



## **LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS APPLAUD FCPS DECISION TO PROTECT QUEER LITERATURE**

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**FAIRFAX, VA** - The Pride Liberation Project applauds Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) decision to return “Gender Queer: A Memoir” by Maia Kobabe and “Lawn Boy” by Jonathan Evison to secondary library schools.

This decision affirms what students from across FCPS have been saying for months: these books are not pornonography or pedophilia, but valuable sources of support for vulnerable LGBTQIA+ students.

“I am relieved that our libraries will continue to have books that depict people like me. It is isolating when LGBTQIA+ students are singled out and already limited Queer representation is taken away,” said a student from Westfield High School.

“They tried to close the book on LGBTQIA+ students, but we didn’t let them. I am so excited to have positive representation back into our schools,” said another student from South County High School.

The Pride Liberation Project is proud to have led the campaign to keep these books in our school. Through our [open letter with 425+ student signatures](#), testimony to the school board, school board rally, and [Washington Post column](#), we ensured that the voices of students were heard over some actors who attacked Queer students for political gain. We will continue to fight for the rights of all LGBTQIA+ students, until all students can attend welcoming schools.

*The Pride Liberation Project is a student-run group of Queer and allied students in Fairfax County Public Schools, who advocate for the rights of LGBTQIA+ students. Representatives of the Pride Liberation Project have testified at FCPS School Board meetings and the organization continues to lobby the FCPS School Board to promote the interests of LGBTQIA+ students.*

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