

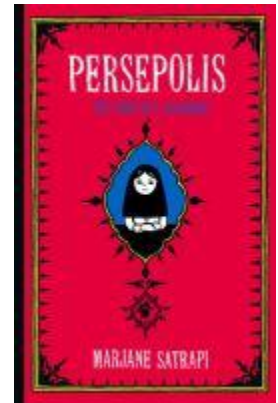
# RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND REACTIONS

## Intellectual Freedom News February 2015

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### **BANNED BOOKS AND CENSORSHIP**

- [A graduate school student revealed that in 2013, Chicago Public Schools](#) tried to ban [Persepolis](#) by [Marjane Satrapi](#) without going through the process in their policies.
- An [AZ school board voted to keep Beloved](#) by [Toni Morrison](#).



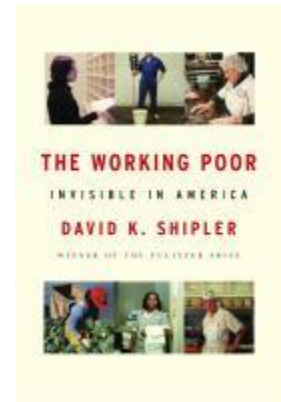
- [Kindergartener parents and a pastor expressed concerns](#) that they weren't given advance notice about an in class reading of [Jacob's New Dress](#) by [Sarah Hoffman](#). The guidance counselor who selected the book wanted to address bullying.

- [NC elementary school parents complained](#) that assigned reading, [Esperanza Rising](#) by [Pam Muñoz Ryan](#) and [One Crazy Summer](#) by [Rita Garcia-Williams](#), are too controversial for fourth grade students. These books purportedly offer one-sided views on race relations and illegal immigration.

- Here's a list of the [top 10 banned books that changed black history](#).



- [Highland Park Independent School District approved a policy](#) for selecting books for curriculum. Books “shall not contain excessive or gratuitous explicit sexuality, excessive or gratuitous profanity, or excessive or gratuitous graphic violence.” More coverage [here](#).
  - The Highland Park ISD parent who recently challenged [The Working Poor: Invisible in America](#) by David K. Shiple [withdrew her complaint](#) and [her daughter out of the school](#).
- A [new KS senate bill could potentially jail a teacher](#) for teaching material that could be “harmful to minors.” This means anything involving “nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement or sadomasochistic abuse.”



## PRIVACY

- [Take a quiz to find out how much your personal data is worth!](#) It's not much.

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- [NE librarians are privacy ninjas](#). Some of them are teaching privacy classes, hosting workshops, installing the [Tor browser](#) and privacy tools such as [Disconnect.me](#), [Ad-Block Plus](#), [HTTPS Everywhere](#), and [Privacy Badger](#) on public PCs.



- [South San Francisco Public Library recently got Bibliocommons](#), which raised a few privacy concerns in the community.
- DARPA is developing a [search engine for the Dark Web](#) for the purposes of law enforcement and tracking illegal activity.
- [Samsung smart TVs are not spying on you](#).
- Do you know about the “[180 day rule?](#)” The government [can read your old email without a warrant](#).
- [Copyright laws affect YOU](#).