

WHAT WE KNOW OF
MOMS FOR LIBERTY
&
PURPLE FOR PARENTS

*Beyond book banning in
schools and libraries*

BEGINNINGS OF MOMS FOR LIBERTY

Founded in January 2021

Moms for Liberty bills itself as a “grassroots organization of moms,” but its founders and founding chapter have strong ties to high-ranking elected officials and financial support from national anti-LGBTQ groups including the [Heritage Foundation](#). Their advocacy has included calls for book bans, classroom censorship, and bans on teaching about slavery, race, racism and LGBTQ people and history.

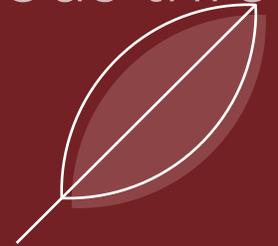
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QUOTES - M4L

"Social-emotional learning is basically the Trojan horse that allows critical race theory, that allows the critical queer theory for teaching our kids how to feel it. Teaching them about their feelings. They have basic instructors, or teachers, that are teaching our kids... about their feelings..."

"Gender identity indoctrination" is one of the most dangerous threats facing children in America today."





WHERE ARE THE MEMBERS?

About 103,000 members across 278 chapters in 45 states. These numbers are like those reported by M4Lin May 2023 (115,000 members across 285 chapters in 45 states).

(Brookings.edu)

ALLEN COUNTY MOMS FOR LIBERTY

"Moms for Liberty - Allen County is dedicated to the survival of America by unifying, educating and empowering parents to defend their parental rights at all levels of government."



Chapter Leadership

Desiree Koger-Gustafson, Chapter Vice Chair

Natalie Forbing, Chapter Chair





We work to expose and stop the conditioning and grooming of vulnerable children through various programs, including Social Emotional Learning.

We also stand up against the overwhelming leverage the teachers' unions have over policies and procedures.

The American Dream is under attack; our children are being used as pawns by a system that no longer prioritizes their best interests.

We consider our mission to be the civil rights issue of our time!



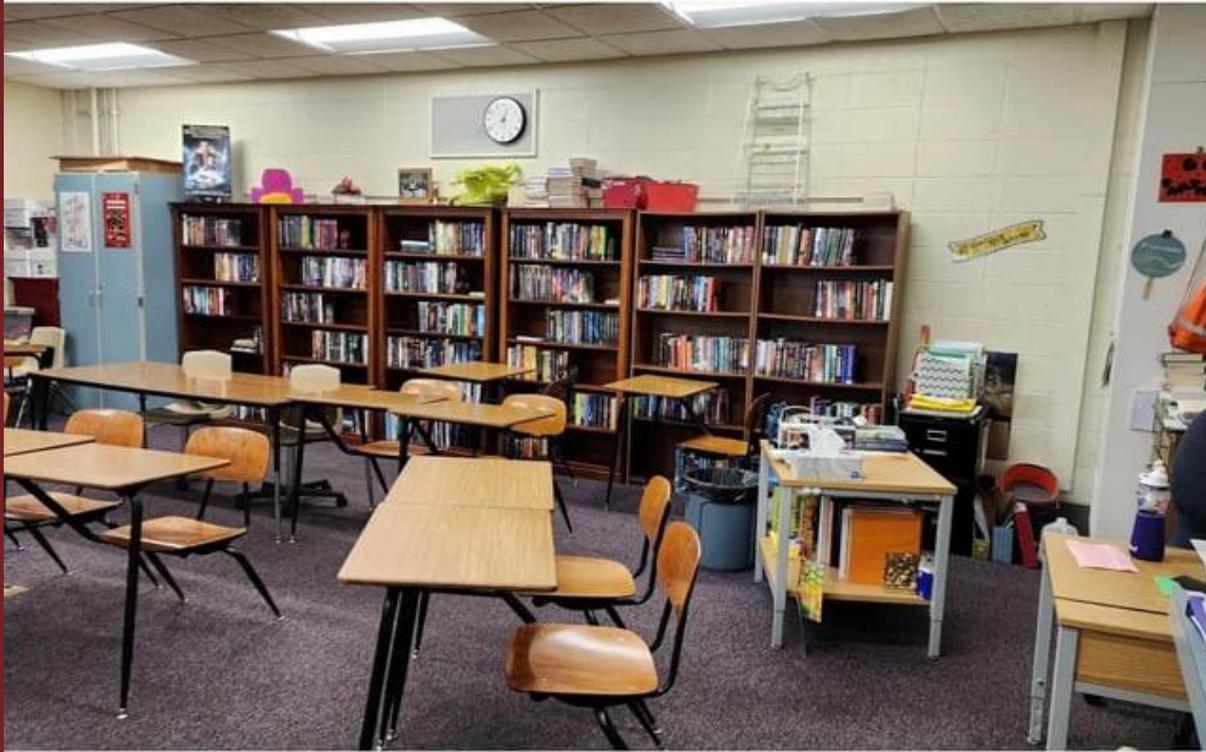
Purple for Parents of Indiana

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Parents, what do you do when a teacher's personal classroom library is this big? How do you know they're not intentionally disseminating material harmful to minors and/or obscene material (pornography)?

