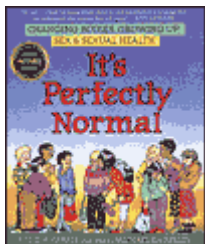




***Go Ask Alice* by Anonymous**
Banned for Drugs

A fifteen-year-old drug user chronicles her daily struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

A challenge to a book is an attempt to remove or restrict materials, based upon the objections of a person or group. A banning is the removal of those materials. Challenges do not simply involve a person expressing a point of view; rather, they are an attempt to remove material from the curriculum or library, thereby restricting the access of others.



***It's Perfectly Normal* by Robie Harris**
Banned for homosexuality, nudity, sexual content and sex education

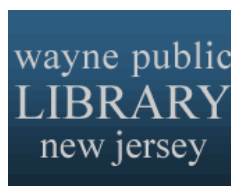
In this intelligent, amiable and carefully researched book, Harris frankly explains the physical, psychological, emotional and social changes that occur during puberty--and the implications of these changes.



***Alice series* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor**
Banned for sexual content, using offensive language, and being unsuited for age group

Simply Alice: In her freshman year, fourteen-year-old Alice experiences changes and challenges with friends, family, and school activities, which leave her feeling better about herself than ever before.

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BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2009

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CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM TO READ!

The following titles include some of the most frequently challenged books:



***We All Fall Down* by Robert Cormier**

Banned for offensive language and sexual content

As The Avenger searches for the teenage boys who trashed a house in his neighborhood, Buddy, one of the trashers, increases his drinking in order to cope with his parents' separation and his obsession with the daughter of the owner of the vandalized house.



***King and King* by Linda De Haan**

Banned for homosexuality

When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.



"Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas."

Alfred Whitney Griswold, Feb. 24, 1959



***Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson**

Banned for offensive language and occult/Satanism

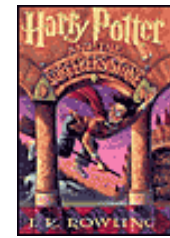
The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who sub-sequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.



***Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**

Banned for using offensive language

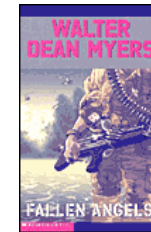
An intimate portrait of two men facing a world marked by petty tyranny, misunderstanding, jealousy, and callousness.



***Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling**

Banned for its focus on wizardry & magic

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry.



***Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers**

Banned for racism, sexual content, offensive language, drugs and violence

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.

