

#1



Gender queer  
Kobabe, Maia

Number of challenges: 151

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: 86

Banned and challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, and because it was considered to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Non-Fiction YA 921 JOH

#3



The bluest eye  
Morrison, Toni

Number of challenges: 73

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

Adult Fiction FIC MOR

#4



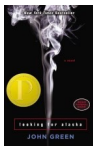
Flamer  
Curato, Mike

Number of challenges: 62

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

YA Graphic Novels YA 741.5 CUR

#5/6 TIE

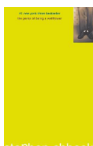


Looking for Alaska  
Green, John

Number of challenges: 55

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

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC GRE



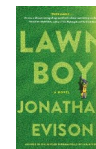
The perks of being a wallflower  
Chbosky, Stephen

Number of challenges: 55

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

#7



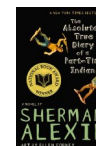
Lawn boy  
Evison, Jonathan

Number of challenges: 54

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

Adult Fiction FIC EVI

#8



The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian  
Sherman, Alexie

Number of challenges: 52

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

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC SHE

#9



Out of darkness  
Pérez, Ashley Hope

Number of challenges: 50

Banned, challenged, and restricted for depictions of abuse, claimed to be sexually explicit.

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC PER



# #10 TIE



A court of mist and fury

Maas, Sarah J.

**Number of challenges: 48**

Banned, challenged, and restricted because it was claimed to be sexually explicit.

Adult Fiction FIC MAA



Crank

Hopkins, Ellen

**Number of challenges: 48**

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

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC HOP



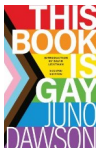
Me & Earl & the dying girl

Andrews, Jesse

**Number of challenges: 48**

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

Young Adult Fiction YA FIC AND



This book is gay

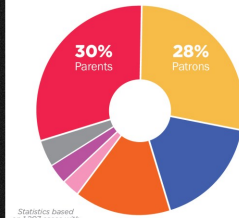
Dawson, Juno

**Number of challenges: 48**

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

Young Adult Non-Fiction YA 306.76 DAW

## CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS



In 2022, 90% of reported challenge attempts targeted multiple titles, the work of a well-organized movement that distributes book lists used to initiate mass challenges that can empty the shelves of a library.

### WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES?

- 17% Political/religious groups
- 15% Board/administration
- 3% Librarians/teachers
- 3% Elected officials
- 4% Other (Includes non-custodial relatives, nonresidents, community members without library cards, etc.)

Statistics based on 1,207 cases with known initiators.

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### WHERE DO CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE?

In 2022, nearly 51% of the demands to censor books targeted books, programs, displays, and other materials in school libraries and schools; 48% of book challenges targeted materials in public libraries.



48% Public libraries



41% School libraries



10% Schools



1% Higher education libraries and other institutions

Statistics based on 1,264 cases with known locations.

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### BOOKS AND BEYOND

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 1,269 challenges in 2022. Here's the breakdown:



(Includes filtering, access, databases, magazines, online resources, artwork, social media, music, pamphlets, student publications, and reading lists.)

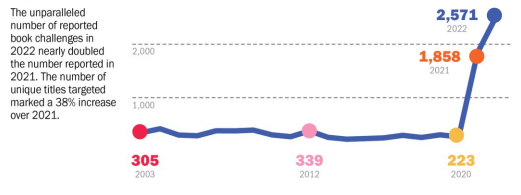
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### CENSORSHIP ON THE RISE

#### NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED BY YEAR



The unparalleled number of reported book challenges in 2022 nearly doubled the number reported in 2021. The number of unique titles targeted marked a 38% increase over 2021.

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**BANNED BOOKS WEEK**

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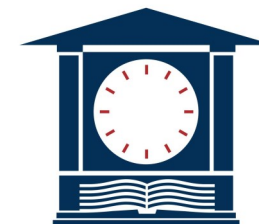
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Main Library

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