LET FREEDOM READ!

The freedom to read is under attack — let's do something about it!

Take at least one action today to help defend books from censorship and to stand up for library staff, educators, writers, publishers, booksellers, and readers!

IF YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES...

CALL A DECISION MAKER

Call school and library administrators and board members, city councilpersons, and elected representatives to ask them to support the right to read!

SUPPORT AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION

Support the organizations fighting censorship! Learn about a few of these organizations at BannedBooksWeek.org/sponsors/

JOIN UNITE AGAINST BOOK BANS

Unite Against Book Bans is a national campaign to protect everyone's right to access information. Unite provides a comprehensive toolkit, supports community advocates, and sends targeted messages to mobilize in areas that need it. Add your name: UniteAgainstBookBans.org/take-action/

IF YOU HAVE 15 MINUTES...

CHECK OUT A BANNED BOOK

Circulation matters! Circulation data can be used to support keeping challenged books on shelves and to justify ordering more books by the same authors or on the same topic.

BUY A BANNED BOOK

Censorship doesn't just harm libraries and schools; it also impacts writers, publishers, and booksellers. Support the people who make and sell books by buying them!

You can also donate the books you purchase to:

- **Public and school libraries:** Contact your local library or school to find out what they need and how to donate.
- **Little Free Library:** Use their free app (LittleFreeLibrary.org/app/) to find a book-sharing box near you!
- **Fundraisers:** Many public libraries are supported by groups that use donated books to raise money.
- **A banned book giveaway or bookmobile:** Call your local bookstore to see if they're hosting a giveaway or supporting a bookmobile.

IF YOU HAVE 30 MINUTES...

WRITE A LETTER OR E-MAIL

Write to local school and library boards and elected officials to ask them to defend the right to read for the entire community. Make a public statement for the right to read by writing a letter to the editor in your local paper. Finally, a letter can show library staff, educators, authors, and vulnerable readers that you support them!

PLAN TO ATTEND A MEETING

While decisions about book bans and library policies are being made at all levels of government, some of the biggest battles are being fought locally. Plan to attend local board and city council meetings to let officials know that many people (including you!) support access to information and oppose censorship.

IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR MORE...

VOLUNTEER AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Find out how these essential community institutions do so much more than just check out books!

START ORGANIZING!

No one person or organization can tackle censorship alone. Rally in support of our schools and libraries by bringing together your friends, family, and other members of the community in a shared cause: fighting censorship!

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FIGHTING CENSORSHIP BY VISITING UNITEAGAINSTBOOKBANS.ORG

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