Censorship, Freedom, & the Library Bill of Rights
NOW is the time to get ready for ...
WHY WOULD THEY BAN MISS SWEETSTORY'S BOOK FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.. I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

MAYBE THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN HER BOOK THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND...

IN THAT CASE, THEY SHOULD ALSO BAN MY MATH BOOK!
Library Bill of Rights

- Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.
OUR RIGHT TO READ
SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2017
Freedom to Read

- It is the responsibility of publishers and librarians, as guardians of the people's freedom to read, to contest encroachments upon that freedom by individuals or groups seeking to impose their own standards or tastes upon the community at large; and by the government whenever it seeks to reduce or deny public access to public information.
Banned Books Week is Sept. 25-30, 2017

Join us as we celebrate access to information and intellectual freedom

Freedom to Read Foundation
Visit us: www.ftrf.org
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WHY ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?

- Sensitivity
- Dangerous
- Author
- Death
- Horror
- Smile Slaves
- LGBT
- Violence
- Racism
- Nudity
- Explicit
- Offensive
- Language
- Art
- Satanism
- Drugs
- Offensive
- Racial Slurs
- Excessive Police Force
- Racial Overtones
- Defies Authority
- Profanity
- Supernatural
- LGBTQ+ Main Character
- Antifamily
- Profanity
- Supernatural
- Low Literacy Value
- Religious Viewpoint
- Scary to Minors
- Pornographic
- Occult
- Suicide
- Uneducational
- Religious Viewpoint
- Political Viewpoint
- Sex Education
- Abortion
- Illustrations

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WHO CHALLENGES BOOKS?

- 31% Patrons
- 42% Parents
- 10% Board/Administration
- 8% Librarians/Teachers
- 2% Political and Religious Groups
- 2% Government
- 5% Other
WHERE ARE BOOKS CHALLENGED?

49% Public Library

30% School

20% School Library

1% Special Library

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TOP TEN MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2016

Of the 323 challenges recorded by the American Library Association in 2016, the top 10 challenged books are:

1. *This One Summer* by Mariko Tamaki
   - REASONS: LGBT content, drug use, profanity, sexually explicit, mature themes

2. *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier
   - REASONS: LGBT content, sexually explicit, offensive political viewpoint

3. *George* by Alex Gino
   - REASONS: LGBT content, "sexuality"

4. *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
   - REASONS: LGBT content, language, sex education, offensive viewpoints

5. *Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan
   - REASONS: LGBT content, sexually explicit

6. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
   - REASON: sexually explicit

7. *Big Hard Sex Criminals* by Matt Fraction
   - REASON: sexually explicit

8. *Make Something Up: Stories You Can't Unread* by Chuck Palahniuk
   - REASONS: profanity, sexually explicit, "disgusting and all around offensive"

9. *Little Bill* (series) by Bill Cosby
   - REASON: criminal sexual allegations against the author

10. *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell
    - REASON: offensive language
Most Frequently Challenged 2016

*This One Summer* written by Mariko Tamaki and illustrated by Jillian Tamaki

*Drama* written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier

*George* written by Alex Gino

*I Am Jazz* written by Jessica Herthel

*Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan

*Looking for Alaska* by John Green

*Big Hard Sex Criminals* written by Matt Fraction

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Banned Books Week Fortune-Teller

With art from Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki's 'This One Summer' – the #1 most challenged book of the year.

More than 70% of the challenged books recorded by ALA in 2016 contained diverse content.

The two most challenging graphic novels of 2016 were both by Cornerstone winners.

The most challenging book of the year was 'This One Summer' by Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki. The book is about a group of friends running away to a summer camp. The book explores themes of family, identity, and coming of age.

There is more than one way to burn a book. And the word 'banned' is used to describe the books that show up on lists of books that teachers, librarians, or others want removed from school or public libraries.

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Why Are Books Challenged?
Where Are Books Challenged?

- 45% Public Library
- 28% School Curriculum & Programming
- 19% School Library
- 8% Other
Who Challenges Books?

- Parent: 40%
- Patron: 27%
- Board/Administration: 10%
- Pressure Group: 6%
- Librarian/Teacher: 6%
- Government: 4%
- Other: 7%

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Let’s define Banned and Challenged:

- A BANNED book has been removed from a library, classroom, etc.
- A CHALLENGED book has been requested to be removed from a library, classroom, etc.
A novel by Alice Walker which was made into a movie starring Whoopi Goldberg & Oprah Winfrey

+ A song by Prince
What is ... 
The Color Purple Rain
One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest
Slide 1
A novel by E. L. James that had two sequels and was made into a movie

+ A fancy brand of mustard
What is ... 
Fifty Shades of Grey 
Poupon
A bird with a mustard-colored abdomen that eats insects + A novel by J. D. Salinger + A song by Tex Ritter about a potent potable (also recorded by the Dave Matthews Band)
What is ...Yellow-Bellied FlycatcherIn the Rye Whiskey
A 1966 book by Truman Capote

+ A song performed by Big Al and the Band at Disneyland’s Country Bear Jamboree
What is ... *In Cold Blood* on the Saddle!
Fear of Flying
The Face on the Milk Carton
THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON

CAROLINE B. COONEY

THE FACE ON THE MILK CARTON

caroline b. cooney

Author of WHATEVER HAPPENED TO JANIE?, THE VOICE ON THE RADIO, WHAT JANIE FOUND, and WHAT JANIE SAW
A poem written in 1865 by Walt Whitman about the death of American President Abraham Lincoln

+ A children’s series that surprisingly topped the list of Most Banned Books in America in 2012, beating out the more controversial 50 Shades of Grey
What is ... 
Oh Captain! My Captain Underpants
HEROES
READ BANNED
BOOKS!
50% HERO. 100% COTTON.

KEVIN HART  ED HELMS  NICK KROLL  THOMAS MIDDLEDITCH

DREAMWORKS
CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS
THE FIRST EPIC MOVIE
JUNE 2
A 1936 novel by Margaret Mitchell that won the Pulitzer Prize
+
A song for which Bette Midler won a Grammy Award for Record of the Year
What is ...

Gone with the Wind

Beneath my Wings
A Farewell to Arms
Two penguins in love.
Life’s not always black and white.
And Tango makes three.
A perennially banned book by Mark Twain
+
A musical that features the song “How are things in Glocca Morra?”
What is ... The Adventures of Huckleberry Finian’s Rainbow
New Version of Huckleberry Finn Removes N-word

I say, African-American James, I have decided to improve my speech patterns with a decided view to avoiding the racially-charged sobriquets and the vulgate characterizations of the decidedly rough-hewn century I find myself in.

And, Master Finn, you might consider stopping smoking, lest you become a slave (oops!) to tobacco.

Delta Queen
* Don't ask, don't tell

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BOOK CHALLENGES
BY THE NUMBERS

Your words have the power to challenge censorship. Out of the hundreds of challenges ALA records every year, only about 10% of books are removed from communal shelves, thanks to local literary champions such as librarians, students, and patrons.

#WordsHavePower

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