



Intellectual Freedom Committee

Oregon Library Association

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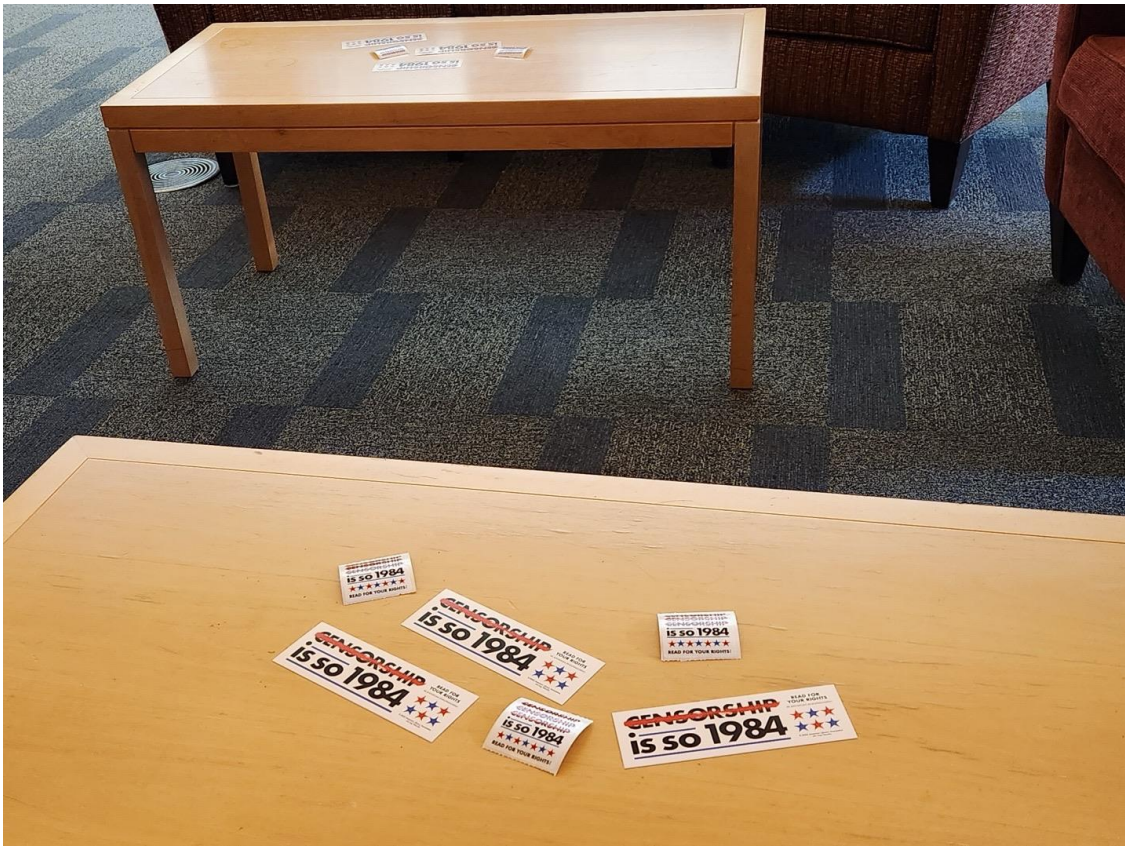
Welcome to Tuesday Topics, a monthly series covering topics with intellectual freedom implications for libraries of all types. Each message is prepared by a member of OLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee or a guest writer. Questions can be directed to the author of the topic or to the IFC Committee.

