

Time is running out to save the books in your library from being more difficult to access.

A provision in the State Budget Bill (HB 96) requires public libraries to segregate materials “related to sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in a portion of the public library that is not open to the view of any person under the age of 18.” This vague language lacks clear definition as to which materials would need to be segregated. Additionally, it could cost thousands of dollars to develop a plan to implement this, and this segregation raises legal concerns. This is coming at the same time as the State is proposing cuts to public library funding.

We already have a [collection development policy](#) in place that ensures library materials reflect the needs of our community, and includes a process for public input. We support parents’ rights to decide what’s appropriate for their families without state interference.

What you can do:

Ask Governor DeWine to use his line-item veto power to remove this language from HB 96. For the biggest impact, be respectful and timely. Contacts must be made by Monday, June 30.

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Thank you for your support.