Public Reports

<u>Overview</u>

40 public reports from 10/20/17 - 12/20/17

4 programs

3 hate crimes

33 materials (books, magazines, films, databases, student publications, reading lists)

58 total reports including 95 materials

Challenged Programs

1.

Title	Author, Matt Taibbi visit
Challenge Date	11/08/2017
Description/Notes	Library administration decided two days before an author visit (Matt Taibbi) to cancel the speaker based on his published writing from 20 years ago.
Type-format+	Program
Linked Issues	Sexism, Author Visits
Location +	Public Library
State	ОН
Citation if Public Case	https://www.ohio.com/akron/lifestyle/books/akron-library-nixes-appearance-by-controversial-author-matt-taibbi-over-assertions-of-
	<u>past-sexual-harassment-claims</u>
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	Anti-Islam Film
Challenge Date	11/25/2017
Description/Notes	The screening of an anti-Islam film at the main branch of the Ottawa Public Library has been cancelled after an e-mail campaign by residents who argued it would violate the library's own policies around hate speech.
Type-format+	Program
Linked Issues	Religious viewpoint
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	CANADA
Citation if Public Case	http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/ottawa-public-library-central-
	branch-islam-islamophobia-public-protest-film-1.4418229
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	Reading with the Queens
Challenge Date	11/14/2017
Description/Notes	Program was canceled because it didn't fit within the scope of the
	event.
Type-format +	Program
Linked Issues	LGBT, Program
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	AZ
Citation if Public Case	http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/arts/library-gilbert-cancel-drag-
	queen-storytime-9859467
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	Social Media

Title	Drag Queen Storytime
Challenge Date	10/17/2017
Description/Notes	Controversy about a drag queen reading a picture book to children at a
	Long Beach public library event.
Type-format +	Program
Linked Issues	LGBT, Program
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	CA
Citation if Public Case	http://www.presstelegram.com/2017/10/17/long-beach-library-hosts-
	<u>drag-queen-story-hour-controversy-ensues</u>
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Media

Hate Crimes

Title	Hate Crime
Challenge Date	10/31/2017
Description/Notes	A banner with the words "America is a White Nation" was found early
	Monday morning at Texas State's Alkek Library.
Type-format+	Hate Crime
Linked Issues	Racism, Hate Crime
Location +	Academic Library
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/banner-with-america-is-a-
	white-nation-displayed-at-texas-states-library
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	Hate Crime
Challenge Date	10/30/2017
Description/Notes	School will go on at Kent-Meridian High School despite graffiti in the
	girl's bathroom that read: "All
	Muslims dead on October 30th."
Type-format+	Hate Crime
Linked Issues	Religious viewpoint, Hate Crime
Location +	School
State	WA
Citation if Public Case	http://mynorthwest.com/797899/all-muslims-dead-kent-meridian-
	graffiti/?
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	Hate Crime
Challenge Date	10/27/2017
Description/Notes	Reading Public Library staff found a swastika drawn on furniture in the library Thursday, and police and town officials have classified the incident as part of an "ongoing and concerning problem" in the town, the library said.
Type-format+	Hate Crime
Linked Issues	Hate Crime, Racism
Location +	Public Library
State	MA
Citation if Public Case	https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/10/27/swastika-found-reading-public-library/wAyYAlsyKrkUndF8TZWslO/story.html
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Media

Challenged Materials

Title	Drama by Raina Telgemeier
Challenge Date	11/07/2017
Description/Notes	Parents complained that 4th graders read in class and felt that boys kissing was inappropriate for 4th graders to be reading about.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, LGBT
Location +	School Library
State	HI
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Challenge Date	10/2017
Description/Notes	Mark Twain's novel, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, is being
	censored by the Lawrence, Kansas Public schools, USD 497
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Offensive language
Location +	School
State	KS
Citation if Public Case	http://www2.ljworld.com/news/2017/oct/23/lawrence-school-officials-
	weigh-how-teach-hucklebe/
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

3.

Title	The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: unknown
	Action taken: retained
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

Title	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
	To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Challenge Date	10/17/2017
Description/Notes	A ninth-grade school assignment is causing concern for at least two parents after their son says he learned about the "N-Word" in class. "Just totally inappropriate for a 13-14-year-old audience," says Ernest Russell who has a son at Hamilton High School.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Offensive language
Location +	School
State	AZ
Citation if Public Case	www.12news.com/news/local/valley/school-assignment-on-the-n-word-angers-parents/483893716
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Challenge Date	12/01/2017
Description/Notes	Superintendent banned the book from the school district after a parent
	complained at a school board meeting.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.bustle.com/p/the-hate-u-give-by-angie-thomas-has-
	allegedly-been-banned-by-a-texas-school-district-6756858
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	Social Media

6.

