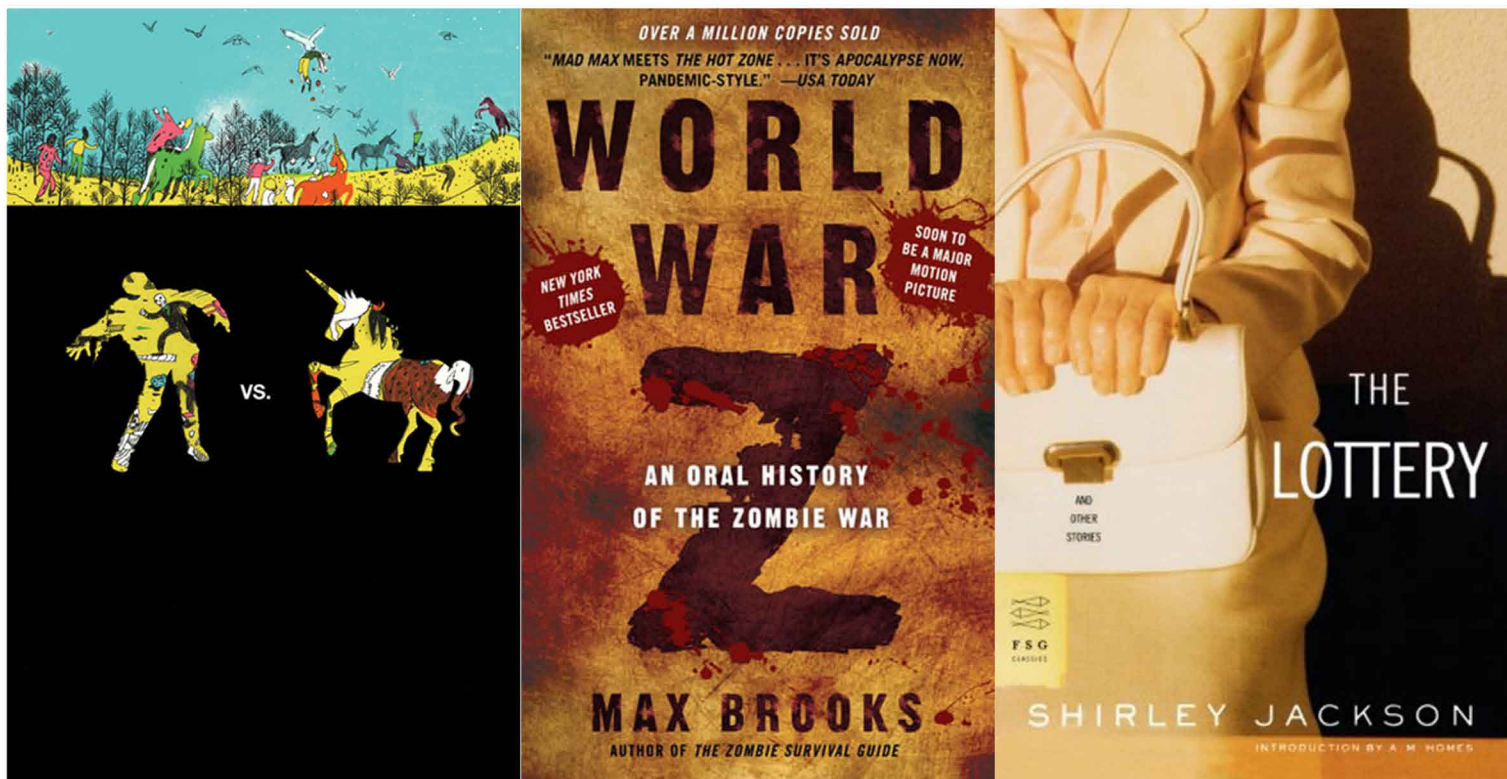


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17TH ANNUAL BANNED BOOKS REPORT



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DID YOU KNOW?

This is our 17th annual banned books report. This year's report, which accounts for about 63 percent of the total school districts in Texas, demonstrates there is some good news on the book banning front. The number of books being banned continues to decline each year since we first started this report. Based on responses to an open records request, only 10 books were banned in Texas in the 2012-2013 school year. View the full report: ACLUTX.org.

