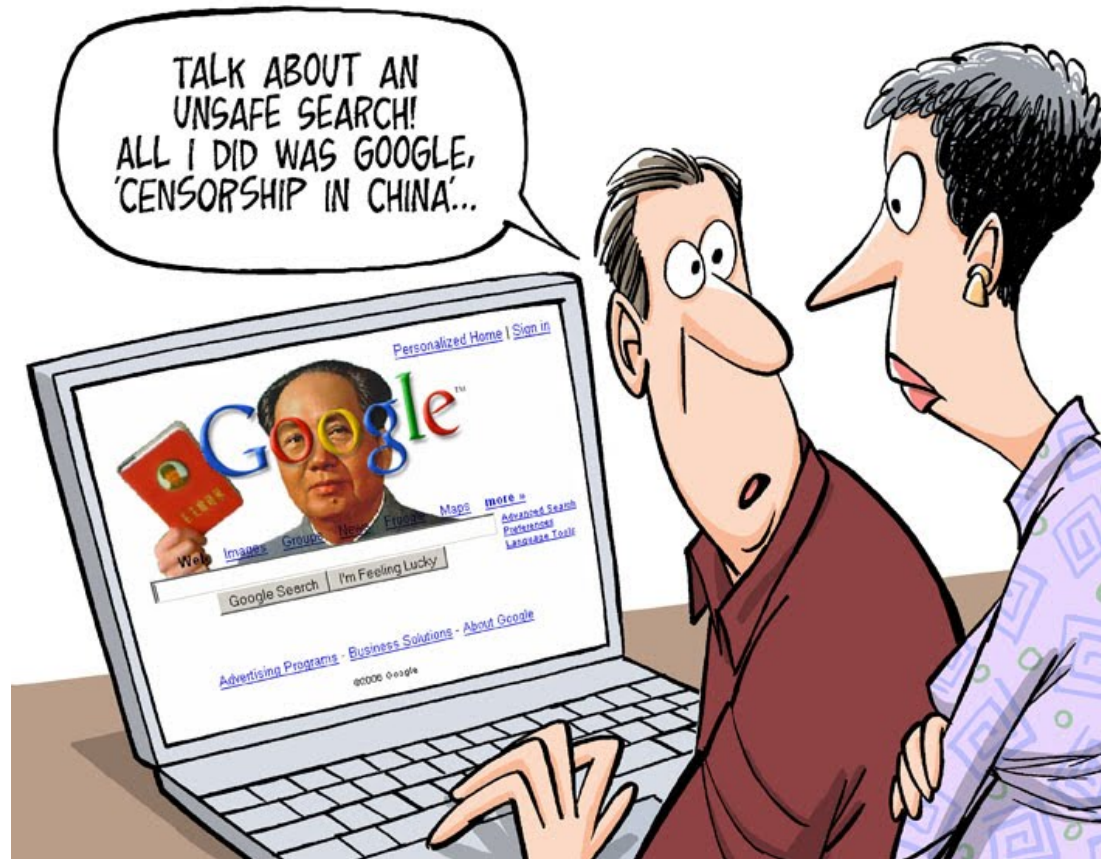


# Your Library: A Marketplace of Ideas and Controversy





# What have you read?

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Read the list of books and circle those you have read.



# Two-Box Induction

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- I am going to put the list of books into one of two categories. It will be your job to figure out the pattern.
- What ideas, concepts, themes, characteristics do they have in common?
- Why are some books in column A and some books in Column B?



# What is the pattern?

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- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald-A
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck-A
- Charlotte's Web by E. B. White-B
- Winnie-the-Pooh by A. A. Milne-B
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee-A



# What is the pattern?

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- The Color Purple by Alice Walker-A
- The World According to Garp by John Irving-B
- Portrait of a Lady by Henry James-B
- Animal Farm by George Orwell-B
- Ulysses by James Joyce-A



# What is the pattern?

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- Beloved by Toni Morrison-A
- The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner-B
- A Room with a View by E. M. Forster-B
- The Lord of the Flies by William Golding-A
- 1984 by George Orwell-A



