BANNED AND CHALLENGED BOOKS

IN PAST FEW YEARS MORE BOOK BANS & CHALLENGES HAVE HAPPENED THAN IN THE DECADES BEFORE.

MANY OF THE CHALLENGED TITLES ARE COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS INCLUDING...

01 Maus by Art Spiegelman
02 New Kid by Jerry Craft
03 Genderqueer by Maia Kobabe
04 Drama by Raina Telgemeier
05 Flamer by Mike Curato

WHY ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?

BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS ARE MORE OFTEN CHALLENGED AS WELL AS TITLES BY BIPOC & QUEER CREATORS, AND/OR TITLES WITH CONTENT PERCEIVED TO “AGE UNSUITABLE” OR OTHER WISE “INAPPROPRIATE”

("Over the years titles such as Sandman, Captain Underpants, The Cattle in the Rye, and To Kill a Mockingbird have been banned/challenged for such reasons.

BAN = WHEN A BOOK IS REMOVED IN RESPONSE TO A FORMAL OR INFORMAL CHALLENGE.

CHALLENGE = AN ATTEMPT TO REMOVE OR RESTRICT ACCESS TO MATERIALS OR SERVICES BASED UPON THE OBJECTIONS OF A PERSON OR GROUP.

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WOW, THIS IS A LOT . . . . WHAT CAN I DO?

DON'T PANIC

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STEP #1

HERE'S SOME SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT TO DO BEFORE A CHALLENGE OCCURS - AND DURING AND AFTER A CHALLENGE HAPPENS

STEP #2: BE PREPARED!

IN A LOT OF COMIC CHALLENGES IMAGES ARE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT - ESPECIALLY WITH PEOPLE STILL ASSUMING "ALL COMICS ARE FOR KIDS"

DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATED SELECTION POLICY?

DOES IT INCLUDE COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS?

DO YOU HAVE A CHALLENGE POLICY IN PLACE IF NOT, CREATE ONE ASAP!

IDENTIFY STAKEHOLDERS - WHO ARE THE DECIDERS ON BOOK CHALLENGES AND WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

PAY ATTENTION TO BOOKS BEING CHALLENGED - BUILD ADVOCACY & BE PREPARED!!

A CHALLENGE

THANK YOU!