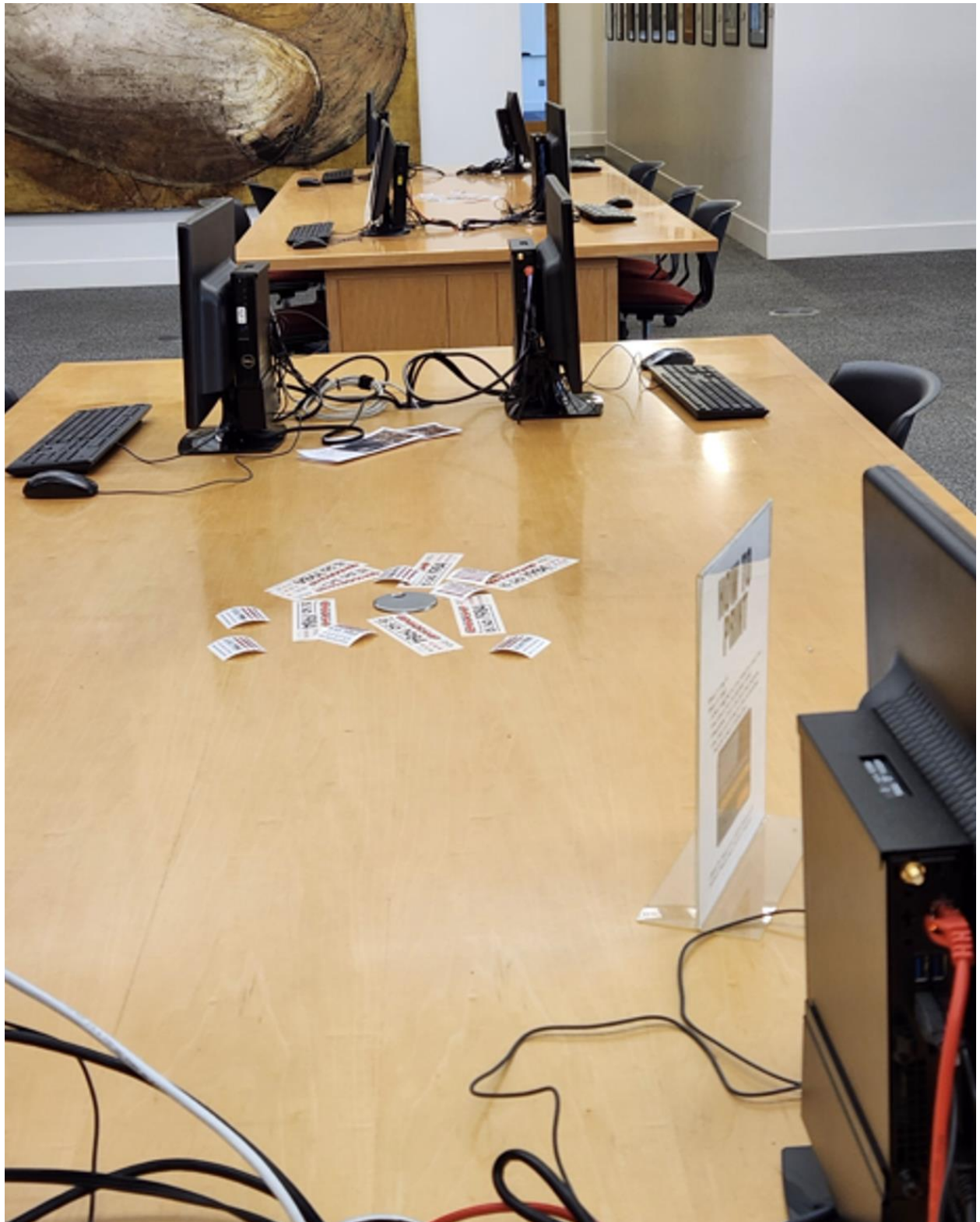
BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2025 “SHOW-AND-TELL”

Every year, libraries across the country and Oregon celebrate Banned Books Week. In these celebrations, we put forth time, energy and effort to celebrate the freedom to read. We put forth weeks, sometimes months in preparation and marketing to make these events a success. For this month's Tuesday Topics, we want to honor and celebrate these efforts and take a moment to say “thank you” for supporting intellectual freedom across the state. Below are just a handful of the highlights from the week.

From the IFC, THANK YOU for celebrating!

A photograph of a round wooden table displaying a collection of books and informational cards. A sign in the center reads "Available for Check Out". The books include titles like "Hick Bible", "American Boys", "Lango", "Gender Queer", "Crank", "Ban This Book", and "Flamer". Several cards on the table mention "Northrup 15 to 1984".





Umatilla Public Library created some amazing displays! Arianna Strong in Teen Services said the displays “definitely sparked conversation with people who didn't know about BBW!”



