Banned Books Week

**September 27−October 3, 2015**

Since its inception in 1982, Banned Books Week has reminded us that while not every book is intended for every reader, each of us has the right to decide for ourselves what to read, listen to or view. Thousands of libraries and bookstores across the country will celebrate the freedom to read by participating in special events, exhibits, and read-outs that showcase books that have been banned or threatened.

(Taken from http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/virtualreadout)

**Check out these websites**

<http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek>

 Activities

Display ideas

 Promotional ideas and letters to the editor

 Frequently challenged books

<http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>

 Challenged books and the reasons

 Resources for librarians, teachers, students

 Guidelines for Virtual Read Out

Link to Virtual Read Out

<https://www.youtube.com/user/BannedBooksWeek>

500+ videos of students and celebrities reading selections from banned books and discussing the effects of censorship and banning

* **Intellectual Freedom**
The ability to express and explore diverse opinions.
* **Intellectual Freedom**
Right to seek information.
* **Intellectual Freedom**Right to choose information
**from all points of view**.
* **Banned**A book that has been banned has been **removed from the shelf**.
* **Censorship**The act of **getting rid of information** that others consider not acceptable.