

2009 Banned Books Week

John B. Coleman Library

Prairie View A&M University

“Speak Read Know”



September 26 to October 3, 2009

The John B. Coleman Library at Prairie View A&M University will be joining libraries of all types across the nation, September 26 to October 3, 2009, in celebrating the (ALA) American Library Association's annual recognition of *Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read*. The theme this year is: “*Speak Read Know*”

Banned Books Week is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Banned Books Week (BBW) celebrates the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them.

Please visit the Library and enjoy the following special activities: 1) Check out a banned book; 2) Get a free "SPEAK, READ, KNOW" button and a "SPEAK, READ, KNOW" bookmark (ALL ONE PER PATRON) when you check out a banned book; 3) Write the name of banned book you have read on the giant *Banned Books Week* banner located in the lobby of the library; 4) View displays of banned books in the front lobby display cases; and 5) Receive more detailed information on this annual library celebration sponsored by the American Library Association.

For additional information on Banned Books Week, contact a member of the Library Special Events Committee, or check out the American Library Association's Banned Books website:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>

Books Challenged and/or Banned 2008-2009 (PDF) >>

http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/ideasandresources/free_downloads/2009banned.pdf

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