



Intellectual Freedom Committee

Oregon Library Association

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Welcome to Tuesday Topics, a monthly series covering topics with intellectual freedom implications for libraries of all types. Each message is prepared by a member of OLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) or a guest writer. Questions can be directed to the author of the topic or to the IFC.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2023 “SHOW-AND-TELL”

Every year, libraries across the country and Oregon celebrate [Banned Books Week](#). See the August 2023 [Tuesday Topic](#) that offered suggestions for participating. In these celebrations, we put forth time, energy, and effort to celebrate the freedom to read. We put forward weeks, sometimes months, in preparation and marketing to make these events a success. For this month's Tuesday Topics, we want to honor and celebrate these efforts and take a moment to say “thank you” for supporting intellectual freedom across the state. Below are just a handful of the highlights from the week.

From the IFC, THANK YOU for celebrating!

Linfield University - McMinnville

In addition to handing out bookmarks, stickers, and candy, the library distributed 116 copies of *Gender Queer*. The library also made sure to purchase several of 2022's most-challenged books not already in its collections (and then [made a LibGuide](#)).

Central Oregon: Let Freedom Read Rally organized by Redmond Collective Action

The 2nd annual Let Freedom Read rally was held in Redmond Sunday afternoon, October

8th. The community event was organized by Redmond Collective Action to celebrate the right to read whatever you want. Free food, drinks, and activities were provided, books were read out loud, and hundreds of free books were available for people of all ages to choose from. Totes were provided by Deschutes Public Library (DPL), and a speech was given by Emily O’Neal, who is with the IFC and DPL. Here is more information about the [book distribution](#) and about [Redmond Collective Action](#).

Central Oregon: Roundabout Books



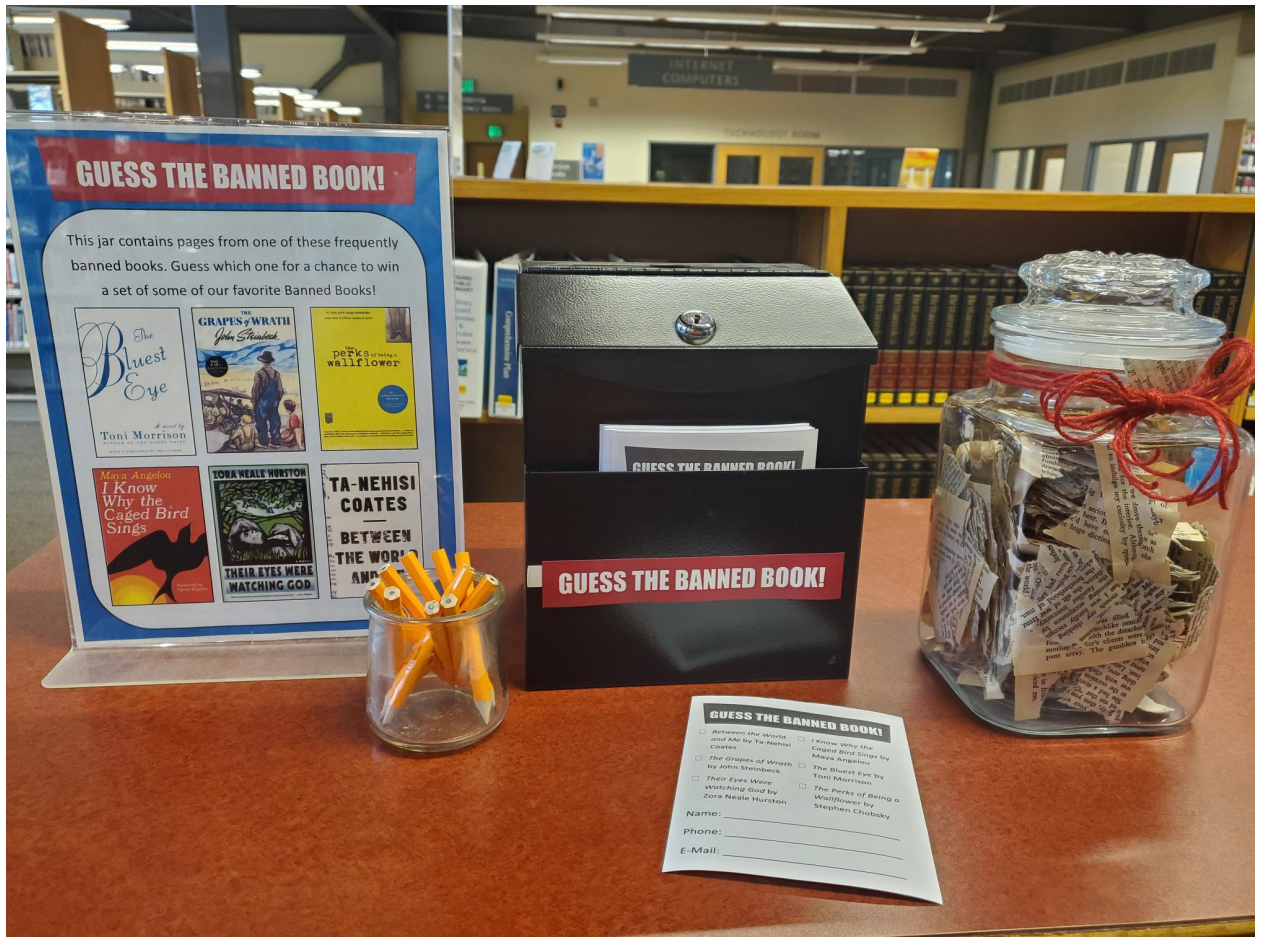
Tigard Public Library

Here are a few things we did over at the Tigard Public Library to promote Banned Books Week:

- We set up a visual display in one of our glass showcases with colorful graphics, statements, and other information taken from the ALA, as well as caution-tape book covers with descriptors of the relevant terminology used to ban them:



- There was also a contest to “Guess the Banned Book!” For this contest, we tore a banned book into shreds and displayed the torn pieces in a glass jar; patrons could try to guess what the book title was to win a prize:



- We have a dedicated display in our Teen Area that featured prominent YA banned titles:



- Our Teen Librarian also created dedicated shelf talkers highlighting banned books found all over the stacks:



- We also had a large banned books bulletin board in our Children's Area promoting the topic.

Lake Oswego Public Library

This year, LOPL went big and made it Banned Books Month! Here is the [complete list of programming planned](#).

Pendleton Public Library

Library staff organized an [event](#) that featured three speakers who shared about book burning in Germany, the First Amendment, and education.

Coos Bay Public Library

Coos Bay Public Library held a “[banned books bingo](#)” event.

Deschutes Public Library in partner with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Oregon Cascades

They offered a [program](#) about the foundations of intellectual freedom, and the [recording](#) is available for anyone to watch. In addition, the library launched a [Freedom of Information website](#).