Censorship leaves us in the dark. Keep the light on by standing up to censorship when you see it happening, and exploring a challenged or banned book. Learn more at ala.org/bbooks.

531 Total materials affected in censorship attempts in 2018 (including magazines, films, databases)

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WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES

- 32% Patrons
- 13% Board/administration
- 10% Librarians/teachers
- 6% Political/religious groups
- 3% Elected officials
- 3% Students

WHERE CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE

- 59% Public libraries
- 23% School libraries
- 14% Schools
- 3% Academic libraries
- 1% Special/prison libraries

Reasons for book challenges:

- GENDER NON CONFORMITY
- POLITICAL VIEWPOINT
- LGBTQIA+
- SEXUALLY EXPLICIT
- INSULTING/INSULT

Five types of book censorship in 2018:

- Vandalizing pages
- Hiding resources
- Requiring parental permission to access content
- Removing materials
- Burning books

Beyond Books

Libraries are not only about books. They are continually transforming to meet community needs and provide new platforms, programs, and services. The American Library Association has noticed an increase in attempts to censor drag queen story hours and LGBTQIA+ programming, as well as challenges to remove access to databases.

The American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 347 challenges in 2018. Here’s the breakdown:

- 62% Books
- 15% Programs, meeting rooms
- 10% Databases, magazines, films, games
- 6% Displays, artwork
- 7% Other (includes access, social media, hate crimes)