Umatilla Public Library - OR

October 5 · 🌐

This week we are celebrating the Freedom to Read! 📖

Come into the library and check out a banned or challenged book

BANNED BOOKS WEEK[®] OCT. 5-11, 2025



**CENSORSHIP
is so 1984**

**READ FOR
YOUR RIGHTS**

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS
ALA American Library Association

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Newport Public Library celebrated BBW with artistic flair, which included a ribbon cutting ceremony for a related mural on stairs. They also had a raffle to win a set of the Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024!

Here's a video of the mural! <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19jQ69YaCY/>



Newport Public Library

September 23 · 🌐

📖 Celebrate Banned Books Week at Newport Public Library!

Join us on Wednesday, October 8, from 3:00 PM– 4:00 PM in the McEntee Meeting Room for the Stair Mural Ribbon Cutting.

👁️ See the bold new mural by local artist & muralist Gary Herd, transforming the Library's northside stairs into a vibrant display of banned and challenged book covers.

This year's theme is "Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights." Plus, enter a raffle to win the complete set of the Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2024.

🌟 Free · Family Friendly · All Are Welcome

Sponsored by the Newport Public Library Foundation.



Stair Mural Ribbon Cutting

Wednesday, October 8 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

McEntee Meeting Room, Newport Public Library

New stair mural of banned & challenged book covers by artist & muralist Gary Herd

Banned Books Week: October 5–11, 2025

The theme is "Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights."

Corte de Cinta del Mural en las Escaleras

Miércoles, 8 de Octubre de 3:00 PM a 4:00 PM

Sala McEntee, Biblioteca Pública de Newport

Nuevo mural en las escaleras con portadas de libros prohibidos y desafiados por el artista y muralista Gary Herd

Semana de los Libros Prohibidos: 5–11 de Octubre de 2025

El tema es "La censura es tan 1984. Lee por tus derechos."



<https://www.facebook.com/newportlibrary/posts/pfbid027afo16n5d2rBNk6BoE3cBht4W8djmwnXmPrfnKnScisYysUMfURHvS3es9kXakZl>

McMinnville Public Library staff celebrated the freedom to read, and the library had a BBW contest to win a free copy of *1984*!



McMinnville Public Library

October 5 · 🌐

Stories are powerful. This week and always, we encourage your freedom to read.

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Las historias son poderosas. Esta semana y siempre, alentamos su libertad de lectura.



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McMinnville Public Library

September 30 · 🌐

Celebrate the freedom to read starting on Tuesday, October 7th! Test your knowledge with our Banned Book Jar—winner takes home a free copy!

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¡Celebre la libertad de leer a partir el martes 7 de octubre! Pon a prueba tus conocimientos con nuestro frasco de libros prohibidos: ¡el ganador se lleva a casa una copia gratis!