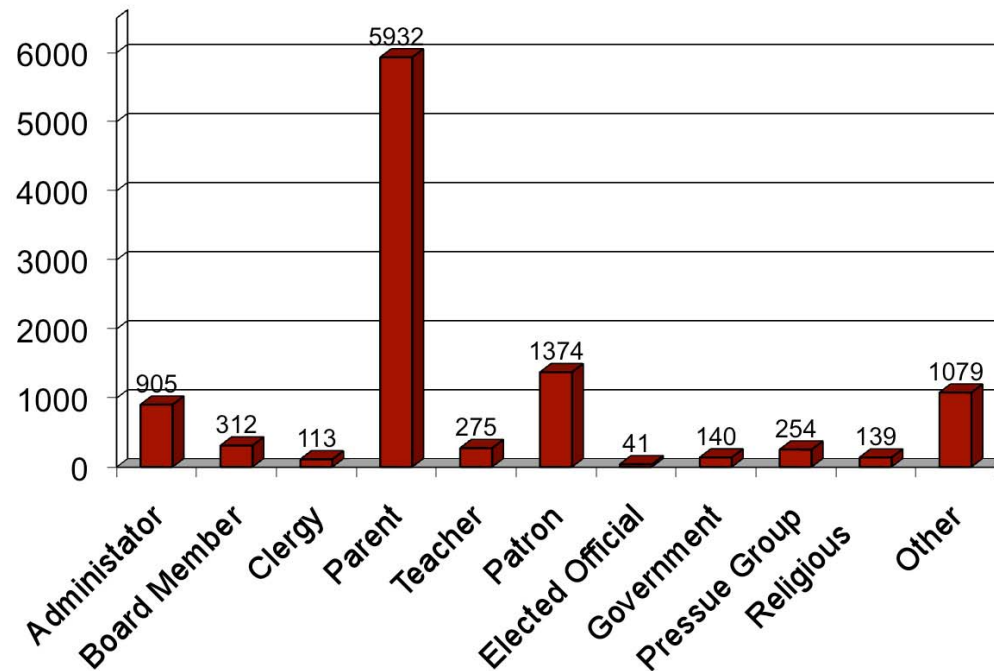
# What is the Pattern?

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- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger-A
- Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck-A
- The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien-A
- Schindler's List by Thomas Keneally-B
- The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton-B

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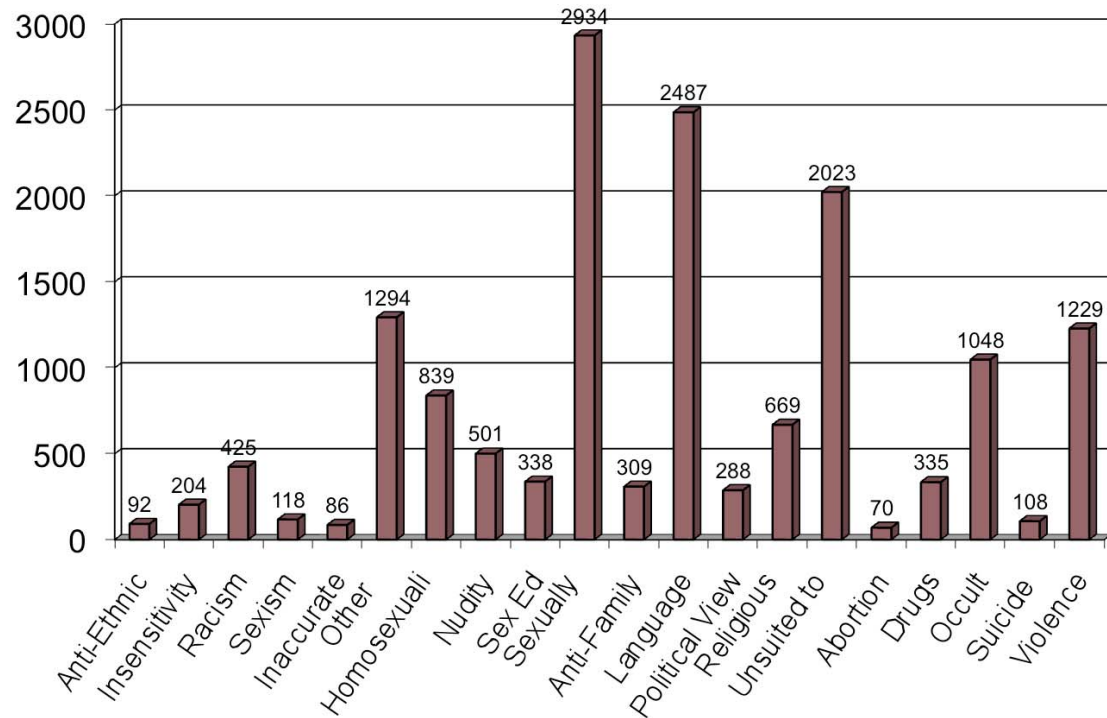
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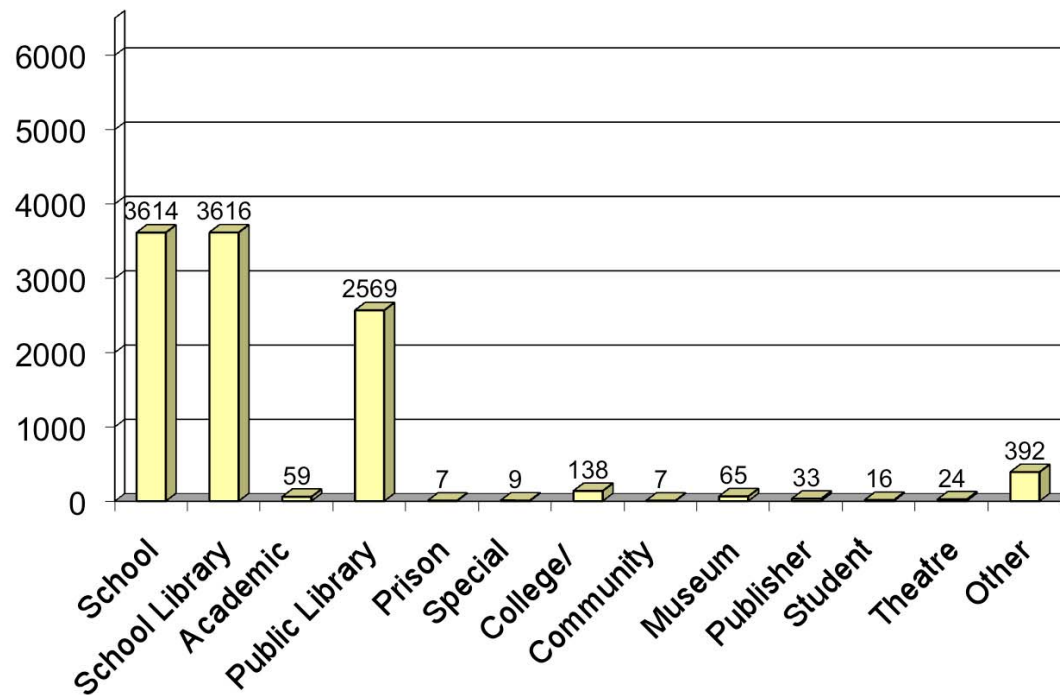
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Challenges by Reason



