



# Resources for Fighting Censorship for Librarians, Teachers, and Community Members

## Librarians: Establish Clear Policies

Libraries should have written and approved policies for collection development, circulation, and challenges. These policies can guide material selection as well as address any challenges that may arise. Helpful resources:

- ALA Library Policy Development <https://qrly.me/15st7>
- How to Respond to Challenges and Concerns about Library Resources <https://qrly.me/15uv8>
- ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom <https://qrly.me/15uvf>
- Freedom to Read Foundation <https://qrly.me/15uvg>
- Texas Association of School Boards: Differences Between Library and Instructional Materials (Download) <https://qrly.me/15srs>
- Red Wine & Blue Community Inquiry of Library Content: Response Support <https://qrly.me/15st2>
- The School Library Journal Censorship Tips Hotline <https://qrly.me/15st6>
- #FReadom <https://qrly.me/15uvj>
- KY Library Media Resources: Censorship <https://qrly.me/15uvl>

## Teachers: Be Prepared

As an educator, it is important to align your book curation with the learning standards and curriculum. Show the importance of the books and how materials were selected to fulfill clear educational goals. Make note of a book's reviews, awards, and recommendations by educational experts, and be ready to allow parents to opt their student out of reading a particular book. Helpful resources:

- Intellectual Freedom - National Council of Teachers of English <https://qrly.me/15uvp>
- Banning Books from the Classroom: How to Handle Cries for Censorship <https://qrly.me/15uvq>
- The First Amendment in Schools: Roles and Responsibilities <https://qrly.me/15uvs>
- Resources for Banned Books Week <https://qrly.me/15uvu>



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## Community Members: 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. Helpful resources:

- NCAC'S Book Censorship Action Kit <https://qrly.me/15uvv>
- How to Fight for the Freedom to Read <https://qrly.me/15uvw>
- How to Fight Book Bans and Challenges: An Anti-Censorship Tool Kit <https://qrly.me/15uvx>
- Red Wine & Blue Book Ban Busters Map <https://qrly.me/15uvz>
- Red Wine & Blue Book Ban Talking Points <https://qrly.me/15uw1>

Visit and support your library. Check out books and request new books. It can be as easy as that! Show your appreciation. Write a letter telling your library you value their commitment to attaining material that supports the diversity of your community and world. Helpful resources:

- 10 Unexpectedly Easy Ways To Support Your Local Library <https://qrly.me/15uw4>
- Banned Books Week Suggestions <https://qrly.me/15uwb>
- How to Support Your Library with These 10 Easy Actions <https://qrly.me/15uwc>

## Online Educational Resources

- NPR: Jason Reynolds: How Can We Connect with Kids through the Written Word? <https://qrly.me/15uwl>
- We Need Diverse Books <https://qrly.me/15uwm>
- Visit [lernerbooks.com/banned](https://lernerbooks.com/banned) for resources and materials to support frequently banned books.



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