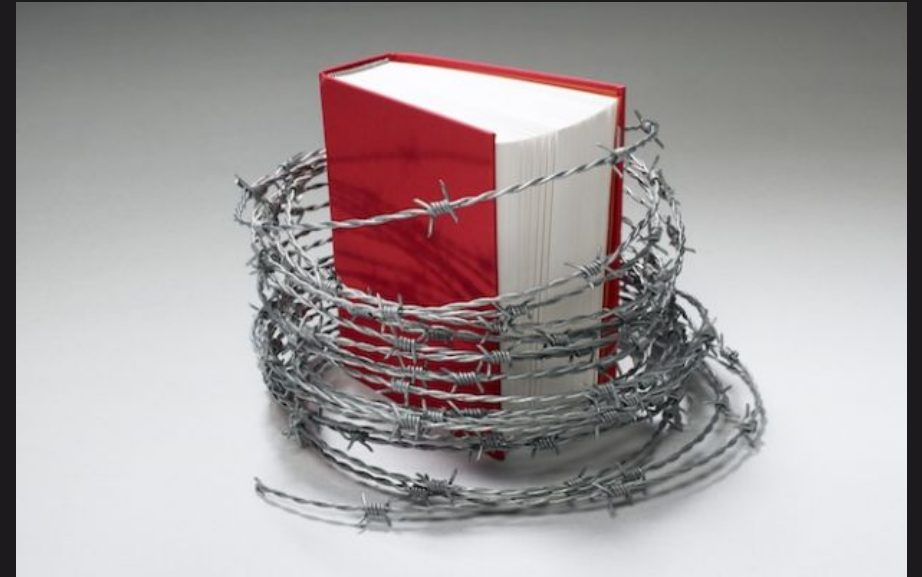


THE RIGHT TO READ: EXPLORING BOOK CHALLENGES AND BANS

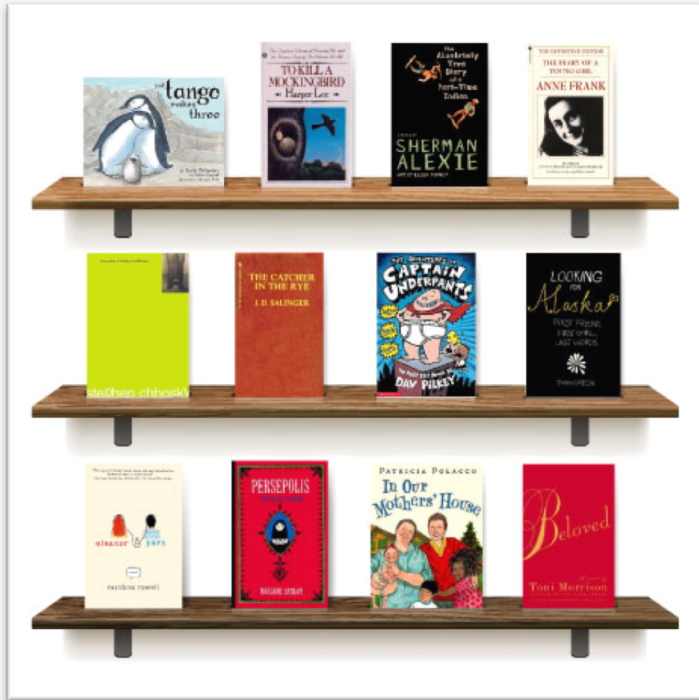


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Your favorite book?



- Think about your favorite book, or a book that means a lot to you.
- Once you've decided which book this is, write down your thoughts regarding why you like it and why it is important to you. What did you learn from it? What about it impacted you? How did it/does it make you feel when reading it?
- Be prepared to share in a few minutes.

