



THERE'S A STORY UNFOLDING IN AMERICA

Right now, there's a nationwide campaign to censor books that's unprecedented in modern times. Books that are mind-opening, perspective-changing, and told by diverse voices are being challenged, banned, and even burned.

The freedom to read needs to be protected now more than ever. This moment in time has the potential to change the course of literary history—for the better or for the worst.

Chicago, a sanctuary city, is establishing the nation's first Book Sanctuary. Join the Resistance with us. Provide refuge to banned books, and help protect the right to read.

TheBookSanctuary.org

*THE BOOK
SANCTUARY*



WHAT IS A *BOOK* *SANCTUARY?*

A Book Sanctuary is a physical or digital space that actively protects the freedom to read. It provides shelter and access to endangered books, and can be created by anyone and can exist anywhere – in a library, a classroom, a coffee shop corner, a community center, public park, your bedroom bookshelf, or even on social media.

To establish a Book Sanctuary, you can do any of the following:

Collect and protect endangered books

Make endangered books accessible to others

Host book talks, storytimes, and other events about banned and challenged books

Educate others on the history of book banning and burning

ADVANCE THE READ-SISTANCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Commit Your Space

Establish a Book Sanctuary of your own and join the national movement. Take the pledge by visiting: TheBookSanctuary.org.

Rally Your Community

Host in-person or virtual banned book clubs. Encourage critical discussion of censored stories. Start with BIPOC and LGBTQ stories that are most often challenged.

Lend your banned books to your friends and community.

Utilize your local Little Library as a Book Sanctuary.

Utilize your local little free libraries as book sanctuaries, adding banned books, as a way to support our freedom to read.

Facilitate a book drive for banned and challenged books. Donate books to local community centers or distribute them in little libraries around your area.

Hold storytime with inclusive characters and subjects that reflect the diversity of our world.

Volunteer with your local library. Every library has different needs; reach out to your local branch about ways to directly support librarians in your area.

Participate in community action. Drive donations for librarians often at the frontlines of book bans and take part in your local branch's Read-sistance events.

Call on your City Council to make a proclamation in support of protecting endangered books.

Amplify Your Voice

Share Read-sistance and Book Sanctuary updates on your social channels using #TheBookSanctuary and recruit book lovers you know to the Read-sistance.

Show us and friends your Book Sanctuary on social. Use #TheBookSanctuary.

Learn about book bans and educate your community. Start with the American Library Association's list of most frequently challenged books: ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks