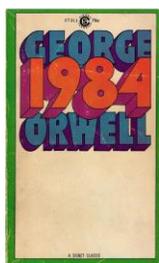


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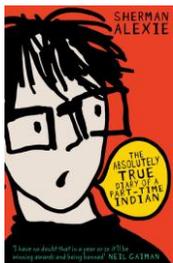
The Kids' Right to Read Project (KRRP) is an initiative of the National Coalition Against Censorship. It was co-founded with the American Booksellers for Free Expression and is supported by the Association of American Booksellers and Comic Book Legal Defense Fund. The newly-released KRRP Action Kit empowers students and parents to fight book censorship with creative tactics and a clear understanding of the First Amendment.

Operation #SaveOrwell ...Jefferson County, Idaho



Even before Banned Books Week had started, high school students at Jefferson County School District had launched a campaign to save a famously banned novel: George Orwell's *1984*. School administrators are currently considering removing the classic dystopian novel from two senior government classes after a parent criticized one passage as too sexually violent. But students are rejecting the criticism and making their voices heard through a social media campaign to keep the book. NCAC is preparing a letter to the school defending the book and highlighting the irony of banning a book about a repressive administration during Banned Books Week.

Operation Absolutely True Censorship...Nationwide



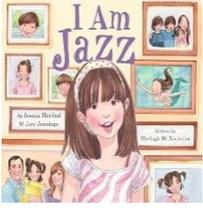
Sherman Alexie's *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* has been challenged so many times, he was named the Most Banned Author of 2015 by the American Library Association. NCAC has defended the semi-autobiographical novel about a Native American high-schooler 23 dozen times in 20 states, which is often criticized for its explicit language and sexual content. In Pocatello, Idaho, school officials removed the book from a reading list for no reason other than that it had been challenged in other schools. Each time *Part-Time Indian* is challenged, KRRP is there to defend it and help schools understand that all books, particularly those from diverse perspectives, are culturally and educationally valuable.

Operation 13 Seasons Why...Nationwide



One of the most frequent challenges this year occurred in response to a television series. Jay Asher's young adult novel *13 Reasons Why* was banned from several school districts after the first season of its televised adaptation aired on Netflix. Although slightly different than the dramatized series, school districts in Kentucky and Florida cited the series in banning the book, which discusses the reasons for a young girl's suicide. KRRP defended the right to read the book and encouraged more classroom discussion about suicide and other mental health issues.

Operation Jazzed About Reading...Rocklin, California



Rocklin County Family of Schools invites kindergartners to bring in their favorite books to be read aloud during story-time. But when a gender-transitioning student brought in *I Am Jazz*, the autobiography of a transgender child, it sparked a summer-long controversy. Parents backed by the conservative Christian advocacy group Capitol Resource Institute threatened to sue the school for allowing the book to be read and demanded an end to book-sharing without parental approval. KRRP stepped in to defend the book choice and the school's board voted unanimously to keep Rocklin's book-sharing practice alive. NCAC has been a long-time defender of *I Am Jazz* and supported a 2016 nationwide campaign of community readings organized by the Human Rights Campaign.

Help fight censorship! Support KRRP at ncac.org/donate.