

I'M WITH THE BANNED

ABOUT BANNED BOOKS

Every year across the country parents, administrators, politicians, religious groups and library patrons challenge books that they feel are inappropriate for the community.

Challenging a book in an attempt to remove it from a school or public library is a threat to your First Amendment rights. It takes away your right to choose material that is appropriate for yourself or your family.

It is important to speak out against these challenges so that everyone can celebrate the Freedom to Read. Stand up against censorship by reading a book from the American Library Association's (ALA) banned book list.

FIRST AMENDMENT

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Bill of Rights, US Constitution

CHALLENGED VS. BANNED

When a person challenges a book, they are attempting to remove or restrict access to that book. If they are successful, then the book is banned.

RESOURCES TO FIGHT CENSORSHIP

Freedom to Read
ftrf.org

American Library Association
ala.org

Banned Books Week
bannedbooksweek.org

National Coalition Against Censorship
ncac.org

Cal Poly Banned Book Week
lib.calpoly.edu/books/banned



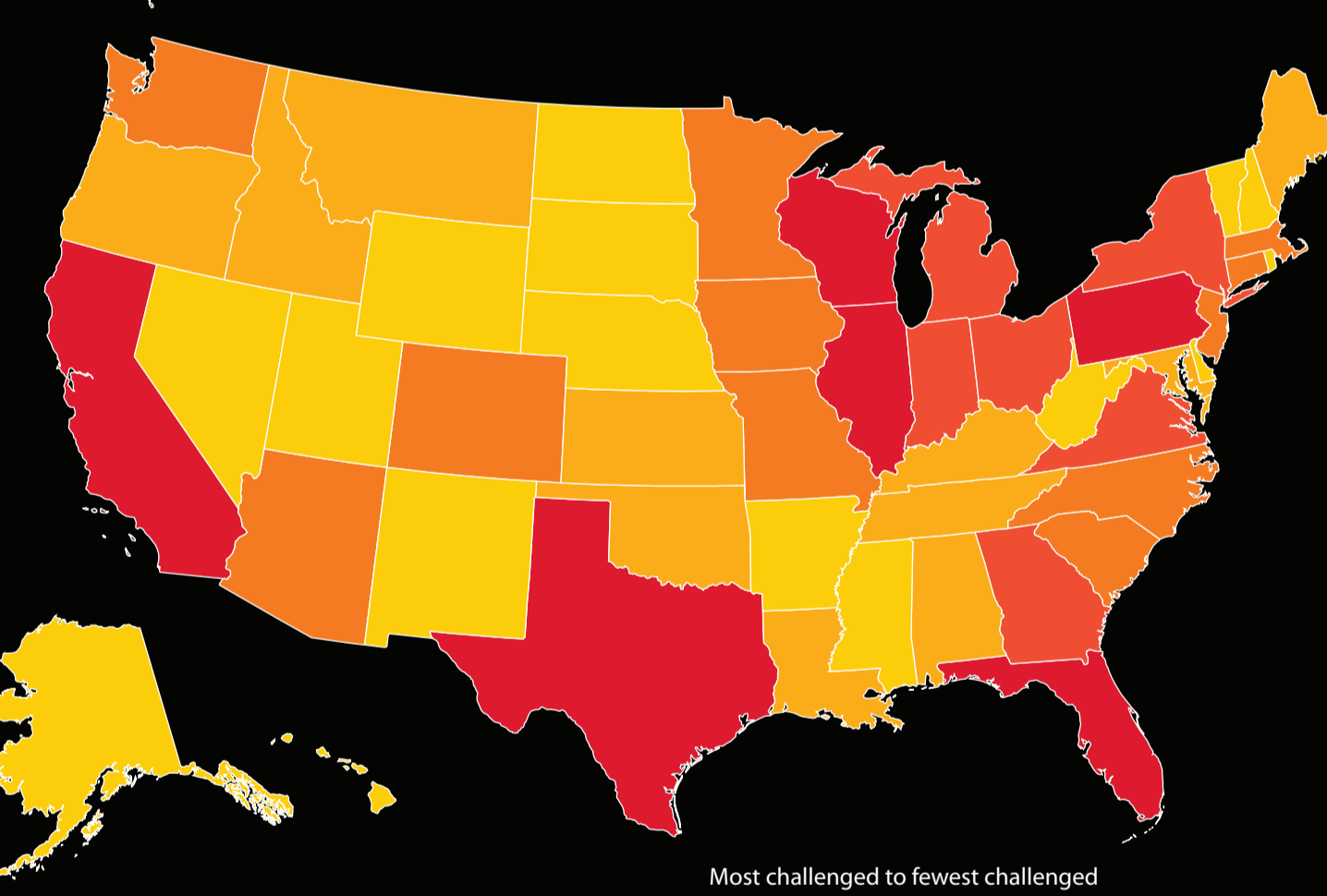
THE TOP 100 BANNED BOOKS FROM 2000-2009



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| 01. Harry Potter (series) | 26. Beloved | 51. Daughters of Eve | 76. A Prayer for Owen Meany |
| 02. Alice (series) | 27. My Brother Sam Is Dead | 52. The Great Gilly Hopkins | 77. Crazy: A Novel |
| 03. The Chocolate War | 28. Bridge To Terabithia | 53. You Hear Me? | 78. The Joy of Gay Sex |
| 04. And Tango Makes Three | 29. The Face on the Milk Carton | 54. The Facts Speak for Themselves | 79. The Upstairs Room |
| 05. Of Mice and Men | 30. We All Fall Down | 55. Summer of My German Soldier | 80. A Day No Pigs Would Die |
| 06. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings | 31. What My Mother Doesn't Know | 56. When Dad Killed Mom | 81. Black Boy |
| 07. Scary Stories (series) | 32. Bless Me, Ultima | 57. Blood and Chocolate | 82. Deal With It! |
