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2015 Book Challenges

Of 275 challenges recorded by the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, the ‘2015 Top Ten Most Challenged Books’ are:

1. Fifty Shades of Grey
   - by E.L. James
   - Sexuality Explicit

2. I Am Jazz
   - by Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings
   - Religious Viewpoint

3. Beyond Magenta
   - by Susan Kuklin
   - Religious Viewpoint

4. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
   - by Mark Haddon
   - Offensive Language

5. Looking for Alaska
   - by John Green
   - Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking

6. The Bluest Eye
   - by Toni Morrison
   - Sexuality Explicit

7. Holy Bible
   - by Alphonse Bechard

8. Narnia’s Secret School
   - by Jeanette Winter

9. Two Boys Kissing
   - by David Levithan

10. It’s Perfectly Normal
    - by Robie Harris

2014 BOOK CHALLENGES

Out of 311 challenges recorded by the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, the “Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2014” are:

1. THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN
   - by Sherman Alexie
   - Anti-family, cultural insensitivity, drugs/alcohol/smoking, gambling, offensive language, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group, violence.

2. PERSEPOLIS
   - by Marjane Satrapi
   - Gambling, offensive language, political viewpoint.

3. AND TANGO MAKES THREE
   - by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
   - Anti-family, homosexuality, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group.

4. THE BLUEST EYE
   - by Toni Morrison
   - Sexuality explicit, unsuited for age group.

5. IT’S PERFECTLY NORMAL
   - by Robie Harris

6. SAGA
   - by Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples
   - Anti-family, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group.

7. THE KITE RUNNER
   - by Khaled Hosseini
   - Offensive language, unsuited to age group, violence.

8. THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER
   - by Stephen Chbosky
   - Drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group.

9. A STOLEN LIFE: A MEMOIR
   - by Jaycee Dugard
   - Drugs/alcohol/smoking, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group.

10. DRAMA
    - by Raina Telgemeier
    - Sexually explicit.

Frequently Challenged Young Adult Books

The ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) receives reports from libraries, schools, and the media on attempts to ban books in communities across the country. We compile lists of challenged books in order to inform the public about censorship efforts that affect libraries and schools.

Young Adult Banned/Challenged Books

(Books written for YA audiences, those featuring a YA main character, and classics that regularly appear on high school required reading lists.)

www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/YAbooks
Sen. Chase: Librarians should be ‘dismissed’

Librarians push back in controversial book fight

By Rich Griset
STAFF WRITER

In response to the controversy surrounding Chesterfield County Public Schools’ summer reading lists, state Sen. Amanda Chase and a handful of school librarians are jumping into the fray.
Column: Banning 'The Perks of Being a Wallflower' will only attract more young readers

Colette Bancroft, Times Book Editor
Friday, May 27, 2016 12:40pm

By demanding that Stephen Chbosky's young adult novel *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* be removed from middle-school reading lists, a panel of parents, teachers and school administrators in Pasco County have definitely accomplished one thing.
In April, NCAC drafted a letter in response to a Pennsylvania school's decision to remove Jeanette Walls' *The Glass Castle* from the ninth grade reading list at West Allegheny High School in Pennsylvania. The book, a 2006 Young Adult Library Services Association ALA Alex Award winner, was redacted from the list after parents complained that its content was inappropriate for ninth grade pupils. The Glass Castle, about a young woman's battle with a dysfunctional childhood, features descriptions of sexual abuse and drug addiction. NCAC's letter spoke of the book's "clear literary merit," and cautioned about the "dangerous precedent" the
After complaint over one LGBT guidebook, Wasilla library will move an entire section

Author: Zaz Hollander  Updated: September 28  Published December 1, 2015

WASILLA -- The Wasilla Public Library will move its entire young adult nonfiction collection in response to a complaint about one young adult gay sex education book.

A Wasilla parent, Vanessa Campbell, complained about "This Book Is Gay" in September after her 10-year-old son pulled the sexuality guide for LGBT young people guide off a shelf in the library’s children’s section.

"This Book is Gay" is written in a casual and humorous -- and sexually explicit -- style, with cartoon drawings and nicknames for body parts along with anatomically correct ones.
Couple want book removed from District 196 libraries

Published November 24, 2015 at 3:05 pm

A Rosemount couple are asking officials in the Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District to remove a book from its middle school libraries that they believe is inappropriate because of its sexual content.

Ben and Kandi Lovin are challenging “Just One Day” by Gayle Forman, which is about a teenage girl, Allyson, who spends one romantic day in Paris with a young actor and decides to leave college to find him.

The couple said they reviewed the book after their sixth-grade daughter brought it home the Rosemount Middle School library and were dismayed by “graphic” content that includes a sex scene, underage drinking and date rape.

“It covers very adult themes … that most students have not been exposed to and should not be provided by the school. It is a novel that has no life lessons to be...
Green's bestselling novel, which won the American Library Association's Michael L. Printz award for “the best book written for teens, based entirely on its literary merit”, tells of the teenager Miles Halter, who is swept away by his feelings when he meets Alaska Young: “If people were rain, I was drizzle and she was a hurricane.” Earlier in April, it was named the most challenged book in the US by the American Library Association.

Now a parent in Marion County, Kentucky has described it as “filth” in a formal complaint form, telling Marion County High School that its inclusion in the curriculum could encourage students “to experiment with pornography, sex, drugs, alcohol and profanity”. The book is understood to have been suspended from the curriculum while the school reviews the complaint.

Another resident has written to the local paper describing the novel as “mental pornography” and detailing the number of times the “f” word is used (16) and the “sh” word is used (27).
Censorship thrives in silence; silence is its aim.