# Challenges by Institution (1990-2008) from A.L.A.

**Challenges by Institution**





# What are books challenged?

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- According to the ALA, challenges are often motivated by a desire to protect children.
- Parents challenge books more than any other group
- The top three reasons cited for challenging materials, as reported to the Office of Intellectual Freedom, are:
  - the material was considered to be "sexually explicit"
  - the material contained "offensive language"
  - the materials was "unsuited to any age group"



# Thinking about libraries

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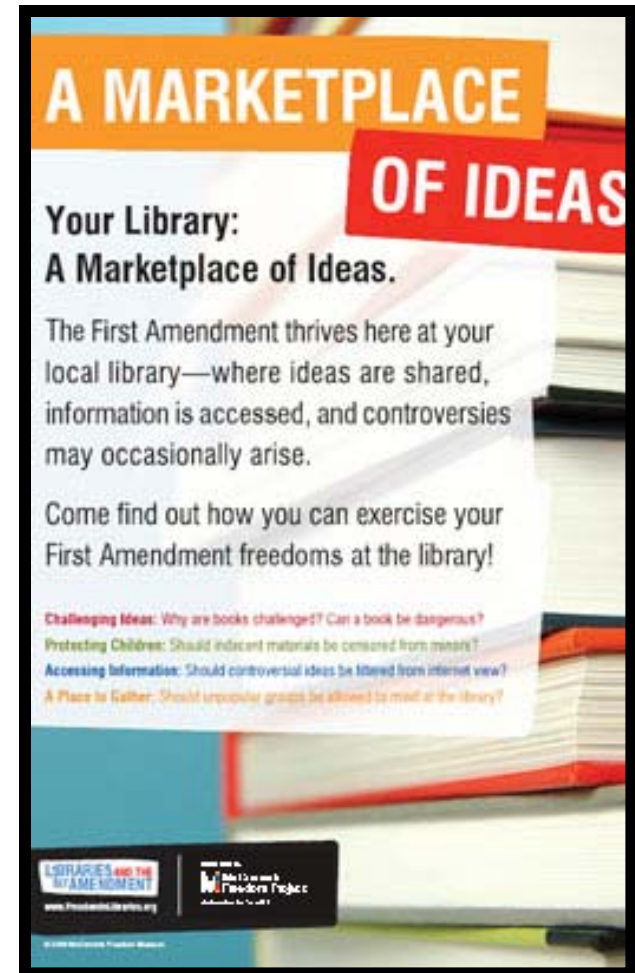
- *Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*
- How are the five freedoms of the First Amendment exercised in a library setting?

# Your Library

## A marketplace of ideas

- They are a storehouse of ideas
- They provide access to ideas needed for decision making
- They disseminate ideas through various media
- They provide a meeting place
- They sometimes serve as a site for sit-ins and protests

■ McCormick Freedom Project



# Libraries

## A 1st Amendment Battlefield

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- A. Should it be legal to remove some books from a public library?
- B. Should the library censor the internet to protect young people?
- C. Should certain books be pulled from a school's library shelves?
- D. Should all groups be allowed to meet in the library?

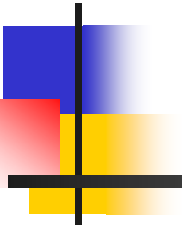


# Expert Groups Share Your Findings

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Complete Your Chart

# Spectrum Placement



No censorship

Libraries must vigorously censor to  
protect children

*Put your name on the card and list the main reasons for your placement.  
Then, place your card on the spectrum in the front of the room.*