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## **Free Screening of *The Librarians* at San Juan Island Library to Spark Community Conversation on Freedom and Public Libraries**

*(Friday Harbor, WA)* – May 20, 2026 – The San Juan Island Library invites the community to attend a special free screening of the 2025 documentary *The Librarians*, directed by Kim A. Snyder. The event will offer audiences an opportunity to engage with one of the most pressing issues facing libraries and educators across the United States today: censorship, access to information, and intellectual freedom.

*The Librarians* examines the growing wave of book challenges and restrictions impacting public and school libraries nationwide. As lawmakers and advocacy groups seek to review and remove materials related to race, history, and LGBTQIA+ experiences, librarians have increasingly found themselves at the center of a national debate over access to ideas and educational resources.

Through personal stories and historical context, the documentary highlights the challenges librarians face while defending professional collection standards and the public's right to read. The film also explores the broader implications these debates hold for education, democracy, and civic life, providing an important opportunity for the community to reflect on the role libraries play in supporting free access to information and diverse perspectives.

The screening is free and open to the public. All community members are encouraged to attend. The event will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7 pm in the Library's Main Salon.

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