

particular schools' need, students in pre-k through third grade are chosen by their teachers and approved by their parents to participate in either weekly or twice a week sessions throughout the school year. The chosen students pick out books from out large selection and the readers read individually to each child — or else the child reads, with assistance if needed, if that's what the child prefers. Thousands of Oregon's young children are given this one-on-one time, encouraging a love of reading. We're also able to give the students books to keep.

My husband and I are the coordinators this year for the SMART program at Eugene's Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School. We are looking for volunteer readers, as are the coordinators of other schools throughout Oregon. Anyone who would like to participate as a volunteer reader can visit our website at getsmartoregon.org and apply. All volunteers are screened and then assigned to a school of their preference, or to one in their area if they have no preferences. Please help us put excited smiles on young students' faces.

*Richard & Barbara George
Eugene*

HARDLY 'NOBLE'

Visiting Barnes & Noble often, I have noticed a mounting hate campaign in their display section called "2012 Election," which is carefully and visibly placed

between the café and the aisle that you must walk to reach the rest room.

Today there were 11 hate books about President Obama, who was called anywhere from amateur to dictator to unmaking the American dream.

I called two supervisors to inquire about these hate books and why, asking for a fair balance of books to choose from as an intelligent reader so that I can be informed about both Mr. Romney and President Obama regarding our upcoming election.

Obama's book *The Audacity of Hope* was not on display, for example, to remind people of the dream that he had and still has and will fulfill, whenever Congress realizes that they are here to serve us, the people, not serve themselves or corporations.

The supervisor told me that Barnes & Noble corporate headquarters determines which books are to be displayed in this section. And here we are.

When visiting Barnes & Noble, presently our only large book store in Eugene, I do expect to find books of many subjects, topics and opinion. A section carrying hate books about Obama only instead about important information so that we can make a wise decision and choose from is hardly a "Noble" thing, Barnes!

Freedom of expression and speech and many books to choose from on this or any other important topic is still our American dream!

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