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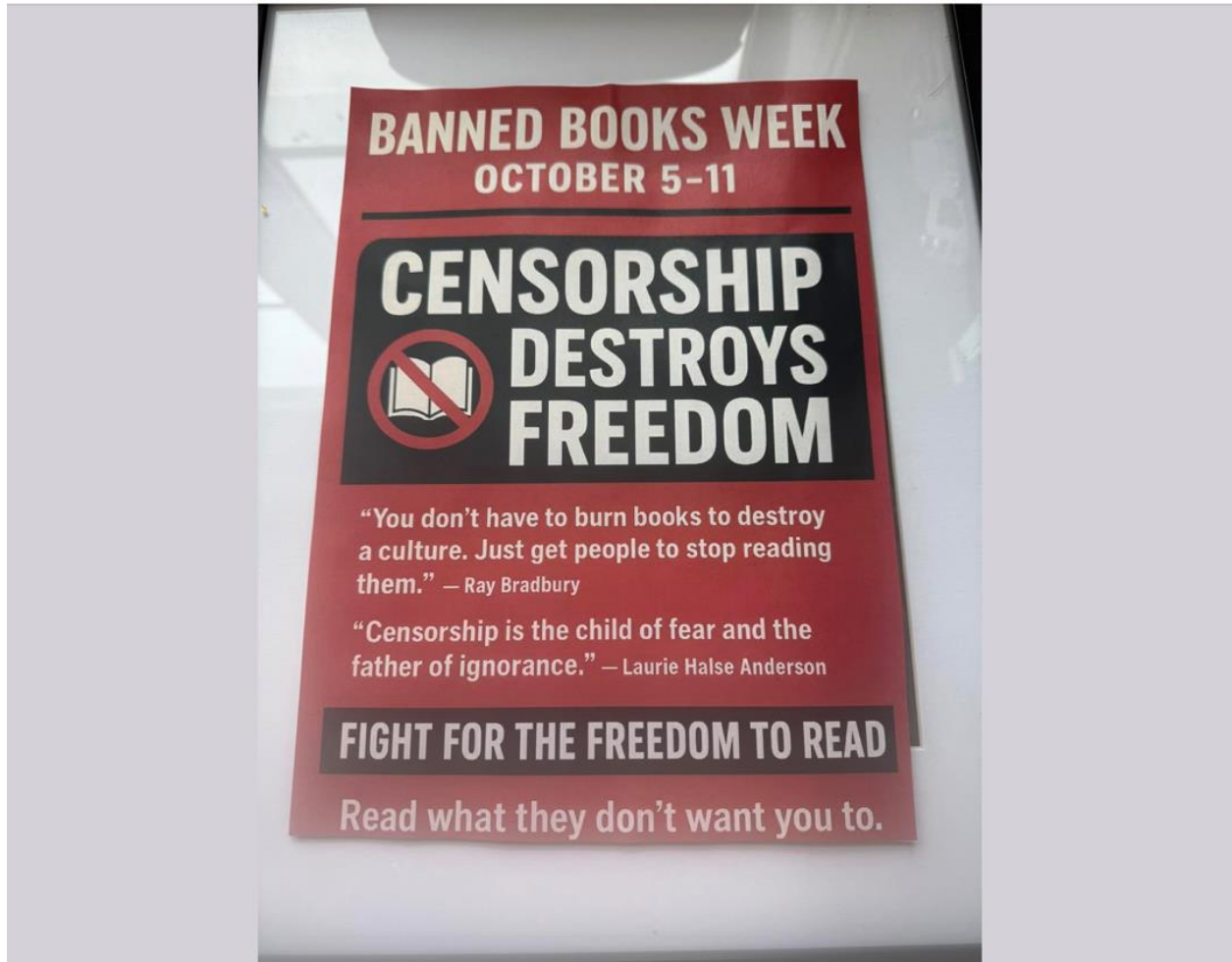
Ione Library District got in on the action by offering to help patrons find banned books!



Ione Library District

October 4 · 🌐

Have you read a banned book lately? Stop in and let us help you find one!! You will find the poster at a few locations around town!



<https://www.facebook.com/ionepubliclibrary/posts/pfbid02FPrmN9DBYUbvzG13paLyq7tRpC1fU7FTUQU51fHStHBJ3HVqRJ5UFRNjRvja5AbI>

Scappoose Public Library created an awesome display for Banned Books Week to raise awareness about censorship and to celebrate the freedom to read! Their Facebook post got a lot of positive comments!



Scappoose Public Library District

October 5 · 🌐

Banned Books Week begins today which exists to raise awareness about censorship and to celebrate the freedom to read by highlighting books that have been removed from schools and libraries across the country.



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Sherwood Public Library got creative with BBW puzzles!



Sherwood Public Library

October 5 · 🌐

Banned Books Week runs from October 5-11 this year. This event celebrates the freedom to read. Each day this week we'll be giving you fun puzzles and info on challenged and banned titles.

Can you guess the title of this challenged book from the picture clues?



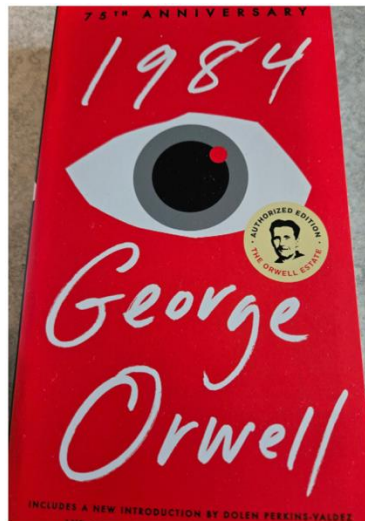
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OSU's Valley Library made a fun video to amplify the right to read!



<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1BSx8PReAJ/>

Baker County Library was in the news about their Banned Books Week plans, which include giving away copies of *1984*! The library's Let Freedom Read celebration was featured in the [Baker City Herald](#) and the book giveaway was shared by [Elkhorn Media Group](#)!



