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Newsletter

Banned Books



Banned Books week is September 27-October 3.

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read, it highlights the value of free and open access to information. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship. While books have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available. This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read.

If you wish to get involved further, please visit ALA.org (American Library Association) or the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom <http://www.ala.org/offices/oif>.

The top ten challenged books are listed below:

- 1) The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie
Reasons: anti-family, cultural insensitivity, drugs/alcohol/smoking, gambling, offensive language, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group, violence. Additional reasons: "depictions of bullying"
- 2) Persepolis, by Marjane Satrapi
Reasons: gambling, offensive language, political viewpoint. Additional reasons: "politically, racially, and socially offensive," "graphic depictions"
- 3) And Tango Makes Three, Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
Reasons: Anti-family, homosexuality, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group. Additional reasons: "promotes the homosexual agenda"
- 4) The Bluest Eye, by Toni Morrison
Reasons: Sexually explicit, unsuited for age group. Additional reasons: "contains controversial issues"
- 5) It's Perfectly Normal, by Robie Harris
Reasons: Nudity, sex education, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group. Additional reasons: "alleges it child pornography"
- 6) Saga, by Brian Vaughan and Fiona Staples
Reasons: Anti-Family, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group. Additional reasons:
- 7) The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini
Reasons: Offensive language, unsuited to age group, violence
- 8) The Perks of Being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group. Additional reasons: "date rape and masturbation"
- 9) A Stolen Life, Jaycee Dugard
Reasons: drugs/alcohol/smoking, offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group
- 10) Drama, by Raina Telgemeier
Reasons: sexually explicit

Content above is from the American Library Association: <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks>

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Happy Halloween

Straddling the line between fall and winter, plenty and paucity, life and death, Halloween is a time of celebration and superstition. It is thought to have originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts. In the eighth century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs; the holiday, All Saints' Day, incorporated some of the traditions of Samhain. The evening before was known as All Hallows' Eve and later Halloween. Over time, Halloween evolved into a secular, community-based event characterized by child-friendly activities such as trick-or-treating. In a number of countries around the world, as the days grow shorter and the nights get colder, people continue to usher in the winter season with gatherings, costumes and sweet treats.

Did you know??? One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>

Zombie Apocalypse in the Library

Mark your calendars! The Student Government Association and the GBC Library have teamed up to hold a zombie apocalypse in the library on OCTOBER 28th!



Come help the mad scientists find a cure from the zombie virus before it is too late!

Library Information

Extended Hours!

Monday – Thursday

8am – 7pm

Friday 8am-5pm



New library website!

The library has been hard at work all summer, and to date, designing a new website. We would like your feedback! Please visit

http://www.gbcnv.edu/library/new_library_index.html

This link is also on the home page of our current website accompanied by a feedback form. We would love to hear from you!

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