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For years, I have gone to the Manitowoc Public Library. Recently, I took a trip there and I noticed something peculiar. A staff member was wearing a shirt about "banned books."

The phrase "book ban" has become a highly political rallying call for child-sexualizing activists to provide pornographic books to children while trying to shame others for calling them out on it. They think if they try to shame and attack us that we will be silent, but we are strong in protecting children from harmful content, and I will never fall victim to the demands of any local hate groups. What we want is to ensure children's sections of libraries only have age-appropriate books. Move the books that have adult themes and content, like fully-illustrated sex scenes, to the adult sections of libraries, which has been a topic of concern at this library.

It is not just pornography these activists use the phrase "book ban" for. They also use it to describe citizens wanting to keep books talking about "gender identity" and transgenderism away from children. Children are susceptible to whatever an adult and book tell them. When they read, or are read, these books, their developing brains are confused. These books throw out basic biology like gender is binary. They get it in their head that they were born in the wrong body and want to transition. Many people have detransitioned, but that does not correct the irreversible damage that transitioning does to the body that the media refuses to cover. The reason a lot of children who transition and have depression is that they are under idea that if they change their body, that will cure their depression. Studies show that is not the case and these kids retain their depression, worsen it, or commit suicide because of what they have been lied to about. Children are also susceptible to trends. If they see another kid transition, use incorrect or made up pronouns, or any other matter of the like, they may follow suit.

Actual book bannings are when books are destroyed and removed from all sections of society. If adults want to read these books, that is their own business, but it becomes a problem when they actively call on children to read these books or read them to children.

These same people saying they are against book bannings are the same ones who were actually trying to ban Dr. Seuss books three years ago for featuring Asians, blacks, and other minorities instead of white men, because they do not want minorities portrayed in children's books.

These books containing radical gender ideology and pornography need to be kept away from children at all costs. Any "banned books" merchandise and advertisements should not be portrayed by a tax-payer funded public entity. Public libraries should not be getting involved with political agendas, encouraged by local special-interest groups, and need to remain neutral.