The Baker County Library is giving away copies of George Orwell's 1949 novel, "1984," as part of a campaign against censorship and book bans.

“The library will have a public discussion Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. to discuss what inspired Orwell, an English author, to write the dystopian novel about a totalitarian state. ... The Oct. 9 public event is part of the library's Let Freedom Read celebration Oct. 5-11, aligning with a national campaign opposing censorship and book bans. The 2025 theme reflects Orwell's novel — Censorship Is So 1984: Read For Your Rights.”

Deschutes Public Library made an awesome “Read What You Want” video and spotlighted the issue of censorship during Banned Books Week. They even made the [local TV news!](#)
Video - <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17YHvUPH1h/>



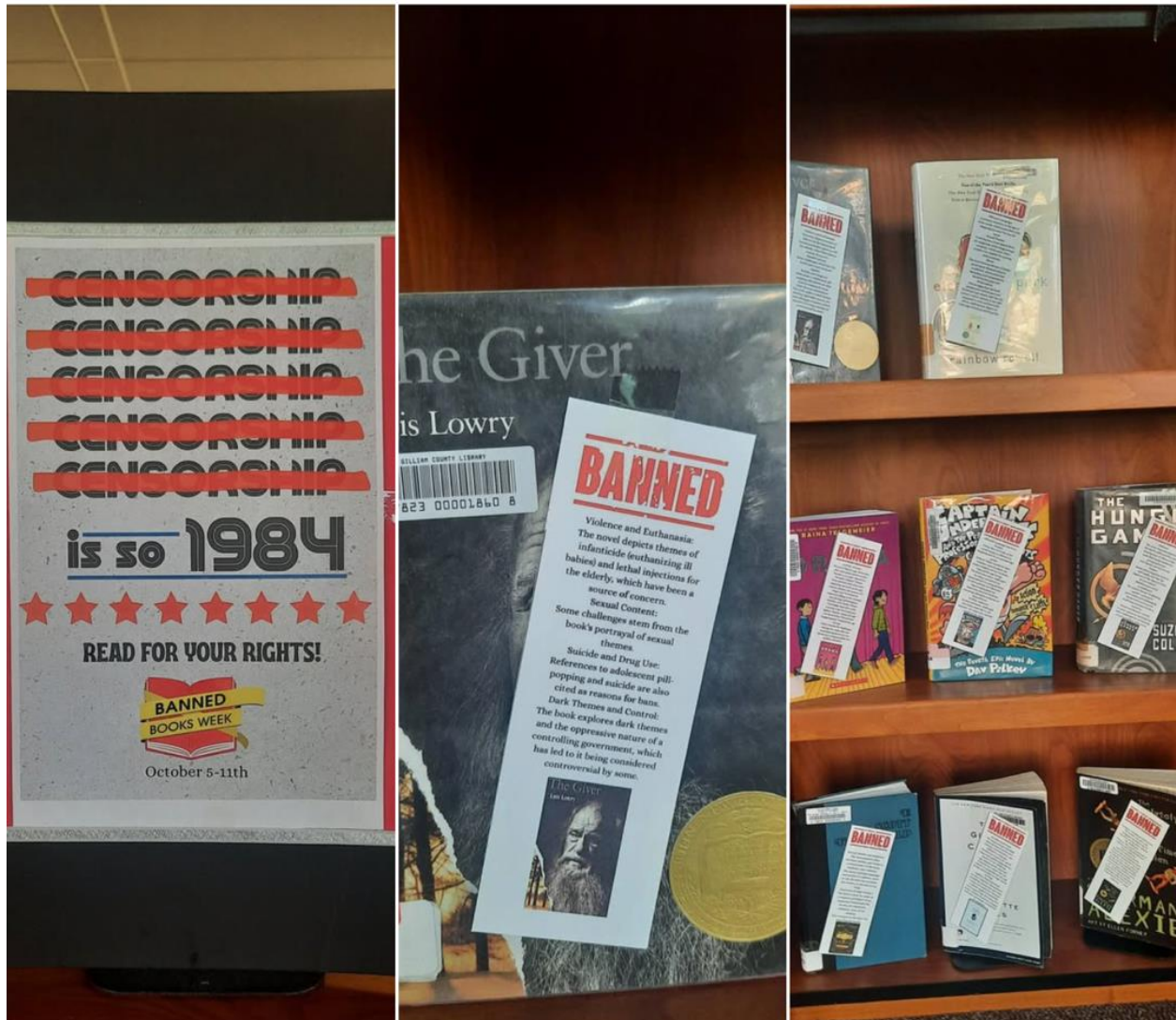
Gilliam County Public Library created a fabulous BBW display!



