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Intellectual Freedom Highlights

- [Dear Banned Author](#) - What would you say to your favorite banned and challenged author? This Banned Books Week (September 23-29), we're hosting a Dear Banned Author letter-writing campaign, and we hope you'll join us! Visit the website to find author addresses, programming tools and printable postcards.

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- [15 cities across U.S. to hold *Banned Together* censorship concerts during Banned Books Week](#) | Playbill; "Theatre artists in 15 cities across the U.S. will unite during Banned Books Week (September 23–29) for *Banned Together* 2018, a series of "censorship cabarets" featuring material from plays and musicals that have been censored or challenged on American stages."
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