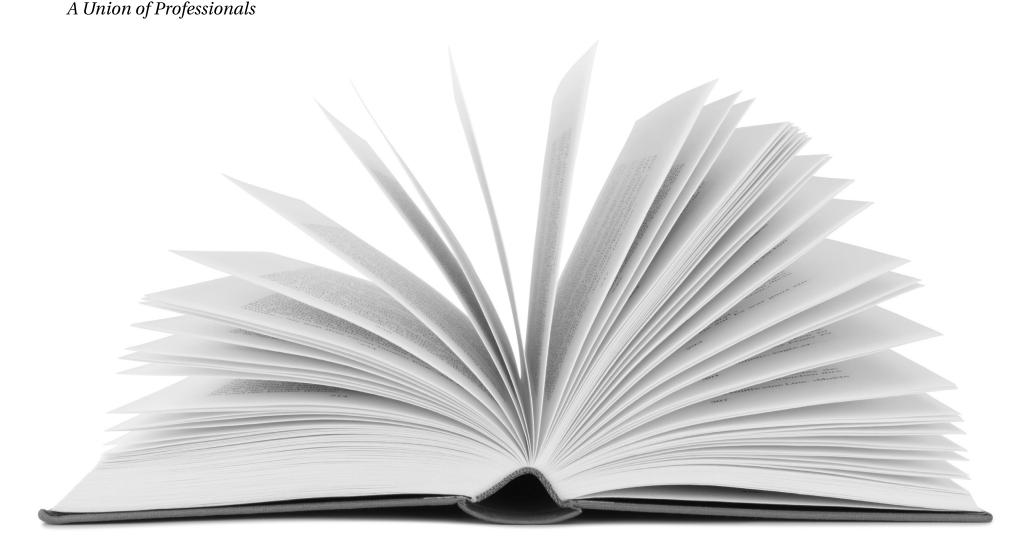
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Reading is a foundational skill critical to our children's future learning and to the exercise of democratic freedoms. Banning books is dangerous—it's government censorship and an erosion of our country's commitment to free expression.

During Banned Books Week, America's educators, parents, librarians, historians, civil rights leaders and others are coming together to celebrate reading and the importance of intellectual freedom, and to urge extremist politicians to stop dictating what everyone can read.

Parents make decisions for their own kids, and particularly in our public schools and libraries, we need to protect the ability of young people to have universal access to books that will help them learn about and understand different perspectives and help them grow into adults who can think for themselves.

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