Gilliam County Public Library

October 9 · 🌐

Don't forget to check out our Banned Book endcap!



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Rainier City Library created a display to remind everyone that “Censorship closes minds. Reading opens them!”

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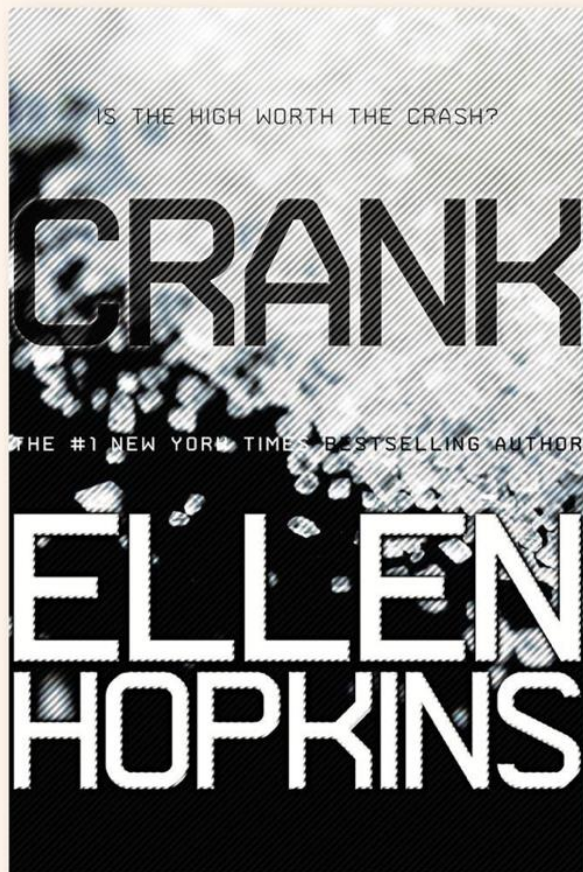
Your library is here to connect you with ideas, stories, and voices that help our community grow. Stop by to get your free library card today!



<https://www.facebook.com/RainierCityLibraryOregon/posts/pfbid02BJ3MTwBrqVuT3r7V1VVRNDfVwBSfj1b5jGJGheg3mNQwmHRtKozikmJqcr2Ufrx3I>

Cornelius Public Library highlighted the Top Ten Most Challenged Books of 2024!

TOP TEN MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2024



#8/9

Why this
book matters:
bit.ly/crankBR

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=796993406419478&set=a.162503349868490>

BANNED BOOKS WEEK
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1984 George Orwell
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Lewis Carroll
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings Maya Angelou
The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood
Of Mice and Men John Steinbeck
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Ken Kesey
Squid Game Lee Jung-yeon
The Hate U Give Angie Thomas
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Mark Twain
Lord of the Flies William Golding
The Catcher in the Rye J.D. Salinger
The Color Purple Alice Walker
The Great Gatsby F. Scott Fitzgerald

CENSORED

MOST FREQUENTLY BANNED BOOKS OF ALL TIME

READ FOR YOUR RIGHTS

It's officially Banned Book Week this week!

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READ FOR YOUR RIGHTS

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1EsLWr9XLA/>

Aloha Community Library wished everyone “joyous and unrestricted” reading!



Aloha Community Library Association

October 6 · 🌐

It's Banned Books Week! Intellectual freedom – the rights of library users to read, seek information, and speak freely – is a core library value. Visit ala.org/bbooks to learn about libraries, censorship, and reading for your rights.

We hope your reading is joyous and unrestricted, this week and always!



<https://www.facebook.com/AlohaLibrary/posts/pfbid0BSfmJhS1vwqS57i5B9VHtQ24rJPmUUyRB6rYmZ8N4rbz6PCQ4s95KKcC2LQXMSy3I>

Klamath County Library celebrated the Freedom to Read, and they got a little help from their amazing Friends of the Library group!



