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Whitehall Township Public Library **Library Lines**

September is **Library Card Signup Month!** If you have any friends or neighbors who don't yet have a card, now is the perfect time to come in - right when school is starting up and they can use our resources.

The library will be **closed for Labor Day** from Sat., September 3 - Mon., September 5. Besides that, our **regular open hours** are Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday - Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. We're closed on Sundays.

We have a few regular events in the library. **Adults** can come to our Adult Coloring Club on the first and third Thursday of every month (September 1 & 15) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and our Adult Book talks on the first Thursday (September 1) from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. **Teens** interested in helping the library can join the Teen Advisory Board that helps plan events. They meet the second Saturday of the month (September 10) at 1:30 p.m. **Kids** often have story times available. See below for Fall Story Time information. **All are welcome** to attend our Board of Trustees Meetings on the second Thursday (September 8) at 6:30 p.m.

We're celebrating **Banned Books Week** from Mon., September 19 - Sat., September 24. See inside this newsletter for more information.

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Regular Library Hours

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday:
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:
Closed

Friends Helping Friends

The library will participate in **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends**. For a **\$5.00** donation to the library, shoppers receive a **25% off** shopping pass for **October 19, 2022**. You can use this pass at any physical Boscov's store, though not online.



Kids' Corner

- Kids who want hands-on fun can come to **Creation Station** on Wed., **September 14** at 6 p.m.
- Registration begins for **Fall Story Time** on **September 1**. Registration is required for the following:
 - ◇ **Tuesday Preschool Story Time**, for kids ages 36 months – 5 years, runs on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. from September 27 through November 15.
 - ◇ **Wednesday Preschool Story Time**, also for ages 36 months – 5 years, runs on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. from September 28 through November 16.
 - ◇ **Toddler Story Time**, for kids ages 12-36 months, is every Thursday at 11 a.m. from October 6 – November 10, 2022.

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Plant a Row

We're a drop-off location for Plant a Row Lehigh Valley (PARLV), which helps supply fresh **fruits and vegetables** to the hungry in Lehigh and Northampton counties. You can drop off donations in the marked cooler inside the library on **Mondays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** (Please separate items by type.) We'll have this available every week through October 3 except for September 5, when we'll be **closed for Labor Day.**

Book Nook: Whole Grains Month

Although September is Banned Books Month, that has already been discussed in this newsletter, so this month we will focus on **whole grains**. A grain is the seed from a cereal grass. Wheat, rice, and corn are probably the ones we eat most in the U.S., with wheat being used mostly as flour for bread and pasta. You may be familiar with the term "ancient grains", which are the sources from which the more specialized grains were hybridized. For example, brown rice is the forbearer for jasmine, basmati, arborio, and sticky rice, to name a few, besides short-grain, long-grain, black, red, etc. However, wild rice is not related to the grain we know as rice, but to grass, like in our lawns. Other ancient grains you may have heard about, if are not already eating, are quinoa, farro, millet, amaranth, barley, rye, sorghum, teff, and spelt. Several of these have high protein per serving and are important for vegan and vegetarian diets. These are getting easier to find in our local markets as folks add more plant-based meals to their diets. If you don't think you ever had these grains, think again, because beer and booze are made from them.

If you are interested in trying some **recipes**, use our **library catalog** to do a subject search for "grains" and you will find many cookbooks, some with separate grain chapters. I also recommend some of our online references like **AtoZ Food America** and especially **AtoZ World Food** for grains such a millet and sorghum, which are not yet staple foods in the U.S. Both databases let you filter by ingredients, category, and specific grain. After a description of the grain, the recipe links are at the bottom. **See one recipe example below.**

~ Chris Andrews

Horchata Recipe

The word **horchata** derives from a Valencian term meaning "made from barley," although today this drink is not made from barley, but from a variety of other seeds or grains, such as almond or sesame seeds. In Mexico and Guatemala, it is made from rice. See **AtoZ World Food** for other grain recipes and notes.

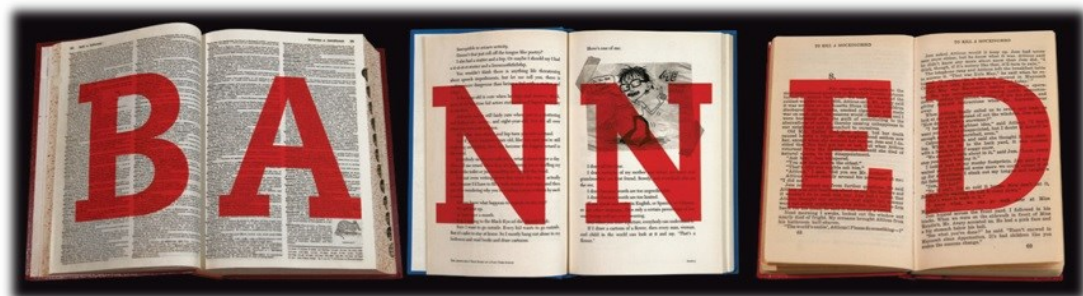
Ingredients:

- 2 cups uncooked long-grain rice
- 8 cups water
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 cups semi-skimmed cow's milk
- 1 cup sugar



Directions:

1. Put the rice in a colander and wash it under running water, moving it smoothly with your hand, until the water comes out translucent.
2. Put the rice in a medium bowl and cover it with half the water. Let it soak for at least 3 hours, or overnight. Reserve the water.
3. In a blender, put the rice with the soaking water, cinnamon, milk, and sugar. Blend until the rice has been ground and the sugar has dissolved completely.
4. Pour the horchata into a pitcher and add the remaining 4 cups water. Refrigerate or serve immediately with ice. Stir before serving.



Banned Books Week (September 19-24)

Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It highlights the value of free and open access to information, bringing the entire book community together in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas. You can visit bannedbooksweek.org or see their social media accounts to learn about banned and challenged books.

Movie Night

Come in on Wednesday, **September 21** at 5:30 p.m. for **Movie Night**. Watch our website for a title announcement.

Banned Book DIY

Celebrate your freedom to read with a **Banned Books Week DIY Craft**. On Thursday, **September 22** at 6:30, teens and adults can create a DIY magnet and coaster with your favorite banned book pages. Registration is required.

Used Book Sale

Come to buy some gently-used books at great prices at our **Used Book Sale** on Friday, **September 23** and Saturday, **September 24** from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Saturday, there will be a bag sale from Noon to 3 p.m. at \$5 per bag.

Database Spotlight: eBooks

If you'd like to read books (banned or otherwise) on your phone, computer, or other device, we have a few databases that you can use:

- **Overdrive** - This digital collection of e-books, audiobooks, and magazines is open 24/7.
- **TeenBook Cloud** - The growing collection features over 1000 titles, including student-favorite graphic novels, enhanced e-books with full audio narration and highlighted text, classic literature, National Geographic videos, and more!
- **TumbleBook Library** - It has over 1100 titles for grades K-6 and includes unique animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, and more. You can access these and other databases from home with your library card and PIN. See our front desk if you need either of these.

Last Year

Who Initiated Challenges?

- 18% Board/administration
- 10% Political & religious groups
- 6% Teachers & librarians
- 2% Elected officials
- 1% Students

Where Did Challenges Take Place?

- 44% School libraries
- 37% Public libraries
- 18% Schools
- 1% Academic & other

What Was Challenged?

- 82% Books, graphic novels, & textbooks
- 5% Programs & meeting rooms
- 4% Displays & exhibits
- 2% Films
- 7% Other

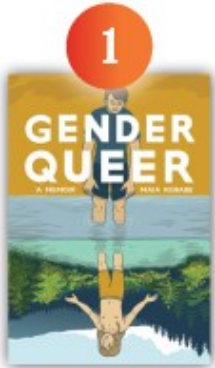
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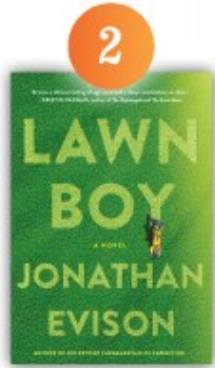


Banned Book Match

The American Library Association tracked 729 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2021. Of the 1,597 individual books that were challenged or banned in 2021, these are the top 10 most challenged. Try to match them with their authors, and then look at page 5 to see the answers and why they were banned.



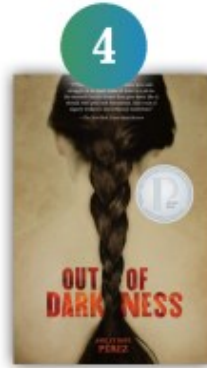
Gender Queer



Lawn Boy



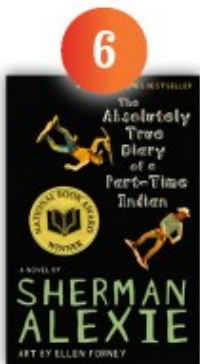
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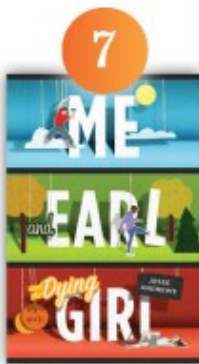
Out of Darkness



