



Top Ten

Ideas for Promoting Banned Books Week

1. Read aloud excerpts from selected Banned Books over school-wide announcements.
2. Create a dynamic display for Banned Books with tissue paper flames coming from the books.
3. Facilitate a round table discussion with faculty after school and take advantage of the opportunity to explain selection procedures for the school library.
4. Use a button maker to create anti-censorship buttons – allow students to design the images!
5. Collaborate with faculty to develop a student project focusing on censorship.
6. Discuss the importance of Freedom to Read by connecting to Constitution Day which falls nears Banned Book Week.
7. Host a debate as to why certain Banned Books should or should not be made available to elementary aged students.
8. Provide a list of the top 100 Banned Books to teachers in advance and ask them to indicate which ones they have read – post the results for students to see.
9. Tweet quotes about censorship.
10. Post primary source images of censorship (such as book burnings) to begin the conversation about why certain people say what can and cannot be read.

AND DON'T FORGET to check out the American Library Association's
online resources for Banned Books!