

What is the difference between a 'challenge' and a 'banning'?

A **challenge** is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. A **banning** is the removal of those materials. Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others. The positive message of Banned Books Week: Free People Read Freely is that due to the commitment of librarians, teachers, parents, students and other concerned citizens, most challenges are unsuccessful and most materials are retained in the school curriculum or library collection.

Source:
http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Offices/Intellectual_Freedom3/Banned_Books_Week/Challenged_and_Banned_Books/Challenged_and_Banned_Books.htm#wdcb

According to "Forbidden Library", why you shouldn't read these books:

Source: The Forbidden Library
<http://title.forbiddenlibrary.com/>

1984. George Orwell. Challenged in Jackson County, Fla. (1981) because the novel is "pro-communist and contained explicit sexual matter." Big Brother doesn't want people reading such things.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll. Banned in China (1931) for portraying animals and humans on the same level, "Animals should not use human language."

Beloved. Toni Morrison. Challenged at the St. Johns County Schools in St. Augustine, Fla. (1995). Challenged by a member of the Madawaska, Maine School Committee (1997) because of the book's language. This 1987 Pulitzer Prize winning novel has been required reading for the advanced placement English class for six years.

The Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm. Jacob and Wilhelm K. Grimm. Restricted to sixth through eighth grade classrooms at the Kyrene, Ariz. elementary schools (1994) due to its excessive violence, negative portrayals of female characters, and anti-Semitic references.

My Friend Flicka. Mary O'Hara. Removed from fifth and sixth grade optional reading lists in Clay County, Fla. schools (1990) because the book uses the word "bitch" to refer to a female dog, as well as the word "damn."

Uncle Tom's Cabin. Harriet Beecher Stowe. Challenged in the Waukegan, Ill. School District (1984) because the novel contains the word "nigger." Never mind that the novel is often credited with raising public antislavery sentiment which ultimately led to the emancipation of American slaves.

This display holds only a few of the materials available in the Evans Library. To locate additional resources on banned books or other topics of interest, please visit the **Library Information Network (LINK)** at

www.lib.fit.edu.

Go To:

Research Resources → **Catalog** to locate books, periodical titles, government documents, and multimedia materials in the Evans Library.

Research Resources → **Sites By Discipline** for more information about Internet sites pertaining to this topic.

Research Resources → **Databases/Indexes** and search for related topics in one of the library's many databases.

Services → **Interlibrary Loan Request**, which allows campus faculty, staff, and students to complete an online ILL form to request materials that are not readily available through the Evans Library. ILL brings the world's information resources to Florida Tech!

Research Help and Instruction → **Research Guides by Subject** to locate an online subject guide that identifies additional Evans Library resources and services related to this topic.

*The Evans Library has professional staff and reference librarians ready to assist you with many of your information needs.
Please don't hesitate to ask for **HELP!***



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Ulysses by James Joyce · *Fanny Hill* by John Cleland · *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes · *Canterbury Tales* by Chaucer · *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Defoe · *Leaves of Grass* by Walt Whitman · *Confessions*

BANNED BOOKS

by Jena-Jacques Rousseau · *The Rights of Man* by Thomas Paine · *Call of the Wild* by Jack London · *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell · *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley · *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by D.H. Lawrence · *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger · *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison · *Blubber* by Judy Blume · *Daddy's Roommate* by Michael Willhoite · *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou · *Earth's Children* (Series) by Jean Auel · *Harry Potter* (Series) by J.K. Rowling · *We All Fall Down* by Robert Cormier · *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl · *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes · *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare · *Origin of Species* by Charles Darwin · *Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain · *Silas Marner* by George Eliot · *Essay Concerning Human Understanding* by John Locke · *Gone With the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell · *Decameron* by Boccaccio · *The Provincial Letters* by Blaise Pascal · *Jerusalem Delivered* by Tasso · *Civil Disobedience* by Thoreau · *State and Revolution* by Joseph Lenin · *Bless Me Ultima* by Rudolfo A. Anaya · *Where Did I Come From?* by Peter Mayle · *The Dead Zone* by Stephen King · *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett ·

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September 23 - 30 is 'Banned Books' week.