HIGHLIGHTS

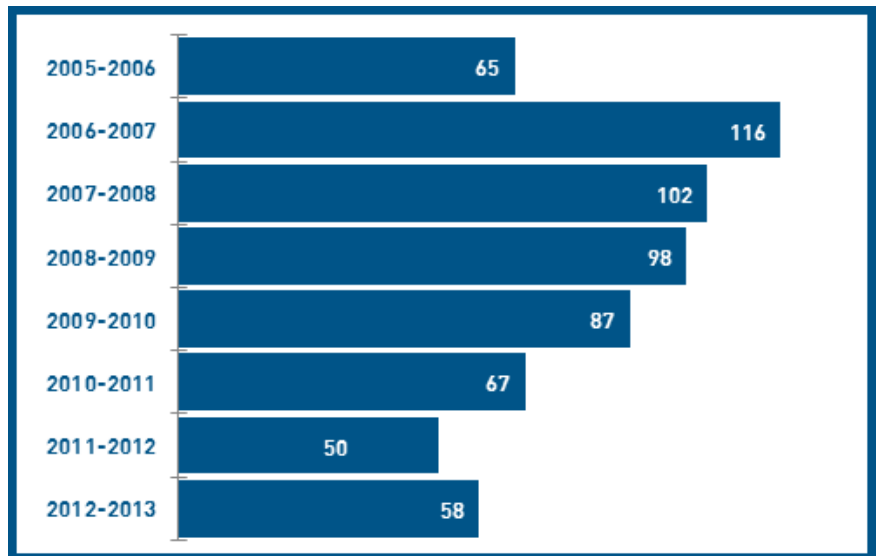
Pflugerville ISD led the way with most challenges in the 2012-2013 school year, but retained all thirteen book at their schools. These challenges came from elementary and high school grade levels.

Clear Creek ISD took the lead in banning: two of the three books challenged were removed from middle and elementary library shelves and reassigned to high schools.

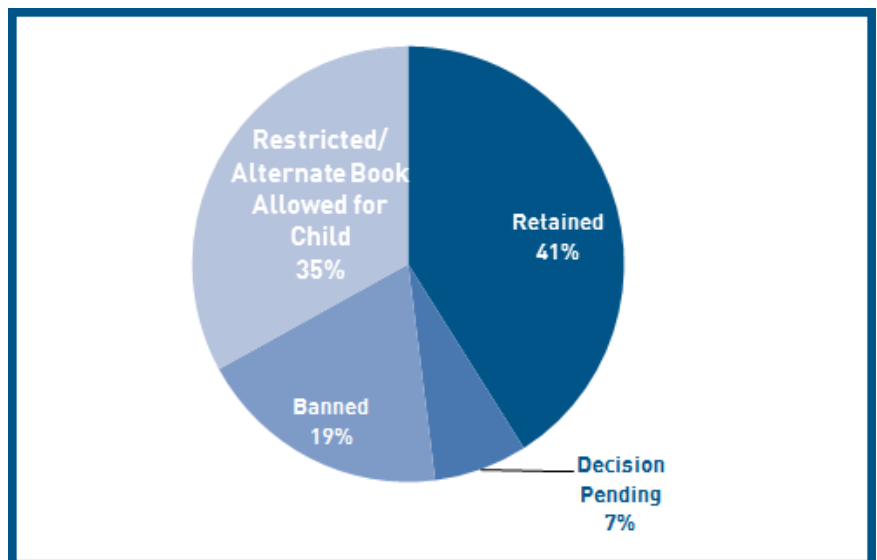
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CHALLENGED BOOKS

