

#10



SOLD
MCCORMICK, PATRICIA

Number of challenges: 53

Banned, challenged, and restricted rape and claimed to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC MCC

CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

WHERE DO CENSORSHIP ATTEMPTS TAKE PLACE?

Public library collections came under increased scrutiny in 2023. A significant factor in the increase was that groups who had previously targeted materials in school libraries began bringing challenges to the same titles at their public library.



54%
Public libraries



39%
School libraries



5%
Schools



2%
Higher education / other

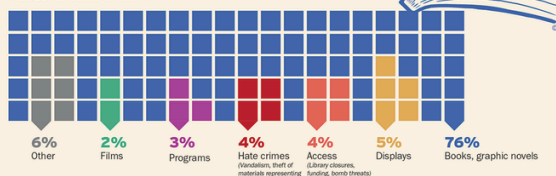
Statistics based on 1,247 cases with known locations.

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS

CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

BOOKS AND BEYOND

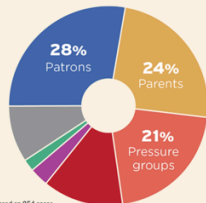
ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 1,247 censorship attempts in 2023. Here's the breakdown:



ALA.ORG/BBOOKS

CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

WHO INITIATES ATTEMPTS TO CENSOR BOOKS?



Statistics based on 954 cases.

13% Board/administration
 3% Librarians/teachers/staff
 2% Elected officials/government
 9% Other/unknown

In 2023, organized pressure groups used their power to try to empty library shelves of all books they deem inappropriate.

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS

CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED BY YEAR



CENSORSHIP ON THE RISE

The record-breaking number of unique titles targeted in 2023 marked a 65% increase over 2022. Prior to 2021, the average number of unique titles targeted per year was 273.

ALA.ORG/BBOOKS

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

SEPT. 22-28, 2024



ALA.ORG/BBOOKS | ALAAmericanLibraryAssociation

NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED

2021-2023

1,858 — 2021

2,571 — 2022

4,240 — 2023

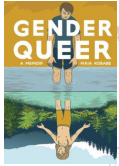
OFFICE FOR
Intellectual Freedom
American Library Association

Traverse Area District Library
www.tadl.org



TRAVERSE AREA
DISTRICT
LIBRARY

#1



GENDER QUEER
KOBABE, MAIA

Number of challenges: 106

Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA content, and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images.

Adult Non-Fiction 741.5 KOB
Young Adult Graphic Novels YA 921 KOB

#2



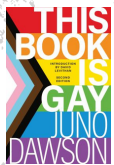
ALL BOYS AREN'T BLUE
JOHNSON, GEORGE M.

Number of challenges: 82

Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA content, and because it was considered to have sexually explicit images.

Adult Non-Fiction 741.5 KOB
Young Adult Graphic Novels YA 921 KOB

#3



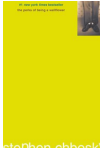
THIS BOOK IS GAY
DAWSON, JUNO

Number of challenges: 71

Banned, challenged, relocated, and restricted for providing sexual education and LGBTQIA+ content.

Young Adult Non-Fiction YA 306.76 DAW

#4



PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER
CHBOSKY, STEPHEN

Number of challenges: 68

Banned, challenged, and restricted for depiction of sexual abuse, LGBTQIA+ content, drug use, profanity, claimed to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC CHB

#5



FLAMER
CURATO, MIKE

Number of challenges: 67

Banned, challenged, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, claimed to be sexually explicit.

YA Graphic Novels YA 741.5 CUR

#6



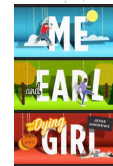
THE BLUEST EYE
MORRISON, TONI

Number of challenges: 62

Banned and challenged because it depicts child sexual abuse and was considered sexually explicit.

Adult Fiction FIC MOR

#7 & 8 TIE



ME & EARL AND THE DYING GIRL
ANDREWS, JESSE

Number of challenges: 56

Banned, challenged, and restricted for profanity, claimed to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC AND



TRICKS
HOPKINS, ELLEN

Number of challenges: 56

Banned, challenged, and restricted for drugs, rape, and claimed to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC HOP

#9



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
MOEN, ERIKA

Number of challenges: 55

Banned, challenged, and restricted for sex education, LGBTQIA+ content, and claimed to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Non-Fiction YA 613.9 MOE