

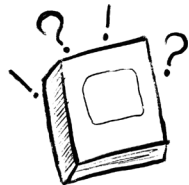
# READ BANNED BOOKS

The current wave of book banning across the country threatens the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Join our bookstore in protecting the rights of readers and the importance of representation in books by:



## SUPPORTING BANNED BOOKS

Email your school or library to demonstrate support for a particular title that is being challenged or banned there or elsewhere. Show your appreciation that the school or library is carrying the title.



## REQUESTING BANNED BOOKS

Request titles for the library to carry. Check your library's website for a "Recommend a Title" or "Suggest a Title for Purchase" link. Contact your school librarian to request that titles be carried.

## SPEAKING UP



Attend school and library public forums; email public officials, library administrators, and school administrators; and write an op-ed for your local paper. Sing the praises of schools and libraries that are doing a great job making books accessible to young people and protecting their right to read. Hold the ones who aren't accountable. Call out misinformation and failures to follow policy and procedures known as "collection development policies" that protect against book banning.

## EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE



Encourage young people in your life to speak out against book bans and put into their own words how book banning impacts their education and development. Ensure that young people have a say in the decisions that directly impact them.

## VOTING



Know who is running for your library and school boards, ask them questions about book banning, antiracism, transphobia, and homophobia, then Vote for officials who will protect against censorship and support representation.

## DONATING

Support organizations that protect the right to read and the rights of readers of all kinds. Donate to:

- PEN America ([pen.org](https://www.pen.org))
- National Coalition Against Censorship's Kids Right to Read program ([ncac.org/project/the-kids-right-to-read-project](https://www.ncac.org/project/the-kids-right-to-read-project))
- American Booksellers for Freedom of Expression ([bookweb.org/advocacy](https://bookweb.org/advocacy))



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