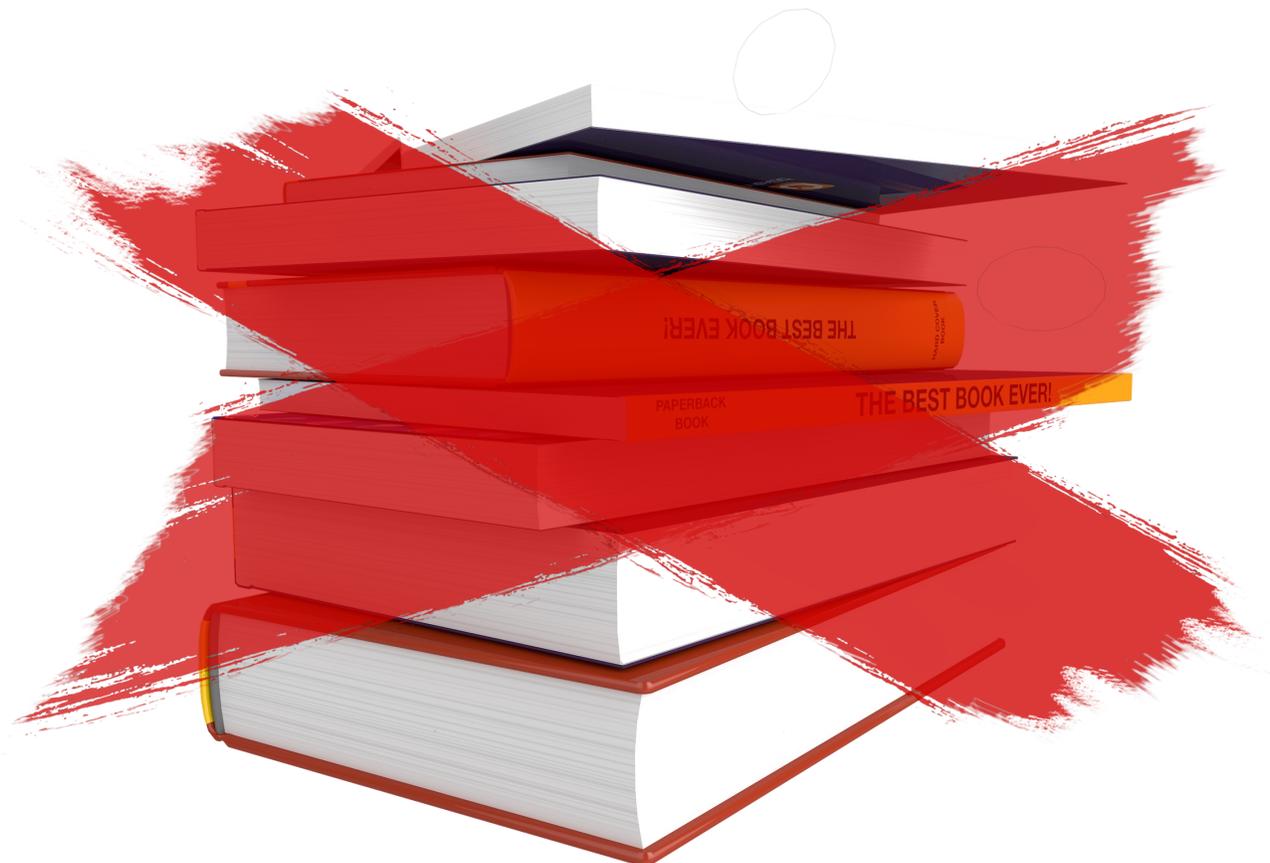


HOW TO FIND AND USE

Freedom to Read Resources

A Resource List for Staff & Students



This list is better used online. Most of the resources are weblinks.

Please see the Library website for the web version.

www.westwoodjuniorlibrary.weebly.com



EVENTS

Freedom to Read Week February 21 - 27, 2021 (Canada)

Freedom to Read Week is an annual event celebrating Canada's right to read and bringing focus on attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

Organized by the Freedom of Expression Committee and the **Canadian Book and Periodical Council**, the purpose is to encourage all Canadians to think about their commitment to intellectual freedom, which is guaranteed to them under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

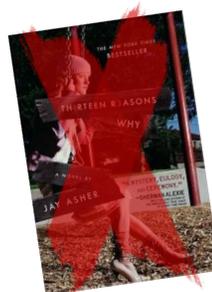
[Freedom to Read Week](#)

Banned Books Week September 27 - October 3, 2020 (USA)

Spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The books featured during **Banned Books Week** have all been targeted for removal or restriction in libraries and schools. 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.

[Banned Book Week](#)



BOOKS



*This list is made up of books available across the LBPSB.
Request an inter-library loan from your librarian if it is not in
your school library.*

[You Can't Read This](#) by Val Ross

A nonfiction book about secret writing, trashed libraries, writers on the run, writers in hiding, books that are thought to have magical powers and mistranslations that started wars.

[Free Press and Censorship](#) by Susan Brophy Down

a probing look at what press freedom and censorship means, as well as where people find information, who owns and controls the press in a "free world," and what makes good, reliable journalism.

