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Who are we? A growing, truly grassroots group originating in Nixa, MO, we are concerned citizens, teachers, and parents of public school students who want to support educational opportunities for ALL who seek them. What do we do? We concern ourselves with education related issues in our community. We fight against censorship, and support open choices in education, and for a wide breadth of educational experiences for all.

Happy Banned Book Week!

October 1-7, 2023

The American Library Association (ALA) has been sponsoring Banned Books Week since 1982. The ALA is a professional association of librarians, and it works to promote the right to intellectual freedom. The ALA believes that everyone has the right to read whatever they want, regardless of their beliefs or opinions.

Traditionally, banned book week has been used to celebrate the freedom to read and draw attention to the antiquated practice of calling for and limiting access to literature. This year, however, demands to limit and censor literature and other materials has skyrocketed!

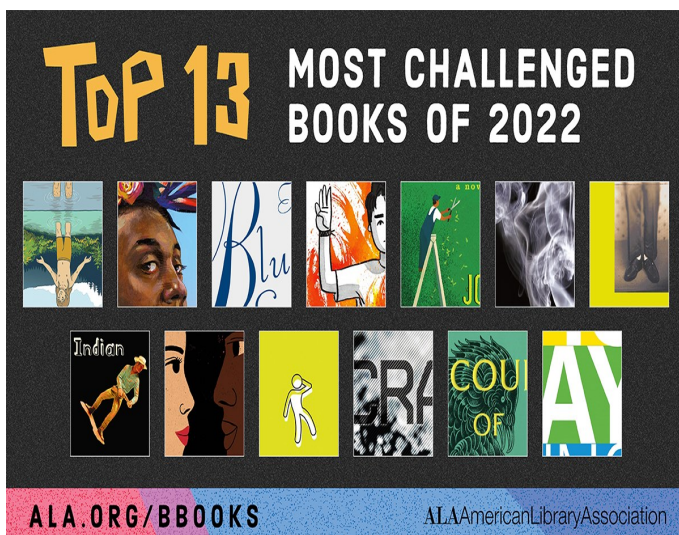
This year's theme, Let Freedom Read, is especially brilliant because it reminds us what is at stake when censorship is allowed to win. Our very freedom. Intellectual freedom is under attack as the ALA continues to track a record number of book challenges.

[Read more here](#)



Upcoming events

- Each Tuesday in October: Maus course, CCL Nixa branch and zoom
- October 12: Nixa school board mtg., 6pm, Faught Admin. bldg.
- October 24: Christian County Library board mtg., 6pm, location tbd
- October 28: Creepin at the Crossroads, downtown Nixa



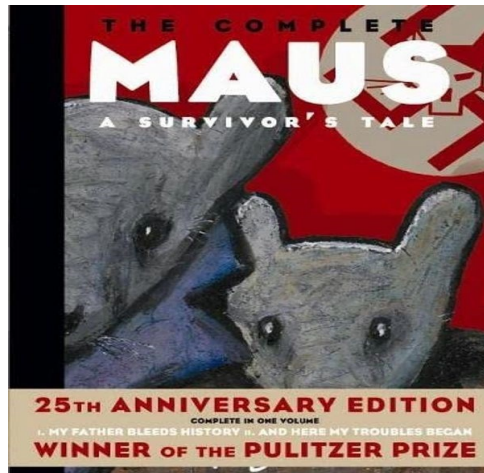
Come experience Maus

U-Turn in Education is pleased to announce a partnership with the Christian County Library; [Dr. Scott Denham](#), Professor of German Studies at Davidson College; and [Dr. Barbara Mann](#), Professor of Modern Hebrew Language and Literature at Case Western Reserve University.

An extraordinary opportunity for students, teachers, and citizens in our local district and beyond. Learn more about a groundbreaking, genre defining, Pulitzer Prize winning book and the censorship that surrounds it and others. Celebrate that *Maus's* continued presence has been successfully defended in the Nixa School District.

U-Turn in Education is thrilled to have been so actively involved in making this phenomenal educational opportunity available.

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Legislation

Missouri congress men and women will begin pre-filing bills in December. One local representative has vowed to file a bill making all county board positions elected. Certain board positions, the library included, have historically been filled by recommendations and appointments by qualified individuals.

Another bill that was signed by the Governor, HB 190, could possibly affect school funding. We'll keep an eye on it.

Our Socials



In The News

[The Washington Post](#)

[Springfield Daily Citizen](#)

[The New Yorker](#)

[PEN America](#)

[Spectrum News](#)

How you can help

No matter what your comfort level, EVERYONE can contribute to our movement somehow. Some ways to get involved are:

- * Attend a local board or council meeting
- * Email school board members and legislators regarding intellectual freedom
- * Build or donate to a little free library
- * Donate to us