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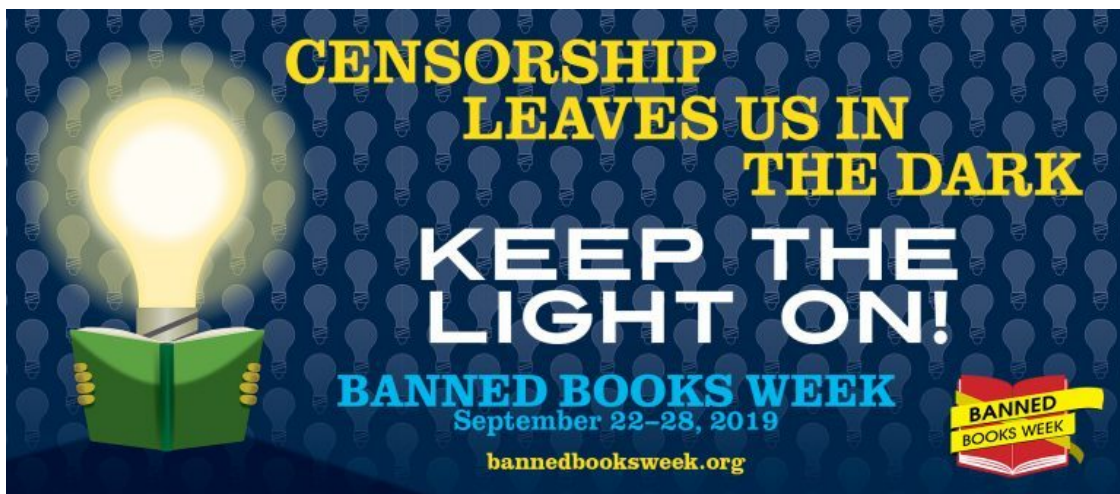
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Good Morning! September 16, 2019

Banned Books Week



September 22-28, 2019

This year **Banned Books Week**, ALA's annual public awareness campaign, is **September 22-28**. **Banned Books Week** celebrates the freedom to read by promoting the value of equal access to information for all ages. This year's theme is *"Censorship Leaves Us In The Dark—Keep The Light On."*

This national recognition brings together the entire book community—libraries, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and trustees—in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider controversial and unpopular.

By focusing on frequent efforts by groups and individuals seeking to remove or restrict access to books, **Banned Books Week** draws national attention to the dangers of censorship. The ALA [Office for Intellectual Freedom](#) (OIF) compiles lists of books challenged in public and school libraries as reported in the media and submitted by librarians and teachers across the country. Among some of the books challenged this past year:

- [Skippyjon Jones](#) by Judy Schachner—challenged for depicting stereotypes of Mexican culture
- [Captain Underpants](#) series by Dav Pilkey—challenged for encouraging disruptive behavior and for inclusion of a same sex couple
- [The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas—challenged for “anti-cop” sentiments, profanity, and drug use.
- [13 Reasons Why](#) by Jay Asher—challenged for addressing teen suicide

Look at the larger list of challenged books found in the [2019 State of America's Libraries Report](#) published in April this year. Find **Banned Books Week** stories and promotional materials at the button below. And one last idea: share your plans and pictures of tabletop displays for **Banned Books Week** with each other on **LIBRARY TALK**.

Banned Books Week

ILA / NLA Fall Conference Update

October 2-4 in La Vista, NE

The 2019 **Iowa Library Association** is just 2 ½ weeks away—October 2-4, this year in La Vista, NE. The Nebraska location is because this year represents the coming together of the **Iowa and the Nebraska Library**

Associations, merging their respective fall conferences into one event. Fittingly, the theme is **Bridges Borders, Succeeding Together**.



This is a great educational opportunity and one that far-western Iowa libraries are especially happy about! Here's a look at some of what's planned:

- Best-selling author Lisa Scottoline speaking on Wednesday evening
- All-Iowa-Reads selected author Ted Genoways speaking at Friday's lunch
- The Golden Sower Gala, featuring children's authors Lisa Papp and Lynn Plourde speaking on Thursday evening, as well as YA author Neal Shusterman

- Trivia Night is back on Thursday, the ILA Foundation Auction Wednesday

Plus dozens of concurrent sessions, among them:

- 20 Great Afterschool Ideas on a Shoestring Budget
- Toward Tech Savvy Trustees
- Coding Programs in the Library
- I LOVE Long-Range Planning and You Can Too
- Looking Good—Basic Photo Editing and Graphic Design for Libraries

Still time to register—click below to find all that this year’s jointly sponsored
ILA / NLA Fall Conference has to offer

[ILA / NLA Fall Conference Info](#)

State Library To Provide Wireless Counter



WhoFi Coming Soon!

The State Library is happy to announce another new service coming to Iowa public libraries—a WiFi counter from the company **WhoFi**. Staff at the State Library is very pleased to offer this new service because it will greatly assist in monitoring and tracking the number of devices and uses of a library’s wireless network.

WhoFi provides public libraries with wireless usage statistics and easy-to-read reports. Data from **WhoFi** will allow directors to easily complete questions on the Public Library Annual Survey related to wireless usage. In addition, data from these reports offer insight and impact stories about the importance of public libraries providing technology access to the community. Using **WhoFi** reports help library staff make data-driven decisions about technology, programming, and more.

Next Steps for Libraries

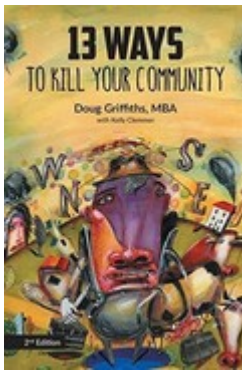
- Customer service reps from **WhoFi** will be reaching out to Iowa public library directors over the next three months (note the tentative schedule is on our website at the button below) The first email will be introductory in nature—watch for this introductory email coming soon!
- **WhoFi** staff will then follow up with a second email that will include ten questions related to your library’s network, along with a date and time for a conference call for more information and to ask questions about implementation.

- Read more about this new project on our website, where you'll also find a sample report and an FAQ page.

Funding for **WhoFi** is made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of Iowa.

[Read More about WhoFi](#)

This Week ...



Encore Presentation: [13 Ways To Kill Your Community](#)

Next Thursday **September 19** is an encore discussion of the book [13 Ways to Kill Your Community](#) by Doug Griffiths. (6:00-7:30PM) This is an evening program for the benefit of library boards, bringing back a very worthwhile discussions for local boards, city officials, chamber and business leaders. Here'e to hosting a viewing party @ your library. And remember that board education is a Tier1 standard--incentive! Still room to

register in the C.E. Catalog.

From **Amazon**: "...*The anecdotes and examples are delivered with wit and a little bit of a dishy factor. But underneath all the fun is a clear breadth of experience and a no-nonsense, practical approach to community building, [13 Ways to Kill Your Community](#) offers practical, implementable steps that can be taken to bring a moribund community back to life. This book delivers what it promises, and it does so with wit and warmth...*"

[C.E. Catalog](#)

More About Transparent Language On Wednesday afternoon (1:00-1:30PM) join a webinar titled "***What's New in Transparent Language Online.***" This is a ½ hour session, demonstrating tips to assist homeschoolers in learning Latin, French, and Spanish. Learn how to schedule reports, share the new languages recently added, and look at a marketing kit to help promote this important resource to your community.

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