Be Prepared! “What to do when a challenge comes” checklist:

BEFORE a challenge:
- Do you have a SELECTION POLICY? Is it transparent and accessible? Does it include comics?
- Do you have a separate CHALLENGE POLICY in place? If not, create one.
- IDENTIFY STAKEHOLDERS in your library system—who are the deciders on book bans?
- COMPARE POLICY MODELS. Are your policies the best they can be?
- PAY ATTENTION to those books that are being challenged around the nation; build advocacy.

AFTER a challenge:
- Win, lose, or draw, make it a point to THANK the people who helped you - you may need them again.
- UPDATE your policies where needed to strengthen them against future challenges.
- Many challenge policies have a “COOLING OFF” period, where the same book cannot be challenged again for # of years. Is this in place for your library?
- PREPARE by asking - are there books similar to your challenged comic that may also trigger a challenge?
- LIVE to library another day. You are not alone.

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