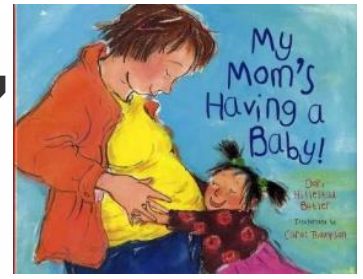
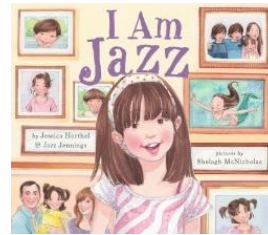
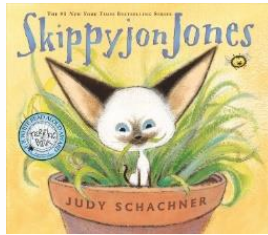
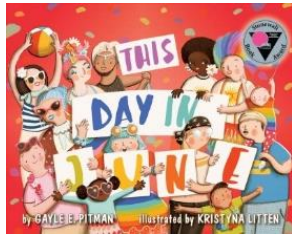
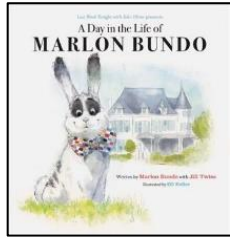


“Think Like the Banned” and Earn Community Service Credit!



This project challenges teens (in grades 7-12) to “Think Like the Banned” by reading and assessing challenged and/or banned children’s picture books!



Frequently Challenged and Banned Children's Picture Books:

All titles can be found in our [Children's Department](#), via [Inter-Library Loan](#), and/or as [eBooks](#)

Madeline and the Gypsies by Ludwig Bemelmans

E BEM [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo by Jill Twiss

E BUN [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Draw Me A Star by Eric Carle

E CAR [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

The Family Book by Todd Parr

E PAR [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Skippyjon Jones (series) by Judy Schachner

E SCH [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

In the Night Kitchen by Maurice Sendak

E SEN [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Bad Kitty (series) by Nick Bruel

E ABC 123 BRU and E HOLIDAY BRU

[eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

In Our Mothers' House by Patricia Polacco

J ADV POL

It's a Book by Lane Smith

J ADV SMI

Jacob's New Dress by Sarah Hoffman

E 155.33 HOF [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kilodavis

E 155.33 KIL [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

This Day in June by Gayle E. Pitman

E 306.76 PIT [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman

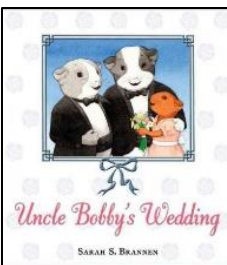
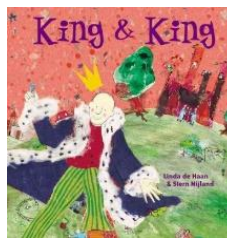
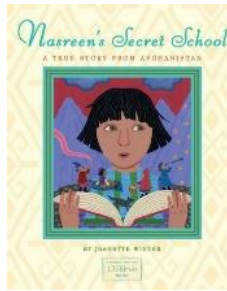
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Prince & Knight by Daniel Haack

E 306.768 HAA

I Am Jazz by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings

E 306.768 JEN [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)



Uncle Bobby's Wedding by Sarah S. Brannen

E 306.848 BRA

Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite

E 306.848 WIL

Nasreen's Secret School by Jeanette Winter

E 371.823 WIN [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

And Tango Makes Three by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson

E 591.56 RIC [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Something Happened in Our Town by

Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard

J 305.8 CEL [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

The Librarian of Basra by Jeanette Winter

JB BAKER [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

The Stupids (series) by Harry Allard

[Inter-Library Loan](#)

Mommy Laid an Egg by Babette Cole

[Inter-Library Loan](#)

King & King by Linda deHaan

[Inter-Library Loan](#)

Guess What? by Mem Fox

[Inter-Library Loan](#)

My Mom's Having A Baby! by Dori Hillestad Butler

[Inter-Library Loan](#) [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Halloween ABC by Eve Merriam

[Inter-Library Loan](#)

Where Did I Come From? by Peter Mayle

[Inter-Library Loan](#) [eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

Little Black Sambo by Helen Bannerman

[eBook on Overdrive/Libby](#)

**On the next page, you'll find 10 Critical Thinking Questions;
answer them for community service credit!**

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Submissions are Accepted Year-Round

How to Participate: Fill out the Writing-Based Community Service Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/EtXZ7cNK86V3tbYF9>

Then read one of the Frequently Challenged and Banned Children’s Picture Books titles (listed on the first page), then respond thoughtfully (in several sentences, please) to the Critical Thinking Questions listed below:

1. What is the title, author, publication date, and plot (in 1-2 sentences) of this picture book?
2. Were you aware of the existence of this book prior to starting this project?
3. This book was challenged and/or banned in America frequently enough for it to be included in [The Top 100 Challenged Books Lists \(between 1990-2021\) compiled by the American Library Association](#). Why do you think this book was targeted?
4. Think like a Book Prosecution Lawyer: If you were arguing **in favor** of banning this book, what would your argument be?
5. Think like a Book Defense Lawyer: If you were arguing **against** banning this book, what would your argument be?
6. The contents of this book may be inflammatory to some people. Do you think the information/plot of the book is presented in an unbiased way, or do you feel like it is pushing an agenda (if so, is it a positive or negative agenda)?
7. This book presents information that may be useful and uplifting for some people. Can you cite any positive information or messages in the book?
8. Children’s picture books are typically written for 2 to 8 year olds. One of the most frequent reasons children’s picture books are challenged or banned in the United States is that they are considered to be “Unsuited for Age Group.” What age group do you think this book is appropriate for?
9. Think about the picture books you read as a child: Would this book fit into the themes of what you read back then, or would it stand out as an anomaly?
10. Pretend you are a Parent: If you were in a library, would you pick out this book and read it to you your child; why or why not? Explain your answer.

BONUS QUESTION: Can you think of another book that you have read (picture book or novel) that contains the same themes as this book?

Email the completed questions as a Word Doc or Google Doc to the Teen Services Librarian, Emily Ostrander, at teens@emmaclark.org. Include your full name and grade.

Accepted responses will earn 1 hour of community service credit.

You may submit up to 12 responses per calendar year; please do not repeat titles. Accepted responses may be published on the Emma Clark Library Website and Social Media!