[Book Banning](#) edited by Ronald D Lankford Jr.

Should individuals make their own decisions about censored books, or is it the government's responsibility to suppress dangerous or provocative texts? Does censorship undermine the first amendment, or does it protect and uphold cultural values?

[Literature Suppressed on Political Grounds](#) by Nicholas J. Karolides

Throughout history, tyrants, totalitarian states, church institutions, and democratic governments alike have banned books that challenged their assumptions or questioned their activities. Political suppression also occurs in the name of security and the safeguarding of official secrets and is often used as a weapon in larger cultural or political battles.

[Literature Suppressed on Religious Grounds](#) by Margaret Bald

Censorship of religious and philosophical speculation is as old as history and as current as today's headlines. Many of the world's major religious texts, including the Bible, the Talmud, the Koran, and others, have been suppressed, condemned, or proscribed at some time. Works of secular literature touching upon religious belief or reflecting dissenting views have also been suppressed.

[Banned Book Club](#) by Hyun Sook Kim

The gripping true story of a South Korean woman's student days under an authoritarian regime in the early 1980s, and how she defied state censorship through the rebellion of reading. Graphic novel format.

BOOKS (cont.)

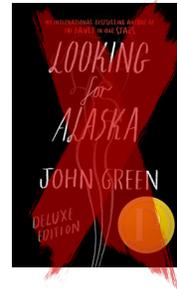
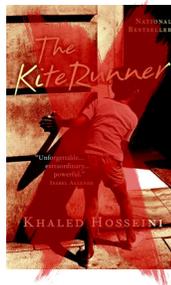


Literature Suppressed on Sexual Grounds by Dawn B. Sova

Examines the issues underlying the suppression of more than 100 works deemed sexually obscene.

Literature Suppressed on Social Grounds by Dawn B. Sova

Discusses the many works that have been banned over the centuries because they offended or merely ignored official truths; challenged widely held assumptions; or contained ideas or language unacceptable to a state, religious institution, or private moral watchdog.



VIDEOS

How Canada bans books (and movies, CDs, and more) by J.J. McCullough

The government of Canada has the power to censor books, movies, and music it thinks Canadians shouldn't have. But they don't use the power lightly, either. **4 min.**

Sherman Alexie on Book Banning and Censorship by Open Road Media

Sherman Alexie is one of the most frequently challenged authors in America. Watch Alexie discuss book banning, and censorship. **2 min.**

Censored and Banned Books: From John Steinbeck to Dr. Seuss by AbeBooks

The notion of banning books is both silly and rather scary. Books have been suppressed throughout the history of publishing. It's not a phenomenon limited to modern times. **2 min.**

The Fiery History of Banned Books by It's Lit for PBS

Since at least 213 BCE, book burnings have been a reaction to the power of the written word. **15 min.**

ARTICLES

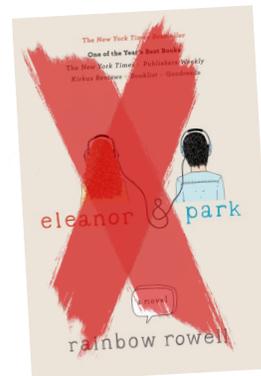


[Why Your Kid Should Read Banned Books](#)

by Common Sense Media

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By Perri Klass, M.D. for The New York Times



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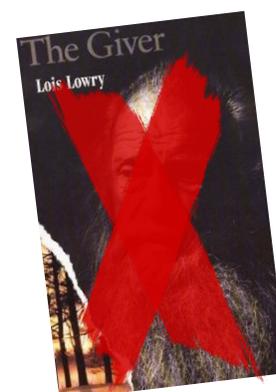
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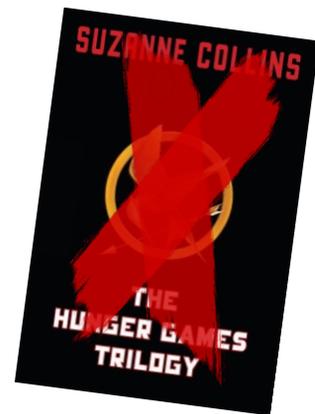
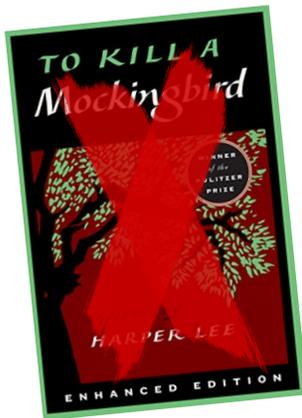
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[Banning Books in the Age of Information](#)

by Robert Wheaton for The Huffington Post

[To Ban or Not to Ban](#)

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WEBSITES

[ACLU website on Banned Books](#)

For nearly 100 years, the American Civil Liberties Union has fought to make sure Americans have the right to read what they want.

[Die Kasseler Liste](#)

A database of censored books

DOCUMENTS



The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

By the Government of Canada

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

By the United Nations

Canada Border Services Agency's Policy on the Classification of Obscene Material

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