



FREEDOM TO READ

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BANNED
BOOKS

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A Brief History of Banned Books



What if you
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*Where the
Wild Things
Are or The*

Lorax?

These books are considered **banned books**, or books that have been **censored**. They have been studied by an expert and parts have been hidden

because they are considered unacceptable or offensive.

When a book is banned it is removed from a library or school system, so people who are in those systems cannot access it.



Why are books banned?

Books are banned for a lot of different reasons. Mostly because the American Library Association wants to protect its readers from difficult ideas and information. Many of these books include elements that are considered scary or *controversial*, something a group of people frown on.

For Example: *Where the Wild Things Are* was banned in 1963 because it was thought to support magical events.

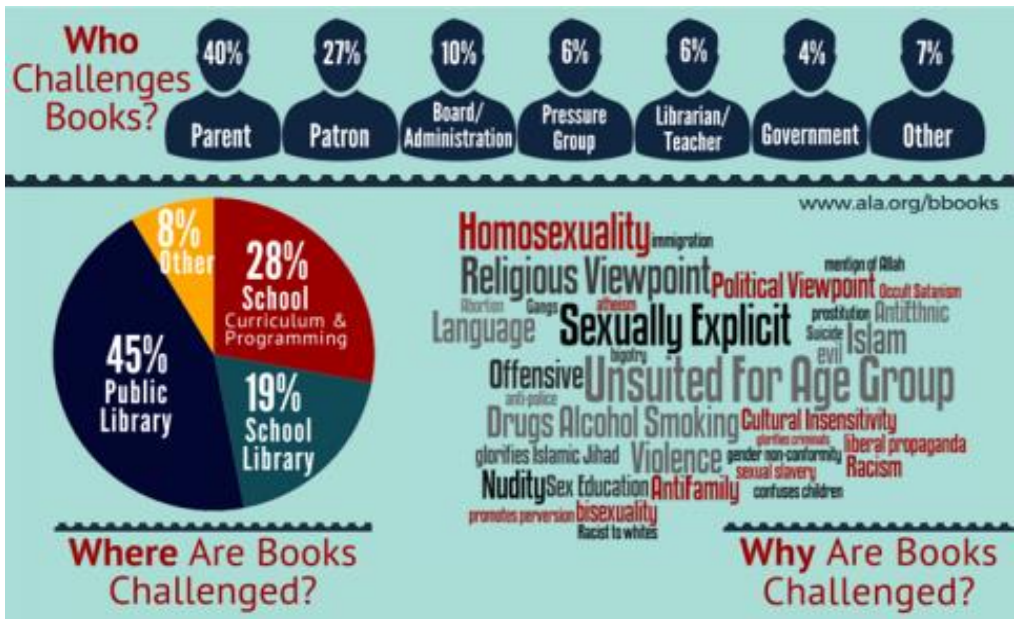
WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



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How Books are banned

In order to ban a book, it must first be *challenged*, which is an attempt to remove it based on the objections of a person or group of people.



Most of these challenges are unsuccessful, but when the challenge is successful, it results in a ban.

Banned books week

Every year there is an event that celebrates our *freedom*, the power to act, speak or think as one wants without limitation, to read whatever we want.

It occurs in the last week of September and the beginning of October.



Glossary

Banned Books:

Forbidden from being distributed by a government power, usually on the grounds of religion, politics, or public standards.

Censorship:

When something is examined by an official for the purpose of getting rid of parts that are believed to be questionable on moral, political, religious, or other grounds.

Controversial:

Giving rise or likely to give rise to
public disagreement.

Challenged books:

An attempt by a person or group to
have literature restricted or removed
from a public library or school
program.

Freedom:

The power or right to act, speak or
think as one wants without limitation
or restriction.

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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.2: Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.4: Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7: Use information gained from illustrations and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text.

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