

Step 1: Know your Right

Our first amendment right is Freedom of speech. When people try to ban books they take away the freedom that we have as Americans to be able to read whatever we want. Everyone should have the opportunity to read and inform themselves with any book. Even though someone might not agree with the subject of the book does not mean that it should be banned. It simply means that if you don't like the book, don't read it. It is not the library's job to create censorship on books, if a parent doesn't want their child to read a certain book then they should tell them not to. We have the right to freedom of speech, let's not ruin that right due to censorship on books.

Step 2: Getting the School Informed

Banning Book is not just taking away our first amendment right but it is also not letting our self's and future generations experience all the rich learning experiences and joy that can come from reading. Another way that you could help people understand what banned books are and why it is a terrible concept is to have it be a big deal for the school. Get everyone involved and learning about how a book gets banned and what the most common reasons are. Make it fun and filled with games and as a prize you can get a banned book. This will give student and even some faculty the chance to learn more and have a better understanding of what Banned Books Week is all about.

Step 3: Bringing the Community Together

As a community the most important thing we can do is educate ourselves on the impact of banning books. The idea of banning a book goes against our rights as Americans to read, watch or listen to whatever we choose. We as a community need to step up and exercise our rights and help defend them. To simply ban a book due to its vulgar or inappropriate nature is absurd because it happens in real life. We should not be trying to hide our children from the bad of this world, but instead educate and expose them to it so they know the dangers. The entire community needs to come together in a group effort to help stop and educate others from challenging and trying to put censorship on books