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Protecting Your Freedom to Read: Banned Books Week 2024

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. In what month does Banned Books Week take place? _____
2. In your own words, define a Challenged Book:

3. In your own words, define a Banned Book:

4. Which politician performed a book burning as part of her campaign to become Missouri Secretary of State? _____
5. What was the above politician's rationale for burning two teen books?

6. What percent of 2023 censorship attempts were initiated by Pressure Groups?
 - A. 28%
 - B. 24%
 - C. 21%
 - D. 13%
7. Where do over 50% of censorship attempts take place?
 - A. Public Libraries
 - B. School Libraries
 - C. Schools
 - D. Higher Education/Other

8. Which states challenged the most books in Public Schools and Libraries, in 2023?
- A. Texas and Nevada
 - B. Florida and Utah
 - C. Alaska and New York
 - D. Texas and Florida
9. How many challenges were reported to the ALA in 2014? _____
10. How many challenges were reported to the ALA in 2023? _____
11. How many of the Top Challenged Books of 2023 were Teen Books? _____
12. Censorship is not just about books; name two other types of censorship attempt that were recorded in 2023:
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
13. For putting challenged books library shelves, Librarians have been:
- A. Called names
 - B. Threatened with arrest
 - C. Fired
 - D. All of the Above
14. What kinds of programs was Librarian Brooky Parks running, that led to her being fired for refusing to cancel them? _____
15. True or False: US Politics have a large impact on librarians, library collections, and library programs. _____
16. True or False: Most books being challenged are legally obscene _____
17. Have you read any of the top challenged teen books from the past five years? If so, which ones?

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18. What action was NOT part of the Freedom Scholars Learning Center members' Day of Social Action activities?
- A. Testimonials
 - B. Rallies
 - C. Letter-Writing Campaigns
 - D. Silent Read-Ins
19. What kind of stories did the Freedom Scholars say were being particularly targeted by book bans in their community?
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20. What book did Annabelle Jenkins try to hand her superintendent?

- A. *The Handmaid's Tale* Graphic Novel
- B. *The Handmaid's Tale* Prose Book
- C. *The Testaments* Graphic Novel
- D. *The Blind Assassin* Prose Book

21. True or False: The teacher who got the book Annabelle handed the superintendent banned read it before challenging it. _____

22. What three freedoms are highlighted in the speech bubbles in the "What is the First Amendment?" graphic?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

23. In your own words, what does it mean that books are "Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors?"

24. Think of the last book you read: List the Title, and what Category/Categories it fits into, "Mirror," "Window," and/or "Sliding Glass Door."

25. True or False: Studies have shown that avid readers of fiction are more empathetic, emotionally intelligent, and socially accepting than those who do not read fiction, or do not read at all _____

BONUS QUESTION: Which of the "Books about Banned Books" available at the Emma Clark Library sounded the most interesting to you, and will you read it?

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School: _____

Date: _____