Number of books challenged per school year in Texas



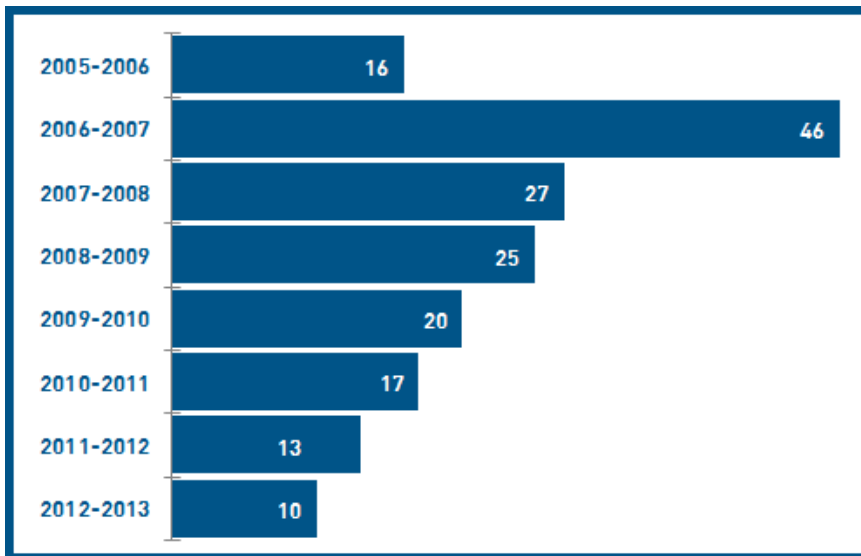
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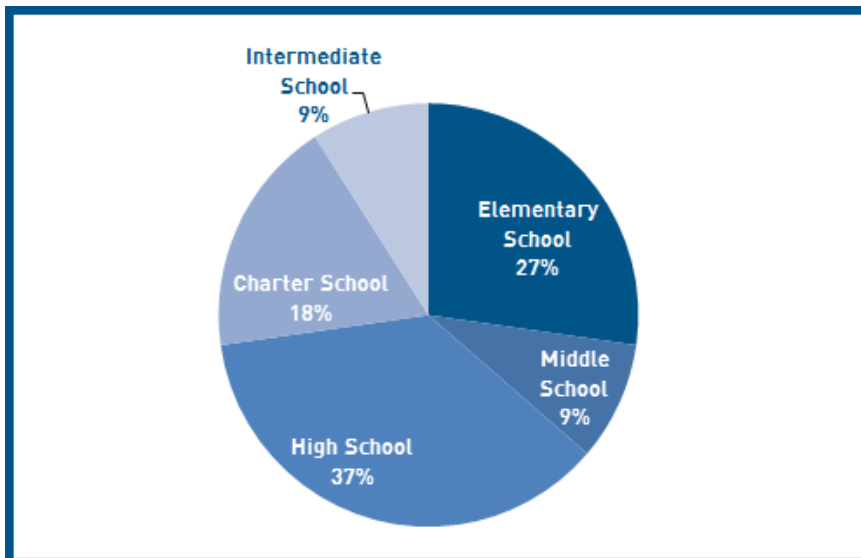
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BANNED BOOKS

Number of books banned per school year in Texas



BANNED BOOKS BY SCHOOL TYPE



LIST OF BANNED BOOKS:

Books removed from library shelves or class reading lists.

- *Paintings from the Cave*, Gary Paulsen
- *Talking in the Dark: A Poetry Memoir*, Billy Merrell
- *Fade; Book 2 of Wake Trilogy*, Lisa McMann
- *Ransom My Heart*, Princess of Genovia Mia Thermopolis
- *World War Z*, Max Brooks
- *Smile of a Dolphin*, Ed. Marc Bekoff
- *Amy and Roger Epic Detour*, Morgan Matson
- *The Olympics: Smitty II*, Bill Gutman
- *The Lottery*, Shirley Jackson
- *Zombies vs. Unicorns*, Holly Black

LIST OF RESTRICTED BOOKS:

Books restricted to readers based on age, reading level, parental permission, etc.

- *The Hunger Games*, Suzanne Collins
- *Indiana Jones and the Tomb of the Gods*, Rob Williams
- *Been To Yesterdays: Poems of a Life*, Lee Hopkins
- *The Lightning Thief*, Rick Riordan
- *Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro
- *The Bell Jar*, Sylvia Plath
- *Blubber*, Judy Blume
- *Hide and Seek*, Ida Vos
- *Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck
- *Speak*, Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Liar, Liar*, Gary Paulsen
- *Deadtime Stories: Grave Secrets*, Annette & Gina Cascone
- *Big Momma Makes the World*, Phyllis Root
- *The Collector*, John Fowles
- *The People Could Fly: The Picture Book*, Virginia Hamilton
- *To Kill A Mockingbird*, Harper Lee
- *I Am J*, Chris Beam
- *Say Cheese and Die*, R.L. Stine
- *Draw Me A Star*, Eric Carle

*In 2012-2013 a total of 781 Texas school districts responded to our statewide open records requests. Multiple school district grade levels reported challenges and/or bans for the same book. See ACLUTX.org.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a library. On the left and right sides, there are tall bookshelves filled with books. In the center, a person is sitting on the floor, leaning against a bookshelf, and reading a book. The lighting is warm and the overall atmosphere is quiet and studious.

The 17th Annual Banned Books Report, 2012-2013, highlights books that were been challenged, restricted, or banned from 781 Texas school districts in Texas.

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