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Rights, Responsibilities, and Reactions: Intellectual Freedom News

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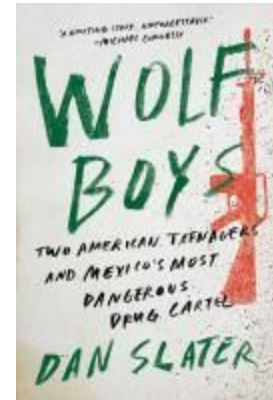
Did you miss Multnomah County Library's annual Banned Books Week program featuring Charles Brownstein of [The Comic Book Legal Defense Fund](#) and local comic creators? The podcast for *Banned Books: Diversity, Inclusion & Respect* is [now available on our catalog](#).

Banned Books and Censorship

- [Columbia University cancelled an author talk](#) after the author [Laurie Stone](#) refused to censor excerpts during her on-air reading. Read about Stone's response [here](#).
- School Library Journal asked school librarians to comment about book challenges in the [2016 Controversial Books Survey](#).



- [Texas prisons banned Langston Hughes's work and *The Color Purple* in their libraries](#), but approved books by Adolf Hitler and David Duke. [Wolf Boys](#) by Dan Slater also [joined the list of 15,000 books banned within the state's prison systems](#).
- [A Tennessee parent objected to a social studies curriculum](#) with a textbook and assignments which refer to Islam. The parent stated: "It is time as parents, teachers, and administrators we stand up and take back our families, our schools, and our country."
- [A Florida high school parent objected to a racial slur in the historical novel, *The Land*](#) by Mildred D. Taylor.
- [What risks did publishers take when they produced an uncensored edition of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*?](#)



Diversity



- The ALA launched a new initiative called [Our Voices: Getting diverse content into libraries](#). Our Voices is a joint effort of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom, the Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services, and a partnership of Chicago-based librarians, authors, independent booksellers, distributors, and publishers.

First Amendment

- [Kansas Public Library officials and police dispute what happened](#) during a controversial library event.

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- Congressman Mike Honda introduced a bill called the [Don't Blog LGBTQ Act](#), which aims to ensure that LGBTQ resources aren't blocked at public schools and libraries.

Privacy

- [The Connecticut Four reunited to oppose the U.S. Senate's efforts](#) to expand the FBI's ability to request library records without a judge's order.
- Here are tips on [how to protect yourself after the Yahoo attack](#) .
- Take this quiz: [how many times has your personal information been exposed to hackers?](#)
- [Need ideas about how we can keep our personal data safe?](#)

Have any questions? Feel free to email the editors at lib.ifc@multco.us.