| 08. His Dark Materials (series) | 33. Snow Falling on Cedars | 58. Fat Kid Rules the World | 83. Detour for Emmy |
| 09. ttyl; tffn; l8r g8r (series) | 34. The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things | 59. Olive's Ocean | 84. So Far From the Bamboo Grove |
| 10. The Perks of Being a Wallflower | 35. Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging | 60. Speak | 85. Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes |
| 11. Fallen Angels | 36. Brave New World | 61. Draw Me A Star | 86. Cut |
| 12. It's Perfectly Normal | 37. It's So Amazing | 62. The Stupids (series) | 87. Tiger Eyes |
| 13. Captain Underpants (series) | 38. Arming America | 63. The Terrorist | 88. The Handmaid's Tale |
| 14. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn | 39. Kaffir Boy | 64. Mick Harte Was Here | 89. Friday Night Lights |
| 15. The Bluest Eye | 40. Life is Funny | 65. The Things They Carried | 90. A Wrinkle in Time |
| 16. Forever | 41. Whale Talk | 66. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry | 91. Julie of the Wolves |
| 17. The Color Purple | 42. The Fighting Ground | 67. A Time to Kill | 92. The Boy Who Lost His Face |
| 18. Go Ask Alice | 43. Blubber | 68. Always Running | 93. Bumps in the Night |
| 19. Catcher in the Rye | 44. Athletic Shorts | 69. Fahrenheit 451 | 94. Goosebumps (series) |
| 20. King and King | 45. Crazy Lady | 70. Harris and Me | 95. Shade's Children |
| 21. To Kill A Mockingbird | 46. Slaughterhouse-Five | 71. Junie B. Jones (series) | 96. Grendel |
| 22. Gossip Girl (series) | 47. The Adventures of Super Diaper Baby | 72. Song of Solomon | 97. The House of the Spirits |
| 23. The Giver | 48. Rainbow Boys | 73. What's Happening to My Body Book | 98. I Saw Esau |
| 24. In the Night Kitchen | 49. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest | 74. The Lovely Bones | 99. Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret |
| 25. Killing Mr. Griffen | 50. The Kite Runner | 75. Anastasia (series) | 100. America: A Novel |