James LaRue
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Sunday, February 15, 2009

West Bend Library serves up GAY books to community YOUTH

Children as young as 11 years old have free access to propaganda-type reading material (I hesitate to call it literature, thanks) that glamorizes and encourages homosexual activity.

Go the on-line SHARE Library website and search for yourself. Look at how many are in the YOUNG ADULT section.

http://www.sharelibraries.info/uhbin/cgi-bin/AlKisz0Lq4/WESTBEND/11198-0165/25

Here is an excerpt of one on the shelf:

Geography Club (sounds innocent, right? WRONG)

Hartinger, Brett. Hartinger’s debut novel is a fast-paced and funny portrait of contemporary teenagers who may not learn any actual geography in their latest club, but who learn plenty about the treacherous social terrain of a typical American high school.

Publisher: HarperTempest.
Community Shows Up

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Petitions and Protests

To anyone interested there will be volunteers present against the Marziali's petition drive here in West Bend tomorrow. West Bend Citizens Against Censorship will be walking the sidewalk in front of Hotel Lobby with informative signs, corner of Paradise and Main from 10:00:00 2:00. Anyone is welcome to help!

Facebook Group and Website

If you haven't already "joined" our group, which is fighting the attempted censorship of materials at West Bend Community Memorial Library, please visit our website!

Events Discussion Dialogue

Yesterday's event was fantastic everyone! After talking with folks over the past few weeks we're starting Banned Book Club, Reading Clubs...

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=79033683363

Please join the group and start one near you... we can meet in person or virtually and use the above link as an info hub.

If you are interested in civil liberties and have experience with book clubs or reading (!) and would like to be an admin, shoot me a message...
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LEAVE CENSORSHIP OUT OF OUR LIBRARY
SAVE FREE SPEECH AT THE LIBRARY
DON'T START CENSORING AT THE LIBRARY

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SPEAK ONLY WHEN SPoken TO?
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THE STUDENT BODY
HIGHLANDER IN HIGH SCHOOL
Involved in Highland Park

SHOULD I JOIN THE MOVEMENT?
Do you like books?
Do you resent being called inscrutable?

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John Green
Song of Solomon
The Working Poor

Sherman Alexie
An Abundance of Katherines

Siddhartha
Hermann Hesse
The Glass Castle
EVENTS

HP Kids Read Proudly Presents

Communicating With Your Kids Through Literature

Tuesday night's event, Communicating With Your Kids Through Literature with Pat Scales, an expert on literature for children and young adults, was a huge hit. Parents, students, teachers, librarians, and district staff attended and all raved about it. Pat could not make it, all is not lost! Watch the VIDEO of this event - Conversation with Pat Scales.

That is to all those who made this event possible and to Nick Povos for acting as our videographer!

Dr. Laurie Hibberd, Mohar Carlson, Lynn Dickinson, Laurie Steinberg, Pat Scales, Natalia Davis, Liz Helton, Kathy Gamero, Ross Coleman

Pat Scales

Communicating With Your Kids Through Literature

Public Talk Hosted by HP Kids Read

Tuesday, January 13 at 7:00pm
about 2 months ago
Highland Park Middle School
Dallas, Texas 75230

Pat Scales, an expert on literature for children and young adults, will be sharing her knowledge with us in the HPMS 7/8 Assembly. Her talk, entitled "It's About Conversation," provides insight into how parents can use shared reading experiences to facilitate communication with their children. Parents, faculty and students are welcome!

HP Kids Read
January 12
Look forward to seeing you at the event!
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January 5
HP Kids Read created the event.
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Kimberly Blackburn Martinez
Kids explain how banned and challenged books helped them and even saved their lives

http://boingboing.net/2016/11/05/kids-explain-how-banned-and-ch.html
RACHEL WAGNER
40 THINGS ABOUT CENSORSHIP
LEWES TEEN POETRY SLAM, FEBRUARY 2015

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q2pSehy-FE
Explain

- Why you value their input
- How can they share their opinion
- When and where
- What to expect
Inspiration

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-66_NtDjon4
www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EdkUt4f5wg
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www.youtube.com/watch?v=3upFVZR4f_c
Tshirts & Buttons

Ban IGNORANCE not BOOKS!

Looking for Alaska Teen Reality

I Read BANNED Books

The Worst Part of Citizenship is Discipline

I go to seek a great wonder

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Create a Video

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The 30 Articles of Human Rights

www.youtube.com/watch?v=36CUlaqmFi4
Teens’ Banned Book Week Movie
Lawrence Public Library
2 years ago • 116 views
Teens at the library came together over three weekends to write, film and edit this video in honor of Banned Books Week. Check it...
CC: www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtUIEXq_vv4

#IReadBannedBooks: Teens Speak Out
Saint Paul
1 month ago • 230 views
We asked teens to share their opinions about banned books. Watch them speak out!
In partnership with Metropolitan State...
www.youtube.com/watch?v=LH1Utfpx_24

2014 Banned Books Week Promo Trailer, by Mooresville Public Library
Mooresville (IN) Public Library
2 years ago • 1,289 views
Mooresville Public Library (Mooresville, Indiana) presents a promo trailer featuring the American Library Association’s Banned...
www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvWldAV5so

CCPL Teens Advisory Board on Banned Books
CharlesCountyLibrary
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In observance of Banned Books Week, members of the Teen Advisory Board of the Charles County Public Library share their...
www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HIYy32Jbpg
@NealShusterman what are you reading? Take a pic w/ your book and post it w/ #fREADom2READ.
@elockhart tweeted back!

Mrs. M's ELA Classes @miller7ELA · Feb 8

"@elockhart: Love this pic, @SavanaWalker_ — thank you! #wewere Liars ffREADom2read" So awesome! Thanks, @elockhart!

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