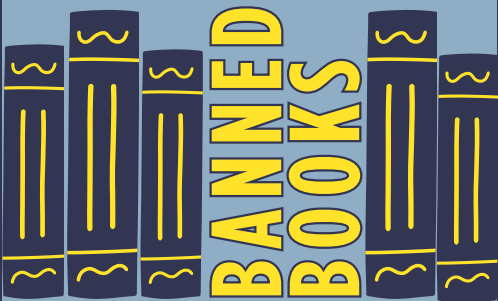




AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

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High School Action Toolkit

HISTORY OF AMNESTY

Amnesty International is a movement of 10 million people which mobilizes the humanity in everyone and campaigns for change so we can all enjoy our human rights. Our vision is of a world where those in power keep their promises, respect international law and are held to account. We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion and are funded mainly by our membership and individual donations. We believe that acting in solidarity and compassion with people everywhere can change our societies for the better.

WHY SHOULD YOU GET INVOLVED?

Book banning poses a threat to having access to information. Banning books and silencing individuals for their written or spoken word, or other forms of artistic expression is censorship. Private high schools have the option to read banned books and even have them in their curriculum, but for many public schools, this is not a reality. Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression".

This means that everyone has the right to seek and receive information without interference. Advocating for the availability of banned books empowers students broaden their range of information and ideas.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

Banned Books Week was founded in 1982 by prominent First Amendment and library activist Judith Krug. Krug said that the Association of American Publishers contacted her with ideas to bring banned books "to the attention of the American public" after a "slew of books" had been banned that year. Krug relayed the information to the American Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee and "six weeks later we celebrated the first Banned Books Week."



Every September since 1990, Amnesty International has worked with partners during Banned Books Week to draw attention to writers, editors, librarians, publishers, poets, musicians, and readers who suffer human rights violations because of their work.

As a member of the Banned Books Week Coalition and in solidarity with the American Library Association (ALA) and organizations around the world, Amnesty organizes and mobilizes action to defend and protect freedom of expression.

POSTERS

spread awareness

PETITIONS

generate change

DISPLAYS

make books available

INTERVIEWS

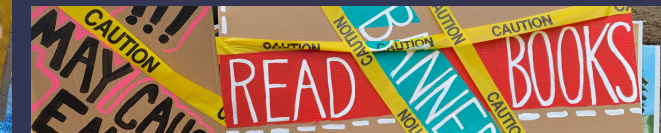
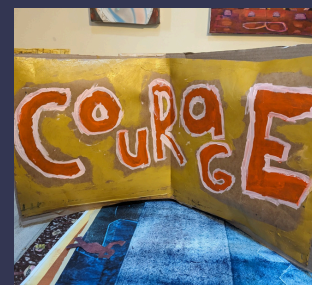
get people thinking

SOCIAL MEDIA

create a platform

CLUBS

share stories



WRITE TO ADMINISTRATORS

inspire leaders

GUEST SPEAKERS

discuss issues

SCHOOL PAPER

reach the community

GALLERY

share importance

RESOURCES

Amnesty International's 2024 Banned Books Week Action

Throughout Sept/October, Amnesty mobilizes people throughout the country to take action. Learn the stories of people who have had their fundamental right to freedom of expression and opinion violated and learn what you can do to support them!



SCAN ME

<https://www.amnestyusa.org/campaigns/banned-books/bbw2024/>