

# THINK FOR YOURSELF

## Banned Books Week

September 27- October 4, 2008

The American Library Association Office for Intellectual Freedom received a total of 420 challenges last year.

We have freedoms that other cultures don't have. If we want to read a book, it is possible and encouraged. If we want to comment on a book, that is possible and encouraged. We celebrate banned books week because of these freedoms.

### This year's 10 most challenged books are:

- "And Tango Makes Three," by Justin Richardson/Peter Parnell
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- "The Chocolate War," by Robert Cormier
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- "Olive's Ocean," by Kevin Henkes
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- "The Golden Compass," by Philip Pullman
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- "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain
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- "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker
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- "TTYL," by Lauren Myracle
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- "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou
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- "It's Perfectly Normal," by Robie Harris
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- "The Perks of Being A Wallflower," by Stephen Chbosky
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### This year's most banned authors are:

- 1) Robert Cormier
- 2) Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson
- 3) Mark Twain
- 4) Toni Morrison
- 5) Philip Pullman
- 6) Kevin Henkes
- 7) Lois Lowry
- 8) Chris Crutcher
- 9) Lauren Myracle
- 10) Joann Sfar

