



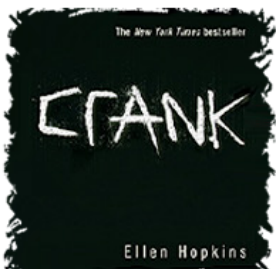


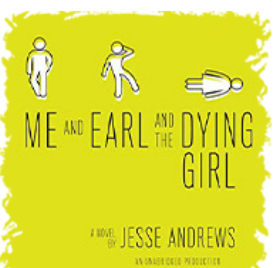

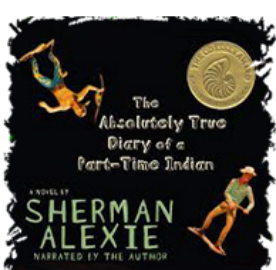
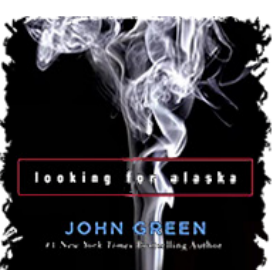
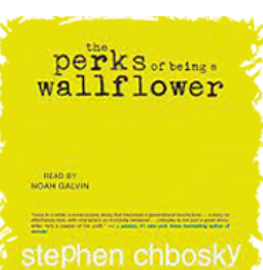


LET FREEDOM READ BINGO

Complete *Let Freedom Read Bingo* by reading materials and completing activities which fill spaces on the board below. To finish *Let Freedom Read Bingo*, complete the books/activities in one row of 5 spaces (vertical, horizontal, diagonal) or complete the books/activities listed in all 4 corners of the board. Then, no later than **Friday, October 6**, bring your board to the Adult Services Desk on Bloomington Public Library's second floor to receive a sticker. The books chosen for the Bingo board are the Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2022, according to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

<p>READ A BOOK WITH AN LGBTQ+* CHARACTER</p> 	<p>LISTEN TO AN AUDIOBOOK</p> 	<p>ATTEND A BPL PROGRAM, EITHER ONLINE OR IN PERSON</p>
<p>LAWN BOY</p> 	<p>SHARE A BOOK WITH A FRIEND</p> 	<p>READ A GRAPHIC NOVEL OR MANGA TITLE</p> 
<p>READ A BOOK WHILE OUTSIDE</p> 	<p>FREE SPACE</p>	<p>READ A BOOK THAT'S PART OF A SERIES</p> 
<p>The Bluest Eye A novel by Toni Morrison WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE</p> 	<p>READ A TEEN BOOK</p> 	<p>READ A BOOK WITH 5 OR MORE WORDS IN ITS TITLE</p> 
<p>ATTEND A NPL PROGRAM, EITHER ONLINE OR IN PERSON</p> 	<p>looking for alaska JOHN GREEN #1 New York Times Bestselling Author</p> 	<p>READ A BOOK WITH A BIPOC* CHARACTER</p> 

*BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, People of Color

*LGBTQ+ = Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, or Other

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ABOUT BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Banned Books Week (October 1-7, 2023) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, Banned Books Week spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. In 2022, the American Library Association documented **1,269 demands to censor library books and resources**. This is the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago.

The unparalleled number of reported book challenges in 2022 nearly doubles the 729 book challenges reported in 2021. **Censors targeted a record 2,571 unique titles in 2022**, a 38 percent increase from the 1,858 unique titles targeted for censorship in 2021. Of those titles, the vast majority were written by or about members of the LGBTQIA+ community or by and about Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color. *Use the QR Code to the right for more information and to find the sources for these statistics.*



According to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom, ranked in order, these were the **Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2022**:

1. *Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe
2. *All Boys Aren't Blue* by George M. Johnson
3. *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison
4. *Flamer* by Mike Curato
5. (TIE) *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
(TIE) *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
7. *Lawn Boy* by Jonathan Evison
8. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
9. *Out of Darkness* by Ashley Hope Perez
10. (TIE) *A Court of Mist and Fury* by Sarah J. Maas
(TIE) *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins
(TIE) *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews
(TIE) *This Book is Gay* by Juno Dawson

