

RURAL MATTERS

PERSON COUNTY DEMOCRATS

July 27, 2023

Open letter to the Person County Library Director, Library Board, County Commissioners, and citizens,

On behalf of our community, we wholeheartedly reject the banning of books – in general and specifically at our beloved Person County Library. We believe our library should continue to strive to provide the widest variety of books available. All parents should have a right to educate their children in a public library. It is unacceptable to permanently remove books designed to represent diversity in our community and to teach acceptance and inclusion. We urge the library to bring back Story Time immediately, return “The Rainbow Parade” to the shelves, and to never resort to removing books from its diverse collection because of differing views of patrons.

All parents have a right to decide what books THEIR OWN children can or cannot read – or can have read aloud to them. Therefore, we support the library publicly posting book titles scheduled to be read at future Story Time events; however the proposed four-month hiatus is far too long. A week would allow parents ample opportunity to preview material and give all Person County citizens the choice they deserve without taking away the choices and rights of others.

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HollyAnn Nye Rogers, Chair