The Hate U Give



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian



Me and Earl and the Dying Girl



The Bluest Eye



This Book is Gay



Beyond Magenta

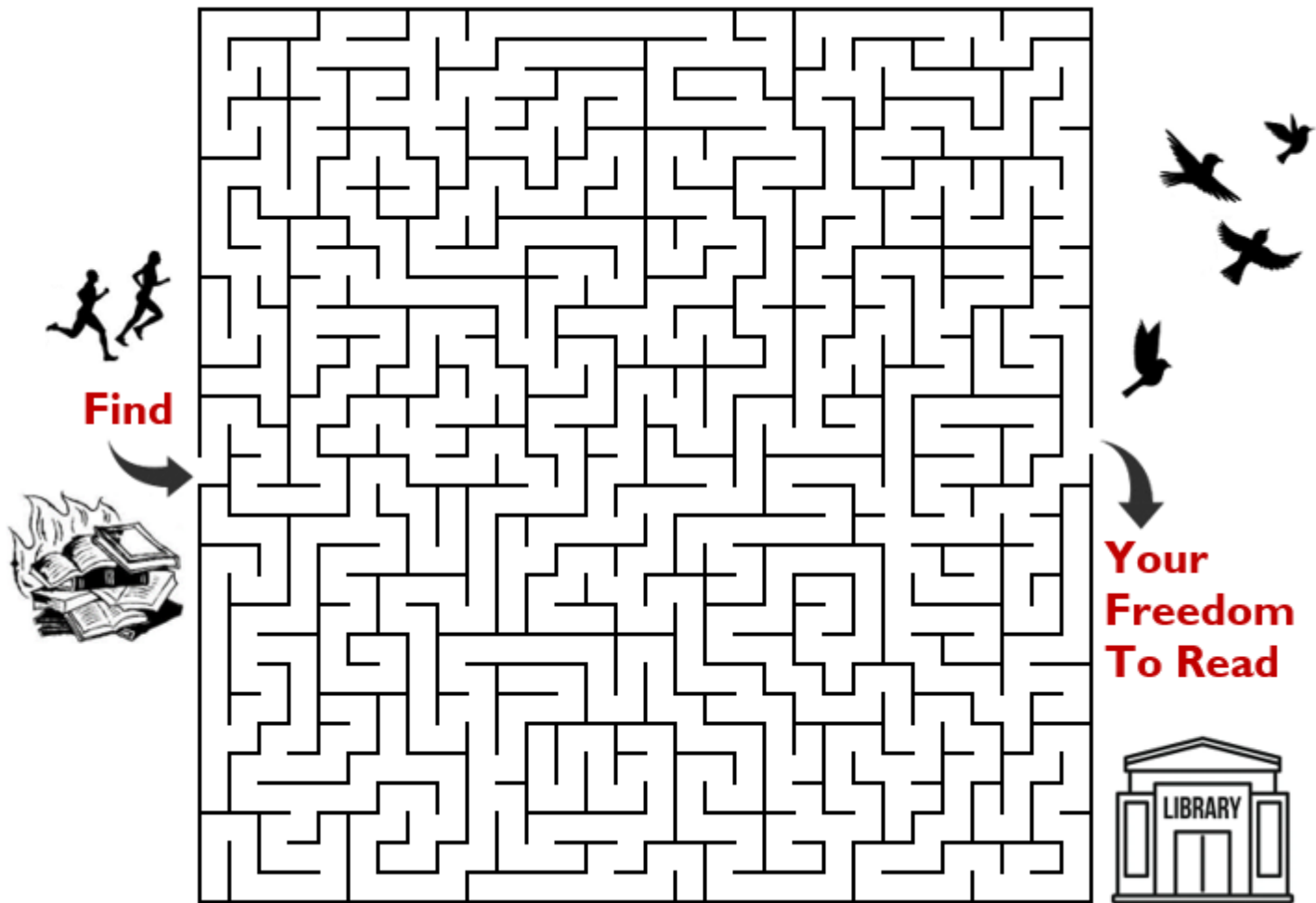
Authors

- A. Angie Thomas
- B. Ashley Hope Perez
- C. George M. Johnson
- D. Jesse Andrews
- E. Jonathan Evison
- F. Juno Dawson
- G. Maia Kobabe
- H. Sherman Alexie
- I. Susan Kuklin
- J. Toni Morrison

Banned Book Challenge

This Banned Books Week, check out the ALA's lists of frequently challenged books (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/>). Try to find **five banned books** that you can read or try to read before Banned Books Week comes around again next year. (You don't even have to finish if you don't like one.) Write their names down here.:

Censorship is a Dead End



Banned Book Match Answers

These are the 10 books most commonly challenged and banned last year and the reasons cited:

1. (G) **Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe:** LGBTQIA+ content & sexually-explicit images
2. (E) **Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison:** LGBTQIA+ content & sexually-explicit
3. (C) **All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson:** LGBTQIA+ content, profanity, & sexually-explicit content
4. (B) **Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez:** Depictions of abuse & sexually-explicit content
5. (A) **The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas:** Profanity, violence, & promotion of an anti-police message & indoctrination of a social agenda
6. (H) **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie:** Profanity, sexual references, & use of a derogatory term
7. (D) **Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews:** Sexually explicit & degrading to women
8. (J) **The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison:** Child sexual abuse & sexually explicit
9. (F) **This Book is Gay by Juno Dawson:** Providing sexual education & LGBTQIA+ content
10. (I) **Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin:** LGBTQIA+ & sexually-explicit content