*Imagine
your
favorite
book*
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Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

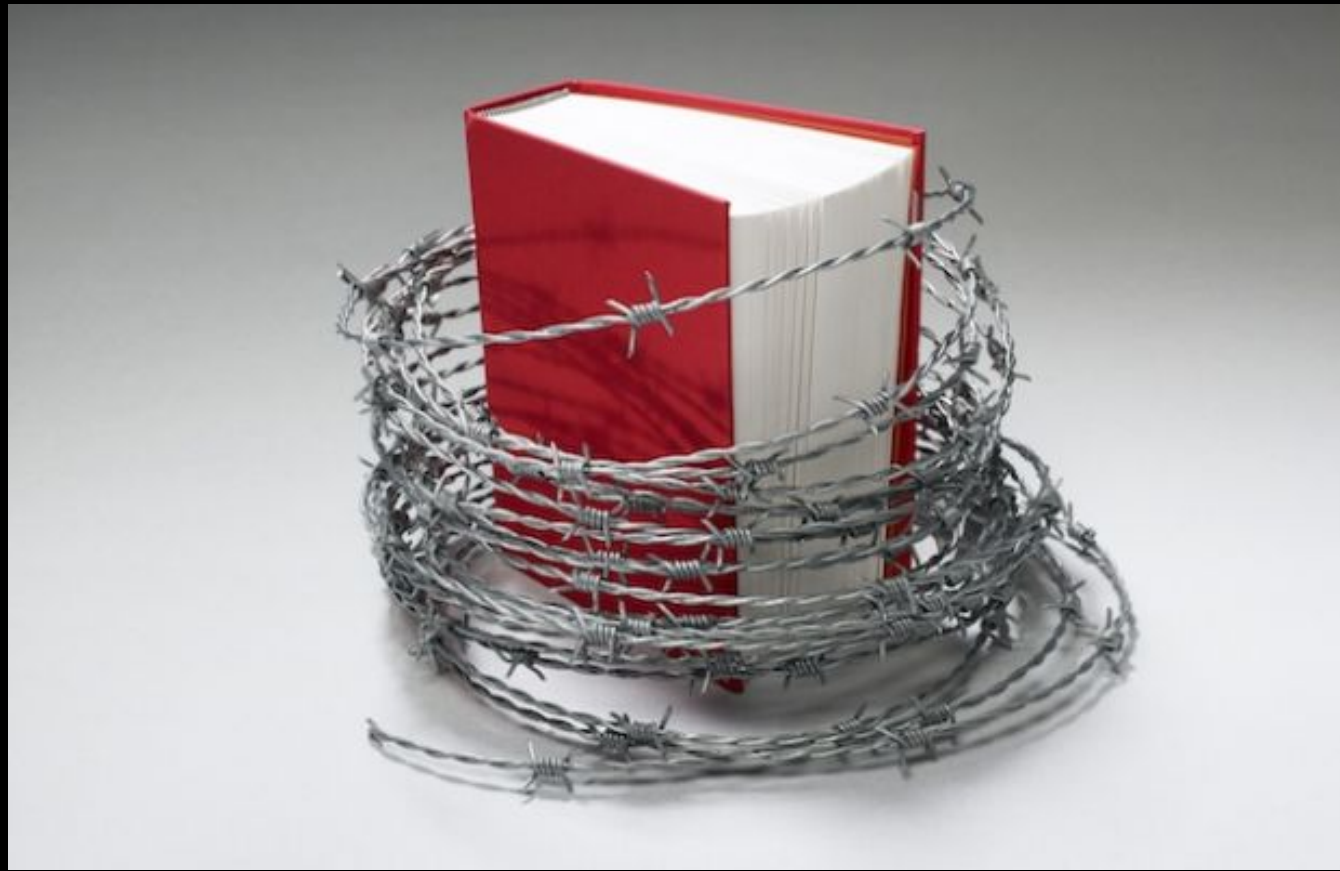


Intellectual freedom =



- the protection of your rights to read, to listen, to write, and to speak your beliefs and opinions
- protects what you communicate to others and what others communicate to you
- Intellectual Freedom happens in public - the things you say or see or hear outside of your home, and it happens in private—the things you say or see or hear inside your home
- Intellectual Freedom includes the information you learn from books, magazines, websites, movies, television shows, radio programs, or songs
- *Source:*
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/issuesadv/intellectualfreedom/kidsknowyourrights.pdf>

Is it legal to ban a book?



