



Copper Queen Library News

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BOOK DISCUSSION

In honor of Banned Books Week, the Copper Queen Library will be reading and discussing George Orwell's 1984, which has been the target of several book bans and challenges since it was first published in 1949. The book was banned and burned in Communist Russia under Stalin in the 1950's; ownership meant possible arrest for its anti-communist views. The book has also been cited for being "anti-

government" and being "too gloomy and depressing" for school-aged readers because of its bleak vision of the future and having no "happily ever after" ending. The novel tells the tale of a society in the year 1984 that is under constant war, and ruled by a dictatorship that uses tight surveillance and mind control to police its populace. Orwell's 70-year old vision has garnered renewed attention as some readers feel the dystopia described in the novel suddenly feels all too familiar – Big Brother and the NSA; high-tech devices that can eavesdrop in people's homes; a world at war; and a world, as Michiko Kakutani of the New York Times stated, "a world in which the government insists that reality is not 'something objective, external, existing in its own right' – but, rather – 'whatever the Party holds to be truth is truth.'"

Copies of 1984 are available for checkout at the circulation desk. The book discussion and read-out will be facilitated by John Doty and will take place on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 5:30 PM.** And don't forget to join the flash mob of Thought Criminals who are scheduled to walk Tombstone Canyon just before the discussion, celebrating our right to read and our freedom of speech.



BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 23-29, 2018

The Banned Books Week Coalition is a national alliance of diverse organizations joined by a commitment to increase awareness of the annual celebration of the freedom to read. The Coalition seeks to engage various communities and inspire participation in Banned Books Week through education, advocacy, and the creation of programming about the problem of book censorship. The 2018 celebration will be held September 23 - 29. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than 11,300 books have been challenged since 1982 according to the American Library Association. By focusing on efforts across the country to remove or restrict access to books, Banned Books Week draws national attention to the harms of censorship, bringing together the entire book community – librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types – in shared support of the freedom to seek and express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

TOP 10

CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2017

1. ***Thirteen Reasons Why*** written by Jay Asher
Originally published in 2007, this New York Times bestseller has resurfaced as a controversial book after Netflix aired a TV series by the same name. This YA novel was challenged and banned in multiple school districts because it discusses suicide.
2. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*** written by Sherman Alexie
Consistently challenged since its publication in 2007 for acknowledging issues such as poverty, alcoholism, and sexuality, this National Book Award winner was challenged in school curriculums because of profanity and situations that were deemed sexually explicit.
3. ***Drama*** written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier
This Stonewall Honor Award-winning, 2012 graphic novel from an acclaimed cartoonist was challenged and banned in school libraries because it includes LGBT characters and was considered “confusing.”
4. ***The Kite Runner*** written by Khaled Hosseini
This critically acclaimed, multigenerational novel was challenged and banned because it includes sexual violence and was thought to “lead to terrorism” and “promote Islam.”
5. ***George*** written by Alex Gino
Written for elementary-age children, this Lambda Literary Award winner was challenged and banned because it includes a transgender child.
6. ***Sex is a Funny Word*** written by Cory Silverberg and illustrated by Fiona Smyth
This 2015 informational children’s book written by a certified sex educator was challenged because it addresses sex education and is believed to lead children to “want to have sex or ask questions about sex.”
7. ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** written by Harper Lee
This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, considered an American classic, was challenged and banned because of violence and its use of the N-word.
8. ***The Hate U Give*** written by Angie Thomas
Despite winning multiple awards and being the most searched-for book on Goodreads during its debut year, this YA novel was challenged and banned in school libraries and curriculums because it was considered “pervasively vulgar” and because of drug use, profanity, and offensive language.
9. ***And Tango Makes Three*** written by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson and illustrated by Henry Cole
Returning after a brief hiatus from the Top Ten Most Challenged list, this ALA Notable Children’s Book, published in 2005, was challenged and labeled because it features a same-sex relationship.
10. ***I Am Jazz*** written by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings and illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas
This autobiographical picture book co-written by the 13-year-old protagonist was challenged because it addresses gender identity.

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LIBRARY MOVIES RETURN TO THE BISBEE ROYALE

The Friends of the Copper Queen Library and KBRP Community Media are partnering again to screen free Library films once a month at the Bisbee Royale. The first showing will feature *Won't You Be My Neighbor*, a documentary where filmmaker Morgan Neville examines the life and legacy of Fred Rogers, the beloved host of the popular children’s TV show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood. He was partly inspired to create this documentary after asking Yo-Yo Ma about how he handled his status of being a celebrity. Ma said Fred Rogers mentored him on how his fame could be used for good. The showing is free and there are no advanced tickets, so seating is first-come, first-served. Doors to the event will open at 5 PM and the film will begin at 6 PM. The bar at the Royale will be open, and light theater refreshments will also be available. **WHEN: Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

