Below are the results from our survey of Texas schools in the 2014-2015 school year.

Learn more about Banned Books Week and find more resources at the American Library Association.

13 BOOKS CHALLENGED
2 BANNED in 2014-2015

In 2014-2015, we recorded thirteen book challenges submitted to Texas schools. Most of the books in question were challenged due to profanity, violence, or sexual content, while drug use, politics, and offense to religious sensibilities recorded one challenge each.

Based on responses to our open records requests, a total of ten school districts logged book challenges this past year, with Red Lick ISD topping the list. In many cases, librarians and school administrators found a way to accommodate the parents’ complaints while not depriving other students of the challenged material, either by denying access to the book to the child of the parent who filed the complaint, or by requiring students to have parental permission before checking out the texts in question.

Only two books were banned outright: Hans Wilhelm’s *I Hate My Bow* at Red Lick Elementary School and Andy Riley’s *The Book of Bunny Suicides* at Chapel Hill Junior High.

School Districts with book challenges, 2014-2015:

- Red Lick ISD
- Chapel Hill ISD, Titus County
- Meridian World School
- Irving ISD
- Calhoun County ISD
- Round Rock ISD
- Highland Park ISD, Dallas County
- Conroe ISD
- Community ISD
- New Braunfels ISD

Titles of Challenged Books and Results of Challenge, 2014-2015:
- *The Host* by Stephenie Meyer *(use restricted)*
- *I Hate My Bow* by Han Wilhelm *(banned)*
- *The Book of Bunny Suicides* by Andy Riley *(banned)*
- *The Natural* by Bernard Malamud *(alternate book allowed)*
- *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin *(retained)*
- *Red Azalea* by Anchee Min *(use restricted and decision pending)*
- *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow *(retained)*
- *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein *(retained)*
- *Thirteen* by Lauren Myracle *(use restricted)*
- *Santa Clause Around the World* by Lisl Weil *(retained)*
- *Drive-By* by Lynn Ewing *(alternate book allowed)*
- *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier *(use restricted and content changed or deleted)*

**Challenged Books by District, 2014-2015:**

**Calhoun County ISD**

- **Book:** *Red Azalea* by Anchee Min
- **School:** Calhoun High School
- **Reason Cited:** Sexual content; politically, racially, or socially offensive
- **Action Taken:** Use restricted

**Chapel Hill ISD, Titus County**

- **Book:** *The Book of Bunny Suicides* by Andy Riley
- **School:** Chapel Hill Junior High
- **Reason Cited:** Violence/Horror
- **Action Taken:** Banned (removed from library)

**Community ISD**

- **Book:** *Drive-By* by Lynn Ewing
- **School:** McClendon Elementary
- **Reason Cited:** Violence/horror
- **Action Taken:** Alternate book allowed

**Conroe ISD**
Book: *Thirteen* by Lauren Myracle  
**School:** Wilson Intermediate  
**Reason Cited:** Profanity, sexual content, drugs or alcohol  
**Action Taken:** Use restricted

Book: *Santa Clause Around the World* by Lisl Weil  
**School:** Powell Elementary  
**Reason Cited:** Violence or horror; “There was a description of a horned figure taking children”  
**Action Taken:** Retained

**Highland Park ISD, Dallas County**

Book: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein  
**School:** Highland Park High School  
**Reason Cited:** Profanity, sexual content  
**Action Taken:** Retained

**Irving ISD**

Book: *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin  
**School:** MacArthur High School  
**Reason Cited:** “Subject matter not appropriately presented”  
**Action Taken:** Retained

**Meridian World School**

Book: *The Natural* by Bernard Malamud  
**School:** Meridian School – High School  
**Reason Cited:** Sexual content  
**Action Taken:** Alternate book allowed

**New Braunfels ISD**

Book: *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier  
**School:** Seele Elementary  
**Reason Cited:** Parent felt subject matter too advanced for elementary students  
**Action Taken:** Use Restricted
Red Lick ISD

Book: *The Host* by Stephenie Meyer  
School: Red Lick Middle School  
Reason Cited: Offensive to religious sensibilities  
Action Taken: Use restricted

Book: *I Hate My Bow* by Han Wilhelm  
School: Red Lick Elementary  
Reason Cited: Parent didn’t like the word “hate”  
Action Taken: Banned (removed from library)

Round Rock ISD

Book: *The Berlin Boxing Club* by Robert Sharenow  
School: Deerpark Middle School  
Reason Cited: Sexual content  
Action Taken: Retained