

# FREEDOM TO READ DAY OF ACTION

COMMUNITIES UNITE  
AGAINST BOOK BANS

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## WHY WE'RE TAKING ACTION

We believe that the freedom to read is an American value that must be protected. We believe that everyone should have the right to choose what they read. We believe that public and school libraries should be safe havens of knowledge and community. And we believe that free access to information and knowledge is fundamental to democracy, and that libraries must be able to provide access to diverse perspectives.

## FACTS ABOUT BOOK BANS

- In 2023, book banning and censorship reached an all-time high, with a record 4,240 unique book titles targeted for removal.
- 47% of the books targeted for censorship in 2023 were titles representing the voices and lived experiences of people of color and people who identify as LGBTQ+.
- Coordinated censorship attempts continue to happen at an alarming rate, impacting schools and public libraries nationwide and threatening the rights of all Americans.

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

- ✓ Take action now: [uniteagainstbookbans.org/dayofaction](https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/dayofaction)
- ✓ Post your support on social media using **#FreedomToRead**. Tag us on Instagram and Facebook (@UniteAgainstBookBans) and Twitter/X (@UABookBans).
- ✓ Sign the Freedom to Read pledge.
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