Donate Banned/Challenged Books to the UUCOV Library

The number of banned books is on an unprecedented rise. The books being challenged often focus on race, LGBTQ+ issues, religion, and history. We have a clear role to play in fighting such censorship. Reading books from different perspectives strengthens empathy, encourages independent thought, amplifies marginalized voices, and defends the principles of democracy.

Here is the wish list of Banned Books that we are seeking for our collection. Please donate items that are gently used, with no markings and with minimal signs of wear and tear. Drop them off at the UUCOV Library in Waters Hall.

Thank you!

1. Looking for Alaska, by John Green ***-Adopted!***
2. Nineteen Minutes, by Jodi Picoult ***-Adopted!***
3. Tricks, by Ellen Hopkins
4. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl, by Jesse Andrews ***-Adopted!***
5. Gender Queer, by Maia Kobabe
6. The Autobiography of Malcolm X, by Malcolm X ***-Adopted!***
7. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, by Dee Brown ***-Adopted!***
8. The Crucible, by Arthur Miller ***-Adopted!***
9. Black Boy, by Richard Wright
10. A Child Called "It", by David Pelzer
11. Art History, by Marilyn Stokstad
12. Nickel and Dimed, by Barbara Ehrenreich ***-Adopted!***
13. The Book of Unknown Americans, by Christina Heriquez
14. An African American and Latinx History of the U.S., by Paul Ortiz
15. Cuando Era Puertorriquena (When I was Puerto Rican), by Esmeralda Santiago
16. Persepolis, by Marjane Satrapi ***-Adopted!***
17. A Clockwork Orange, by Anthony Burgess
18. A Court of Thorns and Roses (series), by Sarah Maas
19. Breathless, by Jennifer Niven
20. Sold, by Patricia McCormick ***-Adopted!***
21. Last Night at the Telegraph Club, by Malinda Lo
22. Crank, by Ellen Hopkins
23. Forever, by Judy Blume
24. The Perks of Being a Wallflower, by Stephen Chbosky
25. The Diary of Anne Frank, by Anne Frank ***-Adopted!***

List is compiled from Pen America, for 2026 (https://pen.org/banned-books-list-2026/), the American Library Association (ALA) for 2024, and Biblio's Banned Books Week 2025: Adult Nonfiction (https://loutit.bibliocommons.com/v2/list/display/1892015289/2165678489)

See also ALA's list of 40 Banned/Challenged Adult Fiction Books with details at: https://www.ala.org/sites/default/files/news/content/40%20Banned%20Books.pdf

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