Resources on Display Related to Banned and Challenged Books

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Mark Twain
PS1305 .A1 1912

Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck
PS3537 .T3234 O3 1938

The Catcher in the Rye

J.D. Salinger
PS3537 .A426 C3 1964

The Color Purple

Alice Walker
PS3573 .A425 C6 1982

To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee
PS3562 .E353 T6

Beloved : A Novel

Toni Morrison
PS3563 .O8749 B4 1987

Slaughterhouse-five, or, The Children's Crusade

Kurt Vonnegut
PS3572 .O5 S53 1988

Lord of the Flies

William Golding
PR6013 .O35 L6 1962

Native Son

Richard Wright
PS3545 .R815 N3

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

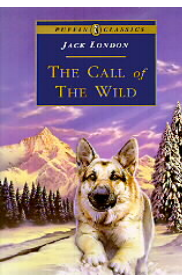
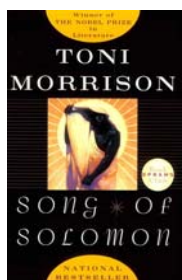
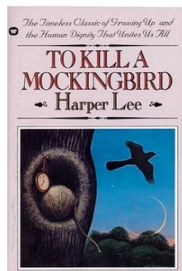
Mark Twain
PS1306 .A1 1920

Song of Solomon

Toni Morrison
PS3563 .O8749 S6 1978

The Call of the Wild

Jack London
PS3523 .O46 C3 1931



"If your library is not 'unsafe', it probably isn't doing its job."

-John Berry, III, *Library Journal*, October 1999

The Gospel According to the New York Times

William Proctor
PN4899 .N42 N377 2000

Anatomy of a Book Controversy

Wayne Homstad
PS3550 .A1 G6 1995

The Right to Read: Censorship in the School Library

Stephen S. Gottlieb
ED 1.310/2:319067

Censorship of Curriculum Materials

JeanMarie Aurnague-DeSpain and Alan Baas
ED 1.310/2:315864

Factors Influencing the Outcome of Challenges to Materials in Secondary School Libraries

Dianne McAfee Hopkins
ED 1.310/2:338266

Hearing on the Rights of Artists and Scholars to Freedom of Expression and the Rights of Taxpayers To Determine the Use of Public Funds

Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education
Y 4.ED 8/1:101-61

Censorship

Robert Emmet Long, ed.
Z658 .U5 C39 1990

American Voices: Prize-winning Essays on Freedom of Speech, Censorship, and Advertising Bans

Z658 .U5 A45 1987

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Maya Angelou
(available through Interlibrary Loan)

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

J. K. Rowling
(available through Interlibrary Loan)

Forbidden Knowledge: A Landmark Exploration of the Dark Side of Human Ingenuity and Imagination

Roger Shattuck
(On loan from the library of Dr. Celine Lang)

100 Banned Books: Censorship Histories of World Literature

Nicholas J. Karolides, Margaret Bald & Dawn B. Sovia
(On loan from the library of Dr. Celine Lang)

There's more! Check out the Evans Library LINK at www.lib.fit.edu for additional resources.

Electronic Resources

ProQuest

To find out more about intellectual freedom and the displayed, banned, or challenged books, search *ProQuest*. This database provides access to article citations, some with full text and graphics, from general periodicals, U.S. and international newspapers, news sources, and news wires, and peer-viewed and other scholarly journals.

Internet Sites of Interest

American Library Association's Banned Book Week site
<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/>

Beacon for Freedom of Expression
<http://www.beaconforfreedom.org>

Office for Intellectual Freedom
<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/Default622.htm>

American Civil Liberties Union
<http://www.aclu.org/freespeech/index.html>

Banned Books and Censorship
<http://www.booksatoz.com/censorship/banned.htm>

Free Expression Network
<http://www.freeexpression.org>

Banned Books Online
<http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/banned-books.html>

OCLC (Online Computer Library Center) - 2005 Banned Books
<http://www.oclc.org/research/top1000/banned.htm>

Catholic Church's 'Index of Forbidden Books'
http://www.odan.org/Index_forbidden_books_spreadsheet.xls



"There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them."

-Joseph Alexandrovitch Brodsky, 1991, Russian-American poet, b. St. Petersburg and exiled 1972 (1940-1996)