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Celebrating Your Freedom to Read: Banned Books Week 2023

Answer the questions in this Test Packet to earn Community Service Credit.

Email your completed Packet to Teen Services Department Head Librarian Emily Ostrander at teens@emmaclark.org. After your packet is reviewed for accuracy, you will be emailed back a certificate for 2 hours of community service credit.

1. What two documents created by the American Library Association protect your Freedom to Read?
 1. _____
 2. _____
2. When was the most recent amendment made to the Library Bill of Rights, and what does it protect?

3. When does Banned Books Week typically take place? _____
4. When is Banned Books Week taking place in 2023? _____
5. True or False: Bans and Challenges are the same thing. _____
6. Which of the following is NOT an example of a Banned Book:
 - a. A book was removed from a library after a complaint
 - b. A book was forbidden to be read by someone in authority
 - c. A book was complained about online
 - d. A book was destroyed as a statement against its contents.
7. What book series was burned in 2001 due to the perception that it was “destroying the lives of many young people?” _____
8. True or False: According to the ALA, books are usually challenged with the best of intentions. _____

9. Name three reasons why books are challenged in the US, according to the “Censorship by the Numbers” word cloud from the ALA:
1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
10. What kind of Bill is Florida’s CS/HB 1467? _____
11. True or False: CS/HB 1467 requires that all Teen Books be removed from School Libraries _____
12. How many books were pulled off the shelves of Duval County Public School Libraries? _____
13. What action is required to be taken at Duval County Public School Libraries before books can be returned to the shelves?
- _____
- _____
- _____
14. True or False: Teachers who violate parts of CS/HB 1467 could be charged with a felony. _____
15. Who makes up over 50% of book banners and challengers in the US?
- _____
16. Which state challenged the most books in 2022?
- a. New Jersey
 - b. Montana
 - c. Arkansas
 - d. Texas
17. True or False: NY reported the least book challenges in 2022. _____
18. What percent of book challenges and bans take place at Higher Education Libraries and other Institutions? _____
19. Who burned copies of *Make Your Home Among Strangers* at Georgia Southern University?
- a. Students
 - b. Teachers
 - c. Outside Protestors
 - d. The Author of the Book
20. True or False: The people that burned copies of *Make Your Home Among Strangers* were disciplined by Georgia Southern University. _____

21. How many challenges were reported to the ALA in 2022? _____
22. How many of the Top Challenged Books of 2022 were Teen Books? _____
23. What is one action you can take to celebrate Banned Books Week?

24. Name one of the props Emily Ostrander featured in her social media post about Banned Books Week, and explain why she included it:

25. In your own words, why does your Freedom to Read matter?

BONUS QUESTION: Have you read any of the top challenged teen books from the past five years? If so, which ones?

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Date: _____