

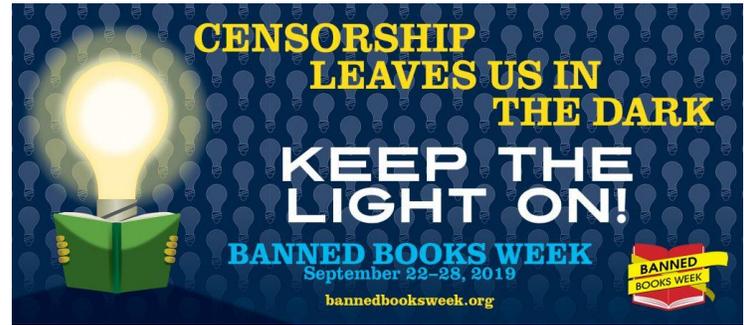
# Copper Queen Library News

6 Main Street | PO BOX 1857 | Bisbee, AZ | 520-432-4232 | [copperqueenlibrary.com](http://copperqueenlibrary.com) | September 2019  
Volume 4 | Number 9

## LIBRARY JOURNAL NAMES COPPER QUEEN BEST SMALL LIBRARY in AMERICA 2019

The *Library Journal*, a bimonthly trade publication, has awarded the Copper Queen Library as The Best Small Library in America for 2019. The annual award was founded in 2005 to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of small libraries and honors the U.S. public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less. The Copper Queen Library was highlighted at the 2019 Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference which was held in Burlington, Vermont at the beginning of the month and was the cover feature in September's *Library Journal*. One of the top reasons that the CQ Library was chosen was for The San Jose Library Annex, which demonstrated innovation in developing services and programs to reach underserved populations, as well as sustained cooperation and partnerships with other libraries, schools and organizations and demonstrated community support.

The Best Small Library in America marks the second national award the CQ Library received this year : In June, the Library received the Excellence in Rural Library Service Award from the Public Library Association. The award was presented at the American Library Association Conference in Washington D.C.



## BANNED BOOKS WEEK

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 2019 celebration will be held September 22 - 28. 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.

## BANNED BOOK DISCUSSION

This year's Banned Books Celebration will feature a Banned Books Story Hour where parents and library patrons will read children's books that have been challenged or banned across the country over the past few years. After the readings, there will be discussion on why the books were challenged and what it means to have intellectual freedom. The feature book will be Justin Richardson's *And Tango Makes Three* which recounts the true tale of two penguins who created a nontraditional family at the Central Park Zoo back in 2005.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

**FLASH MOB - 5:00 PM**

**DISCUSSION & STORY HOUR - 5:30 PM**



# TOP 10

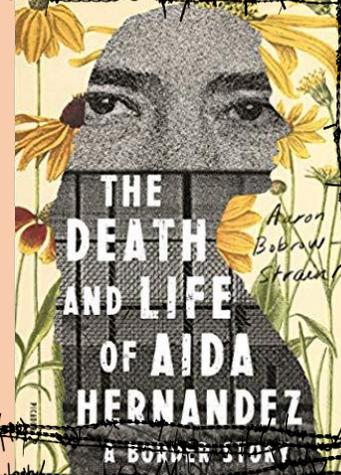
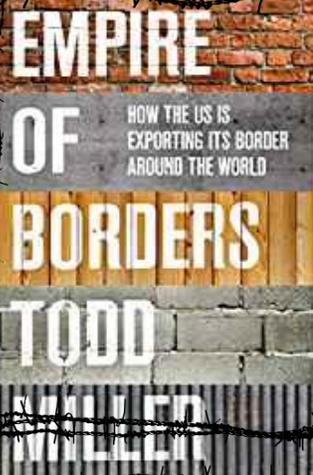
## CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2018

1. **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.
2. **A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo** written by Jill Twiss  
Written for preschool children, this picture book was challenged due to its LGBTQIA+ content, and for political and religious viewpoints.
3. **Captain Underpants series** written by Dav Pilkey  
This very popular middle-grade series was challenged for including a same-sex couple, and it was perceived as encouraging disruptive behavior.
4. **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.
5. **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.”
6. **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.
7. **This One Summer** written by Mariko Tamaki  
This popular graphic novel for teens was challenged due to profanity, sexual references, and certain illustrations.
8. **Skippyjon Jones series** written by Judy Schachner  
This series was challenged for depicting cultural stereotypes.
9. **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.
10. **This Day in June** written by Gayle E. Pitman  
This children’s picture book about a gay pride parade has been challenged for promoting “perversion” and the “gay lifestyle”

## ROYALE MOVIE



WEDNESDAY SEPT 11  
DOORS 5:30 | FILM 6:00



## 2 AUTHORS - 2 DAYS TODD MILLER | AARON BOBROW-STRAIN

Tuesday, September 17 | 5:30 PM

Todd Miller : *Empire of Borders*

Join Tuscon Author Todd Miller as he discusses his new book, *Empire of Borders : The Expansion of the US Border Around the World*. In his book, Miller argues that the nature of US borders has changed and that these boundaries have effectively expanded thousands of miles outside of US territory to encircle not simply American land but Washington’s interests. Miller is also the author of *Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security*, which he discussed at the Library last year.

Wednesday, September 18 | 3:00 PM

Aaron Bobrow-Strain : *Death and Life of Aida Hernandez*

Aaron Bobrow-Strain writes and teaches about food politics, immigration, political economy, and the U.S-Mexico border. In his latest book, *The Death and Life of Aida Hernandez : A Border Story*, the author shows the reader what happens when an undocumented teen mother takes on the U.S. immigration system. When Aida Hernandez was born in 1987 in Agua Prieta, Mexico, the nearby U.S. border was little more than a worn-down fence. Eight years later, Aida’s mother took her and her siblings to live in Douglas, Arizona. By then, the border had become one of the most heavily policed sites in America. Undocumented, Aida fought to make her way. But life had other plans. Following a misstep that led to her deportation, Aida found herself in a Mexican city marked by violence, in a country that was not hers. To get back to the United States and reunite with her son, she embarked on a harrowing journey -- but returning to the United States was just the beginning of her quest.

Check out/Place a hold on each at the CQ Library!