

A Small Collection of Resources for Countering Book Bans! PLEASE ADD YOURS!!

“Since 2021, PEN America has documented more than 22,800 book bans in U.S. public schools.” Right to Read Day, led by Unite Against Book Bans, calls readers, educators, and advocates to mobilize and defend access to literature for all.

National & Legal Organizations

Unite Against Book Bans <https://uniteagainstbookbans.org>

ALA initiative offering action toolkits, book résumés, reporting tools, and advocacy guidance.

American Library Association – Office for Intellectual Freedom <https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport>

Tracks censorship data; provides confidential consulting, training, grants, and direct support.

PEN America <https://pen.org>

Publishes research on book bans; offers advocacy guides and legal support for authors.

International Literacy Association (ILA) <https://www.literacyworldwide.org>

Provides a Children’s Rights to Read Toolkit for educators, librarians, and families.

National Coalition Against Censorship <https://ncac.org>

Kids’ Right to Read Project prevents removal of books in schools and libraries.

Freedom to Read Foundation <https://www.ftrf.org>

Legal arm of ALA defending First Amendment rights through litigation and grants.

EveryLibrary <https://www.everylibrary.org>

Tracks legislation restricting access to books and supports local advocates.

ACLU <https://www.aclu.org>

Intervenes when book removals violate constitutional protections.

Creative & Joyful Ways to Resist!!!

- Buy banned books — proudly & visibly!!!
- Post 3-minute reels sharing WHY you love a banned book!!!
- Gift beautifully wrapped banned books!!!
- Host a Banned Book Potluck — read 3 minutes & trade!!!
- Throw a Banned Book Bake Sale — cupcakes & Freedom!!!
- Make bold displays at cafés & conferences!!!
- Wear it! T-shirts, stickers, book bags!!!

- Here's a BIG ONE!!! Run for School Board — take a seat at those tables!!!

And Finally... Host a Screening of THE LIBRARIANS!!!

The Librarians Documentary <https://thelibrariansfilm.com>

Librarians emerge as first responders in the fight for democracy and First Amendment rights.

HOST A SCREENING!!! <https://thelibrariansfilm.com/host-a-screening/>

Bring the film to your school or community — raise funds for ALA, PEN, or your local freedom-to-read organization!

We can do this -- together!! With passion & creativity -- And LOVE -- we LOVE BOOKS! We are those People!!! WE love our Inheritance of Beauty and Courage and Brilliance that was given to us --and we must - we will - we can- make sure this exquisite LEGACY gets passed forward to the next generations! And we are the ones that must and will hold the space open and available for new writers to have the freedom to WRITE!! 📖