps the next person to check it out will find it interesting or enlightening.

At our library there is a process for formally expressing concern about an item, an art display, or a program. We appreciate hearing from members of the community. If you ever have questions about a library resource or want to know how we make decisions about the books and programs we offer, please let me know or talk with another library staff member.

We as library staff believe in the right of community members to have access to library resources that are relevant to them. As we stand up for this right on behalf of library patrons, we appreciate the many library advocates who stand with us.

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