Klamath County Library

October 27 at 1:00 PM · 🌐

Join us on OCT 29th at 5:30 PM at the downtown branch for a Freedom to Read Celebration! Stop by for:

Free cupcakes from our amazing Friends of the Library

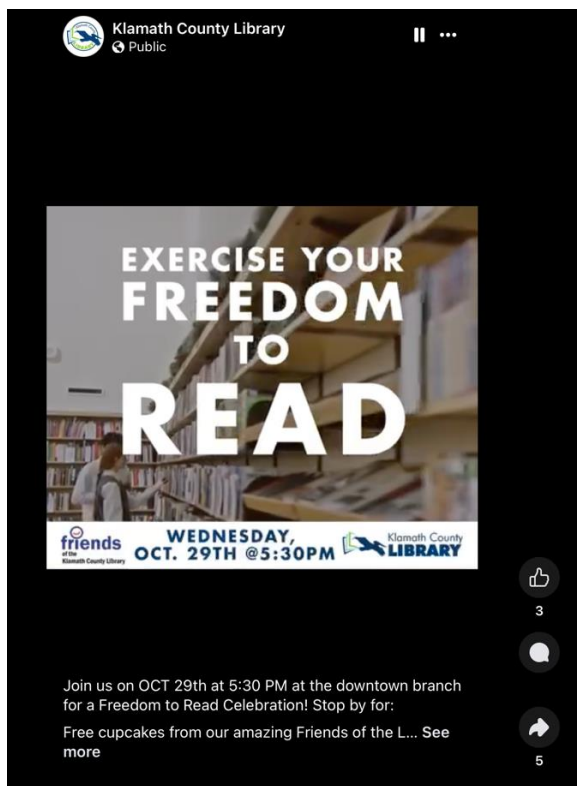
A fun photo op display—snap a pic and show your support for the freedom to read

Inspiring banned book displays & more surprises!

Let's stand together for the power of stories, diverse voices, and your right to read what moves you.



<https://www.facebook.com/KlamathCountyLibrary/posts/pfbid0LceEGLEc3tSoEBgHCdrootEKhEBsKJGuypcazmPXi7UzAygQimNW7ihdEjHwNGU!>



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Springfield Public Library reminded us all to “practice our Right to Read.”



Springfield Public Library

October 7 · 🌐

It's Banned Books Week! Celebrate the Freedom to Read. Look for our display of banned and challenged books. Check one out and practice your Right to Read. [#FreedomToRead](#) [#RightToRead](#) [#BannedBooksWeek](#)

¡Es la Semana de los Libros Prohibidos! Celebra la Libertad de Leer. Busca nuestra exhibición de libros prohibidos y cuestionados. Lleva uno prestado y ejerce Tu Derecho a Leer.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK® OCT. 5-11, 2025



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Corvallis-Benton County Public Library amplified the message that “the right to read belongs to all of us!”



Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

October 5 · 🌐

Banned Books Week starts today, October 5th-11th! Censorship is so 1984—read for your rights! This year’s Banned Books Week theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.

If you're in our library this week, be sure to check out our Banned Books display near the circulation desk and read some of the most frequently banned and challenged books, or put them on hold any time through our catalog!

Learn more about banned books at: ala.org/bbooks



<https://www.facebook.com/cbcpl/posts/pfbid0UFojoZ6mBPcMHqdVZop3qLB3aCfwyShgueCHBszzgpeMCV1rwovd8FstQLiFTMhTvi>

Creswell Library wanted to know about your favorite banned books!



Creswell Library

September 18 · 🌐

📖 ✨ Are you ready for Banned Books Week? ✨ 📖

It's the perfect time to celebrate the freedom to read! Do you have a favorite banned or challenged book that you'll be revisiting (or discovering for the first time)? Share your picks with us below! 📌



<https://www.facebook.com/Creswell.Library/posts/pfbid034VzreuJ2Lj1cYapXLWNLELjDMZEEGgFyBfy5HJqsr7hFSCEkraQxa2kHgXPeRxl>

Lake Oswego Public Library had a “Dear Banned Author” event!