Title	Barbie: Story Collection
Challenge Date	04/2017
Description/Notes	All Barbie books were removed from all elementary book orders.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School Library
State	IL
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

7.

Title	Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make It Harder for Blacks to
	Succeed by Jason Riley
Challenge Date	09/16/2017
Description/Notes	Patron submitted collection review form saying the book was poor
	quality and the author is unqualified to write on social issues; makes
	statements without source.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Political viewpoint
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	WA
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	True Colors (series) by Melody Carson (12 titles)

Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: inappropriate situations for age of student reading
	Action taken: use restricted for certain age group
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Restricted
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

Title	1984 by George Orwell
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: parents felt book was not age-appropriate
	Action taken: alternate book allowed
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	RemovedFromRequired
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

10.

Title	More Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark by Alvin Schwartz
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: violence or horror Action taken: decision pending (book was removed from school library)
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Horror/ScarytoMinors, Violence
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

Title	Beyond the Grave by Judith Herbst
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: photographs will scare children and give them nightmares Action taken: book was moved from elementary school campus to middle school
Type-format+	Book

Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Horror/ScarytoMinors
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Relocated
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

Title	How to Catch a Bogle by Catherine Jinks
Challenge Date	10/27/2017
Description/Notes	Patron wrote an email stating her concerns over the book and that it was inappropriate for children. From email: "How to Catch a Bogle by Catherine Jinks needs to be taken out of the juvenile section. This children's book is NOT for children. Scary monsters eating children, cruel realities of Victorian era poor people, real songs from the time about children being stabbed in their beds. No thanks! My 8 yr old made it almost halfway, but cried and quit when it talked about a baby being stabbed in the heart! Too scary even for me!"
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Horror/ScarytoMinors
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

13.

Title	The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
Challenge Date	09/25/2017
Description/Notes	Two parents of different students contacted our school (an English III
	teacher and our Director of Instruction) to complain about the book
	being used in an English III Advanced Placement class.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Profanity
Location +	School Library
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Challenge Date	11/17/2017

Description/Notes	Some Las Vegas parents are up-in-arms over a book their kids were assigned to read by their school. They say the book includes words and themes that are too mature for their 7th grade boys. Requested letter of support for board meeting 1/9/18.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Profanity, Sexually explicit
Location +	School
State	NV
Citation if Public Case	http://www.wnem.com/story/36868155/parents-upset-after-7th-
	grade-students-assigned-explicit-book
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	Our Undiscovered Universe: Introducing Null Physics: The Science of Uniform and Unconditional Reality by Terence Witt
Challenge Date	09/06/2017
Description/Notes	A patron emailed the library requesting that the Library Director consider removal of this item from the collection. The challenge was presented at our monthly board meeting and the request for removal denied.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Inaccurate
Location +	Public Library
State	ID
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	Sexy Beast (series) by Kate Douglas (9 books)
Challenge Date	10/10/2017
Description/Notes	A patron initiated the challenge after seeing the books on the shelves in
	the adult fiction area. Patron wrote to library with concern about the
	book Sexy Sailors and the Sexy Beast series of erotic fiction.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, LGBT, Sexually explicit
Location +	Public Library
State	OR
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	Maximum Ride. Vol. 1 by James Patterson
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: inappropriate language for age of student reading
	Action taken: use restricted for certain age group
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Restricted
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

Title	Sexy Sailors: Gay Erotic Stories by Neil Plakcy
Challenge Date	10/10/2017
Description/Notes	A patron initiated the challenge after seeing the books on the shelves in the adult fiction area. Patron wrote to library with concern about the book Sexy Sailors and the Sexy Beast series of erotic fiction. The library initiated its process for reviewing challenges to library materials. The library retained the items and responded to the patron with this outcome and additional information about the library's collection policy.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, LGBT, Sexually explicit
Location +	Public Library
State	OR
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	How to Talk to Girls at Parties by Neil Gaiman
Challenge Date	11/29/2017
Description/Notes	The patron has a 10 year old son, who walked into the teen graphic novel area and selected the book. When they brought it home, the patron was upset that the book depicts underage characters consuming alcohol. He felt this content was inappropriate for his 10 year old, and wrote us to ask why this particular title was selected for the young adult graphic novel (YAGN) section. He also indicated he was keeping the book checked out to keep it away from other library users.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Drugs
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	WI
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained

Source for challenge info +	Online Form
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Title	Boxers by Tammy Gagne
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: information regarding bull-baiting, bull-docking, and bull-cropping was not appropriate for elementary school Action taken: retained
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info+	ACLU Texas reports

21.