Challenging & banning books



- **Challenges** are formally written complaints filed with a school or library to have a book removed from the shelves.
- A **banned book** is one that has been removed from the shelves because of controversial content. This is considered a type of censorship.
- **Censorship** is the suppression of words, images, or ideas that are considered "offensive;" a change in the access status of material, based on the content of the work and made by a governing authority or its representatives. Such changes include exclusion, restriction, removal, or age/grade level changes.

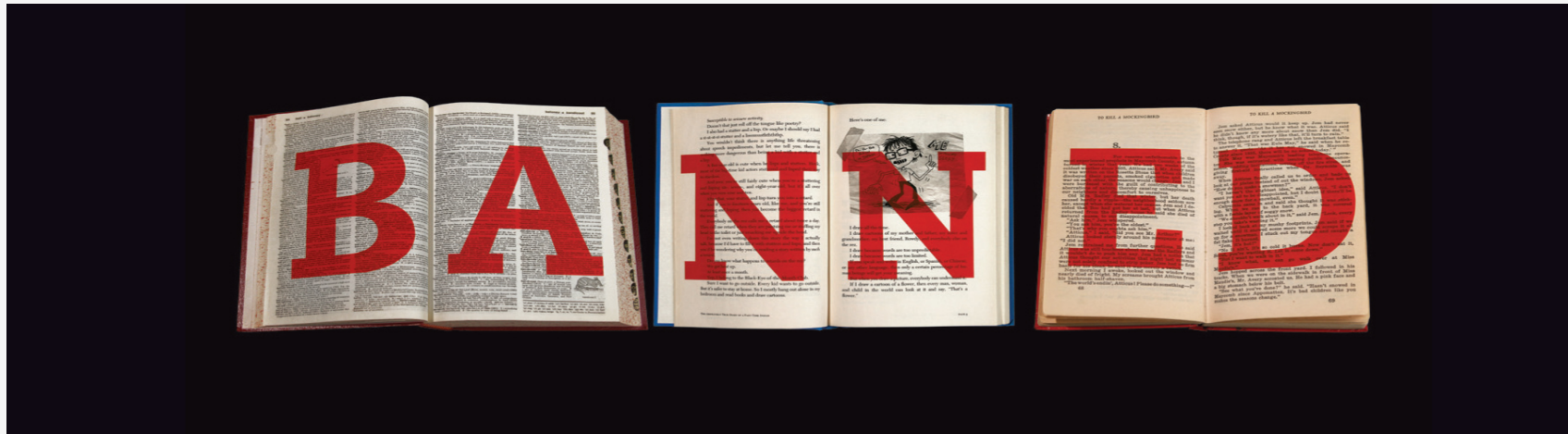
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What is a library's responsibility in terms of the First Amendment?

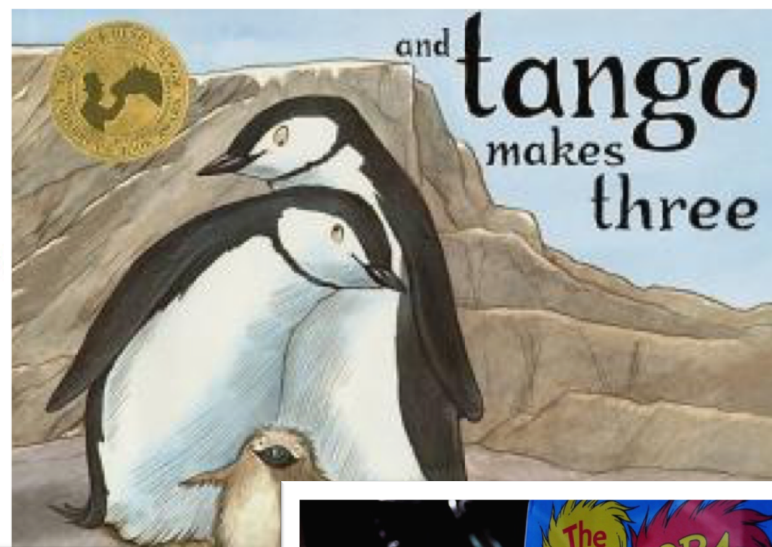
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ING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR
PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF;
OR ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR
OF THE PRESS; OR THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE
PEACEABLY TO ASSEMBLE, AND TO PETITION THE
GOVERNMENT FOR A REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES.
PROTECT THE FIRST AMENDMENT, SUPPORT THE CBLDF

Why are books challenged and/or banned?

