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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Have **You** Read Any Great Banned Books Lately? Don't miss the superb banned books display in the Library! Over the centuries, many books have been banned, burned, or bowdlerized, removed from library shelves, or at least seriously challenged. These are some of my favorites: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain: "full of racially charged language."



The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain: "rough, coarse and inelegant," and not suited for "intelligent, respectable people." *The Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm*: "excessive violence, negative portrayals of female characters." *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Lewis Carroll: "animals should not use human language." *Wrinkle in Time*, Madeleine L'Engle: "promoting witchcraft, crystal balls, and demons," "sending a mixed signal about good and evil." *In the Night Kitchen*, Maurice Sendak: "could lay the foundation for future pornography." *Little Red Riding Hood*: "condones the use of alcohol." *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, Dee Brown: "slanted," "if there's a possibility that something might be controversial, then why not eliminate it." *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Roald Dahl: "espoused a poor philosophy of life." *Don Quixote*, Cervantes: "works of charity negligently performed are of no worth." *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury: too many 'h...'s and 'd...'s. (Tender readers, I've supplied the '...'s). *The Lorax*, Dr. Seuss: "criminalizes the foresting industry." *My Friend Flicka*, Mary O'Hara: uses the word 'b...' to refer to a female dog; also some 'd...'s. (ditto re: ...'s). *Where's Waldo?*, Martin Handford: "a tiny drawing of a woman lying on the beach wearing a bikini bottom." That's all.

Celine Song

"If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

— On Liberty, John Stuart Mill



"BANNED BOOKS" DISPLAY

Florida Tech faculty and students walk on the wild side; they read "banned books". Books that previously have been banned or challenged are the focus of a brand-new Library lobby display. Through the end of October, Library visitors may view a long list of many familiar titles and they may test their knowledge of famous, or should we say, infamous literature.

Author, John Steinbeck

Continuing in the Library is the "Mathematics – It All Adds Up" display, complete with its weekly puzzles. Each week through August 31st, a new mathematical puzzle, along with previous weeks' solutions, will be presented. Also included in the display are an assortment of mathematical realia and a wide variety of information resources. Quotes from mathematicians throughout history add interest as well.

The Federal Depository Program at Evans Library (3rd floor) invites you to come look at the paper copy of the recently released **Congressional Reports: Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities before and after the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001** or see the full text online. The joint inquiry was commissioned by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in February 2002. The full report presents the joint inquiry's findings and conclusions, an accompanying narrative, and a series of recommendations. It can be read online or downloaded in toto or in sections at

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/serialset/creports/911.html>

Evans Library's government information collection offers the latest in government reports in a variety of areas. Ask Government Information Librarian Deb Wooldridge or a reference librarian for help in finding what you need. We welcome your questions.

According to the American Library Association, the following books were the most frequently challenged in 2002:

Harry Potter series, by J.K. Rowling, for its focus on wizardry and magic.

Alice series, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, for being sexually explicit, using offensive language and being unsuited to age group.

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier (the "Most Challenged" book of 1998), for using offensive language and being unsuited to age group.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou, for sexual content, racism, offensive language, violence and being unsuited to age group.

Taming the Star Runner by S.E. Hinton, for offensive language.

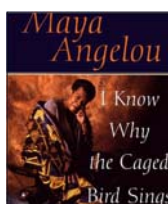
Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey, for insensitivity and being unsuited to age group, as well as encouraging children to disobey authority.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, for racism, insensitivity and offensive language.

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson, for offensive language, sexual content and Occult/Satanism.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor, for insensitivity, racism and offensive language.

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George, for sexual content, offensive language, violence and being unsuited to age group.



August Library Hours

Break hours are in effect through Sunday, August 24.

These are:

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
CLOSED

When classes begin on Monday, August 25, regular semester hours will be:

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. – midnight

Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. - midnight

Looking ahead, the Library will be closed on Monday, September 1st, in keeping with the campus holiday.