Title	It's a Book by Lane Smith
Challenge Date	12/05/2017
Description/Notes	When I asked for its availability, the person on the phone said that they had pulled it from the shelves because it had an inappropriate word at the end of the book. I said, "Isn't it illegal to pull a book so no one can read it." The man responded with, "Its a children's book with an inappropriate word." Email to GA IFC Chair 12/20/17
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Profanity
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	GA
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info+	Online Form

Title	In Ned's Head by Soren Olsson
Challenge Date	11/29/2017
Description/Notes	Some parents at a Eugene elementary school are upset after a child checked out a book from the school library that they say is inappropriate. The book describes boys peeking into the girls' locker room and talks about spying on naked women.
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	OR

Citation if Public Case	http://www.kezi.com/content/news/Some-parents-want-In-Neds-
	Head-out-of-school-libraries-460890263.html
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
Challenge Date	10/2017
Description/Notes	Two families have asked that we remove this book from the school
	library's optional list for summer reading for 2018.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Drugs, Offensive language, Profanity
Location +	School Library
State	MD
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

24.

Title	Drama by Raina Telegamier
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: inappropriate material for all ages on this campus
	Action taken: banned
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

Title	Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	In Duval County, which covers Jacksonville, the parent of a sixth-grade girl complained that an assigned novel, "Bad Boy" by Walter Dean Myers, is too explicit for that age group because it uses "penis" and a homophobic slur. The parent also criticized its description of heroin use, gang violence and the protagonist's questioning of religion. The district agreed to warn parents before it is assigned.
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Sexually explicit
Location +	School
State	FL

Citation if Public Case	http://www.heraldtribune.com/news/20171126/new-florida-law-
	<u>expected-to-increase-textbook-challenges</u>
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	Almost Adulting: All You Need to Know to Get It Together (Sort Of) by
	Arden Rose
Challenge Date	10/16/2017
Description/Notes	A patron requested that the book be reclassified as adult nonfiction
	rather than young adult. She also wrote a letter to the editor that
	appeared in the Post & Courier on December 1. The library's
	reconsideration committee decided that the book should remain in the
	young adult collection.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Sexually explicit
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	SC
Citation if Public Case	https://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/letters to editor/letter-
	<u>check-it-out/article_6b9b414a-d464-11e7-a509-b3cc90013460.html</u>
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

27.

Title	Liberalism or How to Turn good Men Into Whiners, Weenies and Wimps by Burgess Owens
Challenge Date	09/16/2017
Description/Notes	Patron submitted a collection review form and requested removal of book due to author is unqualified to write a quality book on political systems and their effects.
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Political viewpoint
Location +	PublicLibrary
State	WA
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info+	Online Form

Title	Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Challenge Date	11/2017
Description/Notes	In Santa Rosa County, in the western Panhandle, a parent wants Ray Bradbury's 1953 novel "Fahrenheit 451" banned from schools because it contains profanity and violence.

Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Profanity, Violence
Location +	School
State	FL
Citation if Public Case	http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20171201/parent-wants-book-
	<u>about-book-bans-banned</u>
Status +	Unknown
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	A Bad Boy Can Be Good For A Girl by Tanya Lee Stone
Challenge Date	11/08/2017
Description/Notes	Book was challenged in the high school library.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	WY
Citation if Public Case	http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/opinion/article_a24f8622-c4cb-
	<u>11e7-82f7-cff6bc30f724.html</u>
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Media

30.

Title	Buck: A Memoir by MK Asante
Challenge Date	11/30/2017
Description/Notes	A reading assignment has been removed from a Baltimore City high school after major push back from parents. Many said the content and
	language of the book is too graphic for teenagers.
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Profanity, Sexually explicit
Location +	School
State	MD
Citation if Public Case	http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2017/11/30/reading-assignment-
	removed-baltimore-high-school-book-graphic-content-buck-digital-
	harbor/
Status +	RemovedFromRequired
Source for challenge info +	Media

Title	Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon
	City of Thieves by David Benioff
	Little Brother by Cory Doctorow
Challenge Date	04/2017

Description/Notes	Parent feels certain materials in the middle school library are not appropriate and should not be available for student access. Parent is combing through the catalog to identify 'inappropriate' material. Parent is in communication with Interim superintendent who ordered they be removed from the shelves of the middle school and in extension is requesting the same from the high school as well.
Type-format +	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge, Profanity
Location +	School
State	СТ
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	Withdrawn
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

Title	Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Reason cited: too complex for the grade level assigned Action taken: excerpts of text still used in 11th and 12th grade Spanish IB diploma course
Type-format+	Book
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School
State	TX
Citation if Public Case	https://www.aclutx.org/en/publications/banned-books-2016-2017
Status +	Retained
Source for challenge info +	ACLU Texas reports

33.

Title	EBSCO Database
Challenge Date	2017
Description/Notes	Library was contacted by a "concerned" parent that Ebsco had pornographic material
Type-format+	Database
Linked Issues	Material Challenge
Location +	School Library
State	MT
Citation if Public Case	
Status +	
Source for challenge info +	Online Form

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