



Banned Books

Banned books have been in the news the past few months. Here are some links to various lists of the top ten banned books by year and the top banned books through the years.

The first is an article from *Variety* with 18 banned and challenged books that they believe everyone should read:

<https://variety.com/shop/banned-challenged-books-1235167579/>

The next article from the American Library Association includes the 10 most challenged books every year, from 2020 back to 2001. Each book title includes the main reasons cited for censoring or challenging the book.

<https://bit.ly/332ycFJ>

According to the ALA, most challenges are made because of the following reasons:

- sexually explicit material
- offensive language
- unsuited to the age group
- violence
- LGBTQIA+ issues

The American Library Association also publishes the top 100 challenged books by decade, as follows:
1990-1999:

<https://bit.ly/3HxFYXa>

2000-2009:

<https://bit.ly/3HBqotB>

2010-2019

<https://bit.ly/3J6WAFJ>

What is the difference between a challenge or banning a book?

A challenge means that someone has questioned inclusion of the book in a library or in the curriculum. This person wants the book to be removed and restrict access to it by others. A reconsideration committee must review the item and decide whether or not to censor (ban) the book.

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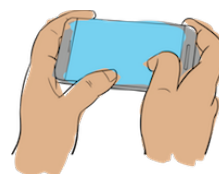
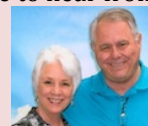
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