COMPARING STATES

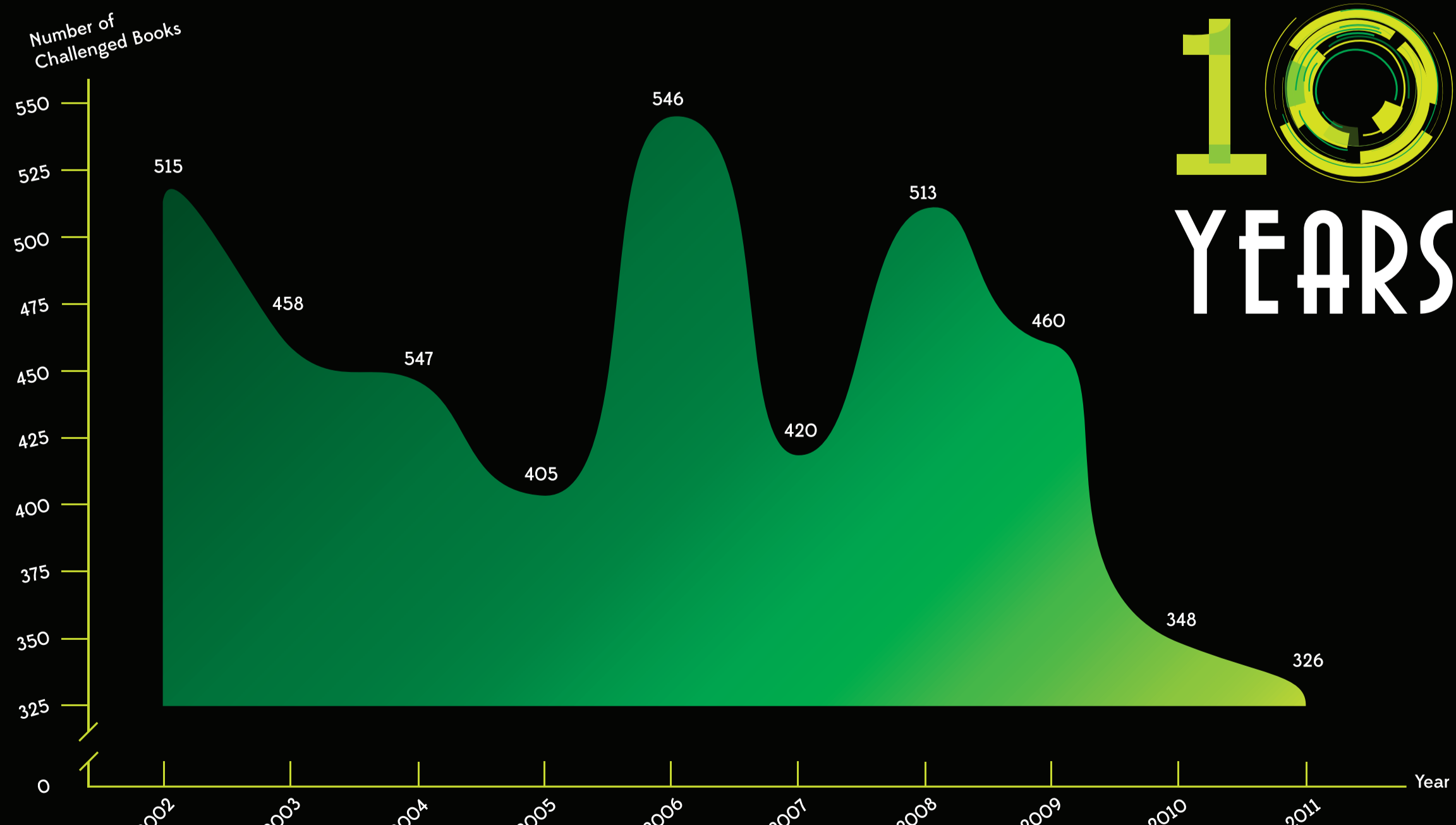
REPORTED CHALLENGES BY STATES



TOP FIVE STATES

- California
- Texas
- Florida
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin & Illinois

NUMBER OF REPORTED CHALLENGES IN THE LAST 10 YEARS



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