Banned Book Week

Sept. 24- Oct. 1

has read the following banned books. Ask about it!

1984, by George Orwell

A Clockwork Orange, by Anthony Burgess

A Farewell to Arms, by Ernest Hemingway

A Separate Peace, by John Knowles

All the King's Men, by Robert Penn Warren

An American Tragedy, by Theodore Dreiser

And Tango Makes Three, by P. Parnell and J. Richardson

Animal Farm, by George Orwell

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

As I Lay Dying, by William Faulkner

Beloved, by Toni Morrison

Betrayed by P. C.Cast and Kristin Cast

Bless Me, Ultima, by Rudolfo Anaya

Bone by Jeff Smith

Brave New World, by Aldous Huxley

Brideshead Revisited, by Evelyn Waugh

Captain Underpants (series), by Dav Pilkey

Catch-22, by Joseph Heller

Catcher in the Rye, by J.D. Salinger

Cat's Cradle, by Kurt Vonnegut

Crank, by Ellen Hopkins

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

For Whom the Bell Tolls, by Ernest Hemingway

Forever in Blue, the Fourth Summer of the Sisterhood by Ann Brashares

Forever, by Judy Blume

Get Well Soon by Julie Halpern

Go Tell it on the Mountain, by James Baldwin

Gone with the Wind, by Margaret Mitchell

Gossip Girl (series), by Cecily von Ziegesar

Harry Potter, by J.K. Rowling

His Dark Materials trilogy, by Philip Pullman

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou

In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote

Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison

Lady Chatterley's Lover, by D.H. Lawrence

Lolita, by Vladmir Nabokov

Lush, by Natasha Friend

My Sister’s Keeper, by Jodi Picoult

Native Son, by Richard Wright

Nickel and Dimed, by Barbara Ehrenreich

Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck

Olive’s Ocean, by Kevin Henkes

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, by Ken Kesey

One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies by Sonya Sones

Push by Sapphire

Rabbit, Run, by John Updike

Running with Scissors by Augusten Burroughs

Scary Stories (series), by Alvin Schwartz

Shooting Star by, Fredrick, Jr. McKissack

Slaughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vonnegut

Snakehead by Anthony Horowitz

Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson

Song of Solomon, by Toni Morrison

Sophie's Choice, by William Styron

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes by Chris Crutcher

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, by Sherman Alexie

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, by Mark Twain

The Awakening, by Kate Chopin

The Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci

The Call of the Wild, by Jack London

The Chocolate War, by Robert Cormier

The Color Purple, by Alice Walker

The Curious Incident of the Dogin the Night-time by Mark Haddon

The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things, by C. Mackler

The Golden Compass, by Philip Pullman

The Grapes of Wrath, by John Steinbeck

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins

The Jungle, by Upton Sinclair

The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini

The Koran

The Lord of the Flies, by William Golding

The Perks of Being A Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky

The Sun Also Rises, by Ernest Hemingway

Their Eyes Were Watching God, by Zora Neale Hurston

To Kill A Mockingbird, by Harper Lee

ttyl; ttfn; l8r, g8r (series), by Lauren Myracle

Tweaked: A Crystal Meth Memoir by Patrick Moore

Twenty Boy Summer by Sarah Ockler

Twilight (series) by Stephenie Meyer

Ulysses, by James Joyce

Vegan Virgin Valentine by Carolyn Mackler

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen

Whale Talk, by Chris Crutcher

What My Mother Doesn’t Know, by Sonya Sones

Announcements:

Monday: This week is Banned Books Week- an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment.  Intellectual freedom is the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular. Celebrate your right to read by checking out the display in the library of banned books.

Tuesday: Each day, all across the country, one of our most basic freedoms — the right to read — is in danger. In communities large and small, censorship attempts threaten to undermine our freedom to read. Banned Books Week stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access them. Wanna see what all the noise is about? Come check out the books for yourself in the library.

Wednesday: What do Harry Potter, The Hunger Games and Gone with the Wind all have in common? They are banned books! Banned Books Week seeks to teach the importance of our First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when we restrict information in a free society. Ask your teachers about the banned books they have read and check one out for yourself in the library.

Thursday: Did you know that The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank was once banned because “it is a real ‘downer.’”? When we speak up to protect the right to read, we not only defend our individual right to free expression, we demonstrate tolerance and respect for opposing points of view. And when we take action to preserve our precious freedoms, we become participants in the ongoing evolution of our democratic society. Pick up a banned book today!

Friday: Shel Silverstein’s book, A Light in the Attic, was banned because it “encourages children to break dishes so they won’t have to dry them.” Your First Amendment rights guarantees that each of us has the right to express our views and also ensures that none of us has the right to control or limit another person’s ability to read or access information. As we wrap up Banned Book Week, be thankful that we live in a free society where you have the right to choose what you read.

Display Ideas

Display a small collection of "dangerous" book in a prominent location under a sign that provocatively exclaims, "Don't Read These Books." Wrap "banned books" in brown paper, print the title and reason for the banning on individual cards, and tape a card to each book.

