2018 - 2019
BANNED BOOKS
Report on Texas Schools
In 2018-2019 we recorded 17 book challenges — requests by parents or school administrators to permanently remove a book from a school's library collection or curriculum — submitted by 13 Texas public school districts and charter schools. The books in question were challenged for various reasons including violence (Smith, Draper), political or racial offensiveness (Seuss), or sexual content (Telgemeier).

Some school districts logged multiple challenges, including Azle and Royse City Independent School Districts (ISDs). While some school administrators made efforts to restrict access to challenged books without banning them outright, six books were completely removed from school collections this school year. These books include Popularity Paper Series by Sonja Jones and Just Another Hero by Sharon Draper.
THE CONFORMITY by John Horner Jacobs was removed from the Roosevelt Elementary library collection in McAllen ISD.

TWO WHITE RABBITS by Jairo Buitrago was removed from the Liberty Elementary library collection in Azle ISD, for being being politically, racially, or socially offensive.

The 2018-2019 school year saw a 40% decrease in banned books compared to the previous year.
**CHALLENGED BOOKS**

**SAN FELIPE DEL RIO ISD**
School: Garfield, Lamar Elementaries
Book: George, Alex Gino
- Reasons Cited: mature content
- Action Taken: relocated to Del Rio Middle School

**KATY ISD**
School: Stockdick Junior High
Book: Reluctantly Alice, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Reasons Cited: nudity
- Action Taken: use restricted

**LITTLE ELM ISD**
School: Little Elm High School
Book: The Tortilla Curtain, T.C. Boyle
- Reasons Cited: inappropriate content
- Action Taken: allowed to remain in school library, selections of text restricted during classroom instruction

**BURLESON ISD**
School: Kerr Middle School
Book: In the Middle of the Night
- Reasons Cited: violence, PTSD
- Action Taken: alternate book allowed

**ROYSE CITY ISD**
School: Vernon Elementary
Book: The Dork Diaries Series, Rachel Renee Russell
- Reasons Cited: mature content
- Action Taken: relocated to middle school

**BRAZOS ISD**
School: Brazos Elementary
Books: Drama, Raina Telgemeier
- Reasons Cited: sexual content
- Action Taken: use restricted

**TEMPLE ISD**
School: Scott Elementary
Book: Poison Apples, Poems for You, My Pretty, by Christine Heppermann
- Reasons Cited: age-inappropriate content
- Action Taken: relocated to high school library collections

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY CHARTER SCHOOL**
Book: The entire bibliography of Dr. Seuss, Dr. Seuss
- Reasons Cited: politically, racially, or socially offensive content
- Action Taken: decision pending

**AUBREY ISD**
School: Aubrey High School
Book: How to Read Literature Like a Professor, Thomas C. Foster
- Reasons Cited: sexual content
- Action Taken: alternate book provided

**CONROE ISD**
School: Conroe ISD high schools
Book: Beauty Queens, Libba Bray
- Reasons Cited: profanity, sexual content
- Action Taken: use restricted

**GEORGE** by Alex Gino, a novel about a transgender middle school girl, was challenged this year.

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DRAMA by Raina Telgemeier was challenged for the fourth year in a row.