

# Strategies for Dealing with Book Banning

## “I Want To Learn More About the Issue”

Get an overview:

- [United Against Book Bans](#)
- [Set up a Google Alert](#) for articles on Book Bans, Challenges, and Censorship

Find out what's happening in your community:

- [Youth Censorship Database](#)

## “I Want To Get Involved From Home and Support Organizations”

- [Email your representatives](#)
- [Write letters](#) (Tip: Skip right to page 15!)
- [Report censorship](#)

## “I Want To Stay Informed About Current Legislation and Become An Advocate”

- Learn about recent developments and opportunities at [The American Bookseller Association](#) (ABA) advocacy hub

## “I Want To Report Book Challenges and Bans”

- Find out if your [library is experiencing censorship](#)
- Report censorship to one or more of these organizations:
- Report to the [Office of Intellectual Freedom](#)
- Report to [PEN America](#)
- Report to [National Coalition Against Censorship](#)

## “I Want To Attend School Board Meetings and Be a Voice for Free Expression in My Community”

- Find out when your next local [school board election](#) is taking place
- Learn about the candidates and vote
- Attend a school board meeting and be prepared to talk about banned books
- Talking points – [How To Talk About Banned Books](#)

## Grants Aim to Improve Reading and Literacy: [Believe in Reading](#)

Application deadline: None Grant amount: Up to \$10,000

Description: Believe in Reading supports nonprofit organizations in the US that teach, improve, or encourage reading by people of all ages. Supported literacy programs should serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Nonprofit organizations and equivalent educational institutions are eligible to apply for support for existing and provably successful literacy programs that have been established for a minimum of two years.