

**BANNED BOOKS WEEK - “Think for Yourself...and Let Others Do the Same”** - September 27-October 2 marks the library’s annual Banned Books Week celebration. Banned Books Week is the only national celebration of the freedom to read. It was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. More than a thousand books have been challenged since 1982. The challenges have occurred in every state and in hundreds of communities. Targets range from books that explore contemporary issues and controversies to classic and beloved works of American literature. Check out the library’s website for a list of banned books or visit our banned books displays at the main library, 75 Seventh St. Be adventurous; read a banned book and think for yourself.