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## Read anything you want and decide for yourself

By JOHN TERRY

A junior member of our clan recently turned 3. In honor of the occasion, my mother the

paper and bound into volumes. Her tastes run to biography, history, social commentary and fiction reflecting the same (Willie Cather, Pearl Buck, Alan Paton). Why the offspring of these estimable intel-

## Hillsboro (Ore.) Argus—Thursday, November 25, 1948

### P-TA Hears Ideas On Comics, Recreation

At the Hillsboro Elementary P-TA meeting Monday evening, speakers, Mrs. Jim Davis and Carl-son Travis, gave inspiring talks on the values of family recreation. Mrs. Davis reminded the parents that each moment spent with the child

mother and father and children?" All through the entire discussion everything that was said pro and con centered upon the parents' responsibility in the home.

## King of horror's book gets to stay

Roseburg board says 'The Dark Half' can remain in RHS library

By MICHAEL FISHER  
Of The News-Review

A horror novel by Stephen King will remain in the Roseburg High School library despite a parent's complaint that the book contains "extreme, bloodthirsty violence."

'A big part of our role as educators is to allow kids to make choices for themselves.'

Cheri Page,  
RHS library supervisor

wrote that she could understand Juett's concern "that a big part of our role as educa-

IV Elementary School the past three years. But this spring, Elementary Education Director Lee Paterson told her he could not decide on the request for next year until the district has a clearer idea of how many students will be at each school.

McKain said she works near Fullerton, and having her daughter there helps her arrange for child care. She added that she believes the district can still balance its enrollment levels while allowing parents a choice of schools.

Paterson said the district has "always moderate families' school-choice request to available class-

The school to uphold a section that the book be removed. High school parents they have books not be

Tim Juett as a Roseburg book firm for a letter to school, Juett said gauge as well violence" in the

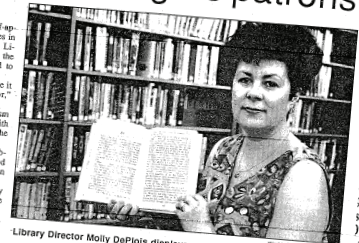
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By John Gunther  
Star Writer

COQUILLE — An apparent self-appointed censor has blanked out passages in several books in the Coquille Public Library, angering patrons and leading the city's library board to offer a reward to find the vandal.

"I'm shocked that someone would take it upon themselves to be a public censor," said Library Director Molly DePlois, who she found words covered over with white tape trying to correct a book she had checked out.

Nobody had complained about the problem, but library officials quickly found they started asking patrons if they had any complaints. "I thought it was library policy," DePlois said. Others thought the books had been donated.



Library Director Molly DePlois displays one of several vandalized books.

DePlois said she offered a reward of a book up to \$50 in value to anybody providing information about who is responsible for the vandalism. "I hope people would use it as a proper channel to do so," DePlois said. Library officials will need to determine which books to replace.

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177 students have books outside their ry this year, and up o without the dis-

they would try to / June.

board: 34-95 student fee; a large increase in hike in the fee for from \$40 to \$60.

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