With radical activist teachers pushing porn on minors, this should be a concern!



FACEBOOK OCTOBER 2023

Bibliophobia is a real fear of Purple for Parents. They need their safe space and demand a participation trophy for their hateful fear mongering ...

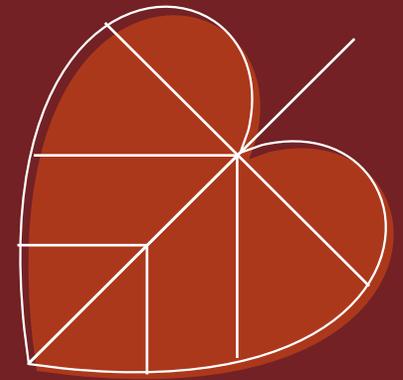
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*Relentless Defenders
of Public Education
and Our Democracy!*

FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE FAR-RIGHT EXTREMIST GROUPS
LIKE MOMS FOR LIBERTY WHO ARE PUSHING FOR BOOK
BANNING AND DESTROYING PUBLIC EDUCATION.

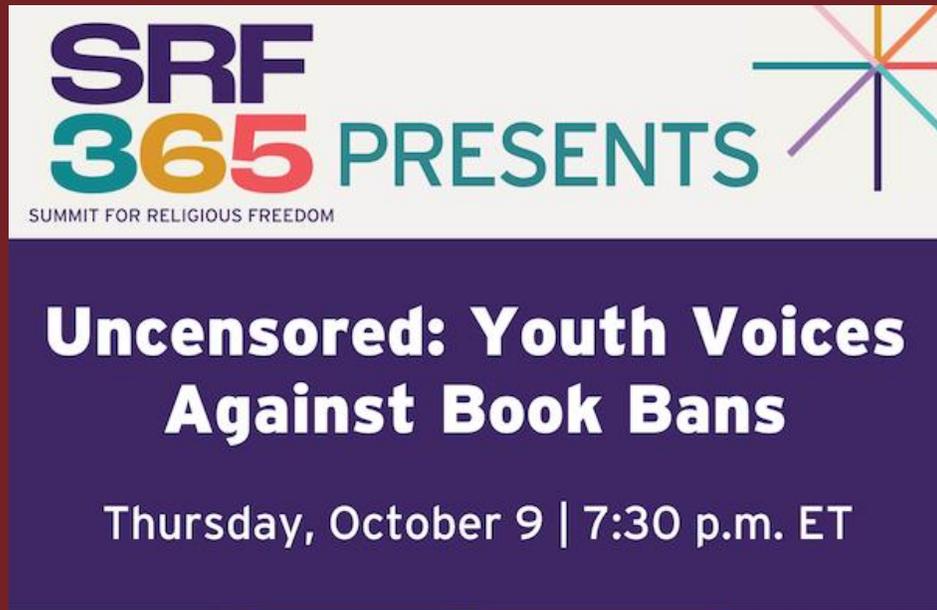
The mission of *STOP moms for "liberty"* is to connect the resistance across our nation so that we can support each other in the quest to save our public school system. There is strength in numbers and effectiveness in organizing.



INCREASE IN BOOK BANS

- ❖ Indy Star: "In our culturally, deeply polarized nation, no book is safe on a public library shelf."
- ❖ PEN America report: Book bans nearly tripled in 2023-24, a significant jump from the 3,362 instances documented over the previous school year.

CENSORSHIP



Key Points of Youth Panel:

- ❖ Bans erase ideas and erase people.
- ❖ Religious language is used to support book bans.
- ❖ Bans silence voices and diversity.
- ❖ 72% of advocates for book bans are outsiders.
- ❖ Mobilize against book bans through collaboration with other groups.
- ❖ Advocate at local and state policy levels.



MIDDLEBURY
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2025

The Executive Director for Purple for Parents-Indiana made wild claims of statute violation by the MSC school board. There was a prepared response by the MCS attorney refuting claims by Purple for Parents.