Lake Oswego Public Library

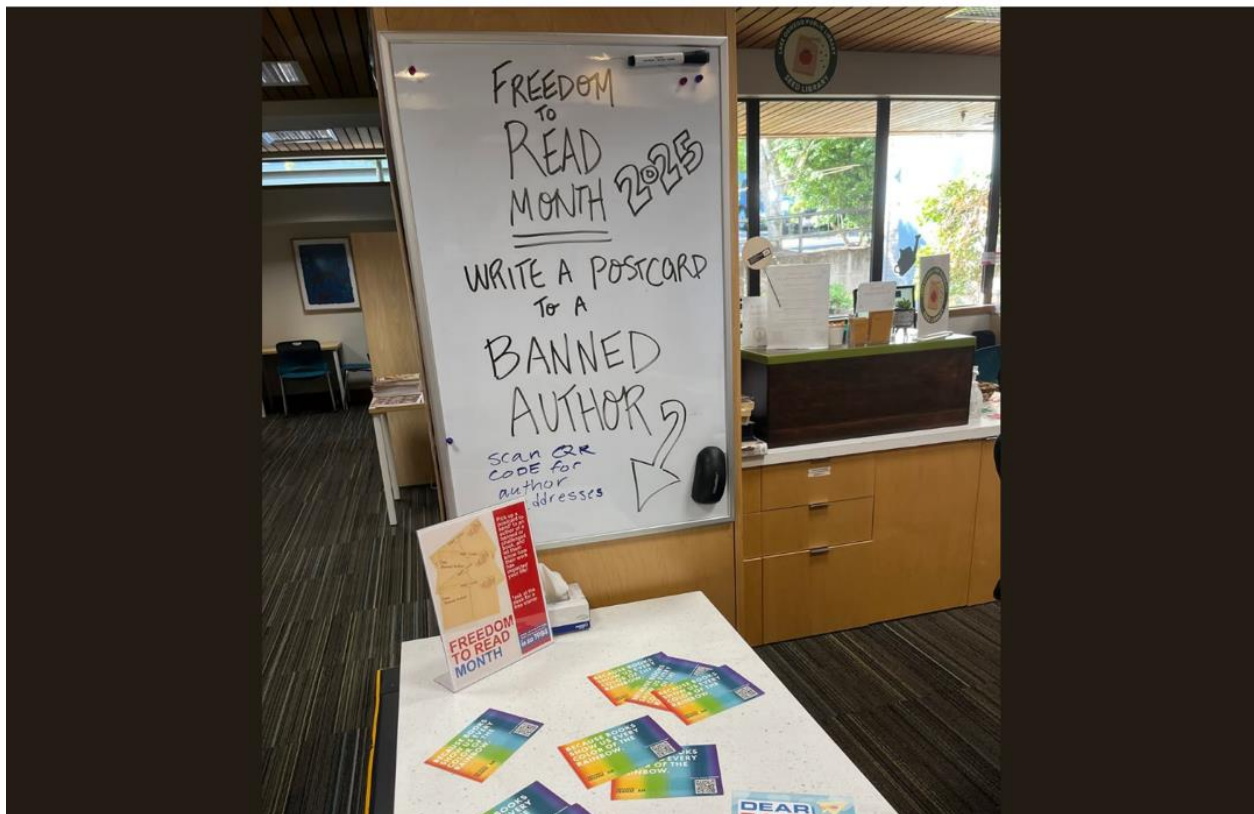
October 15 · 🌐

Freedom to Read Month activity: Pick up a postcard to send to an author of a banned or challenged book and let them know how their work has impacted your life! Ask at the desk for a free stamp.

You can do this activity digitally writing a message of support, tagging an author on social media, and adding the hashtag **#DearBannedAuthor!**

You can also download and print your own postcard at <https://www.ala.org/bbooks/dear-banned-author...>

Author addresses can be found here <https://www.ala.org/bbooks/dear-banned-author...>



<https://www.facebook.com/lakeoswegopubliclibrary/posts/pfbid02NfZhjhj9dydxyEhhko7QWBBnKBriRefCr8NjRxfrArLX37VWSUgN2ARsXQWMMjNZJl>

and **Clackamas Community College** took a stand to protect access to banned books and made [*The Clackamas Print!*](#)



The banned book rack in the CCC Library.



