

Take a Stand for Books

September 24-30 is Banned Books Week.

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- *Participate in the trading card Scavenger Hunt starting Sept. 17.*
- *Listen to banned books at the Sept. 25 picnic.*
- *Share a selfie with your favorite censored book.*
- *Add a challenged book to your reading list this fall.*

Arlington Public Library raises awareness of Banned Books Week (Sept. 24-30) with several programs including a picnic, scavenger hunt and mug shot booths. Arlington residents and Library patrons can participate in a number of ways.

Starting September 17, the Library will announce several scavenger hunt locations in the community. Collect 4 Banned Books trading cards and receive a free age-appropriate prize (to be picked up at the Central Library by October 2, 2017).

On September 25, join us at Quincy Park for a picnic and listen to passages from Banned Books, read by librarians.

Take a selfie with your favorite censored book at Central Library, Connection: Crystal City, Shirlington or Westover Branch Library and share it using the hashtag #bannedbooksweek.

The annual Banned Books Week encourages readers to examine challenged literary works and promotes free and open access to ideas and information.

According to Director of Arlington Public Library Diane Kresh: **“Books are change agents. They challenge our beliefs and biases, help us learn to think for ourselves, and expose us to different experiences and cultures. I encourage you to commit to reading at least one challenged book this fall.”**

Visit library.arlingtonva.us/bannedbooks for more information.

Banned Books Week was established in 1982 by the late Judith Krug, then director of the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom, in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. To find out more about Banned Books Week, visit <http://www.bannedbooksweek.org>.

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*The Arlington Public Library provides access to information, creates connections among
people and promotes reading and culture.*
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