The incident was recorded and time stamped.

NORTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY 2022

- ❖ 10 Parents spoke out against Maya Angelou's *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*.
- ❖ They called for it to be removed from the 10th grade class reading materials.
- ❖ They called the book racist with graphic details of molestation and violent rape.

MAY 2022 AND 2023

- ❖ NACS board approved 3 math textbooks, rejecting one due to "inappropriate content".
- ❖ Play *Marian-The True Story of Robin Hood* was cancelled by board due to concerns with LGBTQ+ material in the production.

2024 INDIANA LAW: HEA 1447

- ❖ “Requires schools to adopt policies and procedures concerning material alleged to be obscene or harmful to minors. Removes schools from the list of entities eligible for a specified defense to such criminal prosecutions.”
- ❖ Schools must publish online catalog of every library book and create a formal process for challenge of the materials.
- ❖ As per STOP Moms for Liberty: “While there have been specific book bans in Indiana before, the 2024 law has created a more state-wide framework for challenges and potential penalties, impacting more schools and educators.”
- ❖ M4L is part of a larger movement pushing for book bans and restrictions in schools across the country.

SENATE ENROLLED ACT 442 EFFECTIVE 2025

❖ School boards must approve all instructional materials used in sex education for grades 4-12, post those materials publicly, and obtain parental consent. It mandates lessons on sexual consent.

❖ Senator Gary Byrne, R-Byrneville, stated that the statute does not expand school board's authority to police literature.

❖ "The school boards already have the power and authority to approve all curriculum, and that includes our library books."



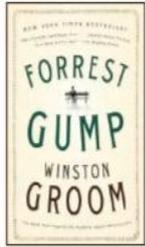
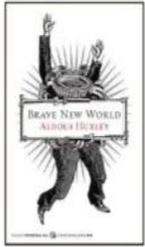
GARRET-KEYSER-BUTLER SCHOOL CORP

- ❖ The Garrett-Keyser-Butler Community School Corporation Board voted to remove 6 books from the district's approved list due to either explicit or implied sexual content.
- ❖ "With the support of our school board, our district is reexamining areas of our curriculum, stemming from Senate Bill 442, which requires local school boards to approve all instruction and learning materials on human sexuality used for grades 4-12."
- ❖ Senator Byrne who wrote the law is puzzled why it is being used to justify removing classic literature from HS shelves.

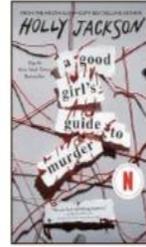
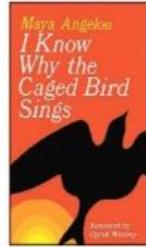
LAW TO REGULATE SEX-EDUCATION CURRICULA USED AS RATIONALE TO REMOVED WORKS OF LITERATURE

- ❖ *Forrest Gump*
- ❖ *Brave New World*
- ❖ *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
- ❖ *The Handmaid's Tale*
- ❖ *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder,*
- ❖ *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*

LIBRARIANS SPEAK OUT



Imposed morality



Board's book ban wrongly sells students' intelligence short



MEGAN DISQUE

As an English teacher for more than a decade and a former school librarian (with a brief stint at Garrett Keyser Butler Schools), I have read and taught each of the titles recently banned from Garrett High School: "The Handmaid's Tale," "Brave New World," "Forrest Gump," "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns."

These novels remain on syllabi across the country because they accomplish what literature is meant to do: help us grapple with questions bigger than ourselves.

Yes, they contain references to sexuality, violence or suffering. But the point is not those moments. The point is the conversations they provoke about freedom, dignity,

injustice, resilience and the human condition.

When I taught these books in my high school classroom, the focus was never on a single scene but on the way those scenes illuminated themes that made students think, question and empathize.

Getting students to read at all can be a struggle. By limiting them to literature that offers only sanitized versions of life, we make the battle even harder.

Young people know when a story rings false, and lessons stripped of authenticity fail to engage.

Even "A Good Girl's Guide to Murder," which I have not read, belongs to the tradition of mysteries that use suspense to raise questions of truth, justice and moral choice. To reduce any of these works to their

"objectionable" passages is to miss their entire purpose.

Literature is not written to shelter us from the world. It is written to help us understand it.

Perhaps the most troubling part of the recent book bans at Garrett High School is not the titles themselves, but what they represent.

When a school board removes books because of its own sense of morality, it is imposing the beliefs of a few on an entire community. Public institutions cannot function this way.

Like an attorney or judge, professional duty requires setting aside personal conviction. Likewise, school board members are entrusted to serve all students, not advance

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