- Read the book provided to you and discuss:
 - Why do you think this book may have been challenged and/or banned?
 - Does it surprise you that this book has been challenged and/or banned? Why or why not?
- Write your final thoughts on the slip provided.



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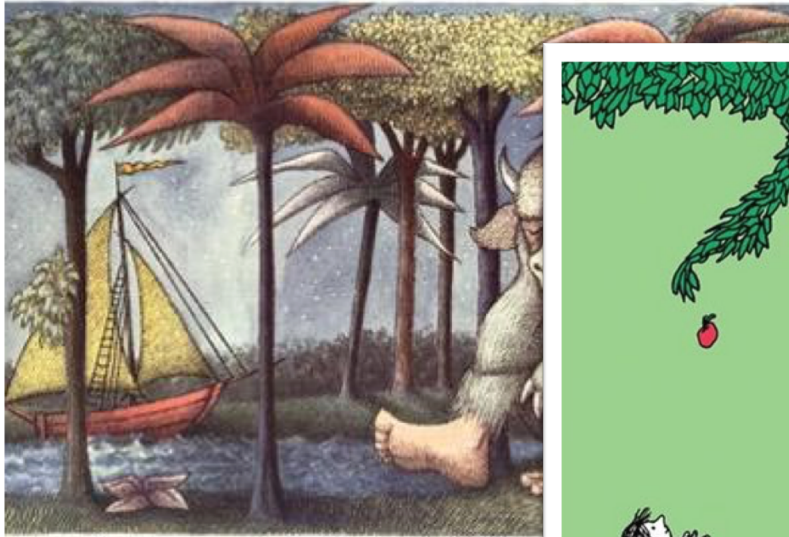


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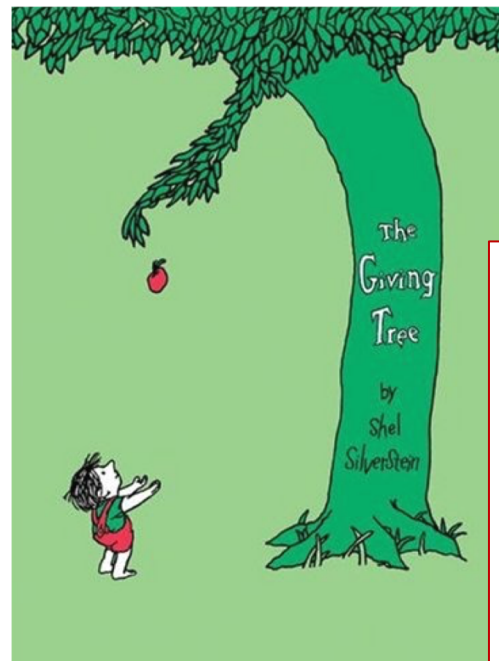
Brown Bear,
Brown Bear,
What Do You See?



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



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**Where
the
Sidewalk
Ends**

the poems and drawings of
Shel Silverstein

- Read the article provided and discuss:
 - What did you learn about why this book was actually banned/challenged? Do you agree or disagree with the concern that was presented regarding this book and why?



Banned & Challenged Books

**WARNING! BANNING BOOKS RESTRICTS
OUR FREEDOM TO READ**

Banned Books Week

- Banned Books Week is an annual national event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment.
- The 2015 celebration will be held from September 27 – October 3, 2015.
- Banned Books Week highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the dangers of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books throughout the United States.



