

TOP 5 WAYS TO FIGHT A BOOK BANNING

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- 1. Align your book curation with the learning standards and curriculum.
- 2. Involve your stakeholders. Make sure you have a committee who reviews your book purchases. This committee should be composed of various stakeholders (teachers, students, parents, administrators, community members). Be sure to include people with different perspectives and not just your friends.
- 3. Know your district and school's policy on book challenges, banning books and be prepared. Don't wait until a book is banned to have to look for the policy. Know it verbatim and update it if needed.
- 4. Allow parents to opt in or opt out. It is better to have one student that cannot read a particular book than the entire school.
- 5. Take action! Write to your local legislators about the power of intellectual freedom. Sign petitions and join groups on social media who are fighting back.



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