

BANNED BOOKS BINGO INSTRUCTIONS

Banned Books Bingo is designed to be an interactive way for booksellers to engage with customers about banned books.

BINGO Game Option 1:

We've provided a blank BINGO card for you to fill out digitally, or fill in titles by hand before the game. You can use [ALA's most challenged books list](#) with additional links to previous year's lists.

BINGO Game Option 2:

Print the blank BINGO cards for each player and have them write in titles themselves from a printed list provided to them, including the banned books title and author's name.

Playing BINGO:

The blank BINGO cards each have a free space with the Let Freedom Read graphic.

Print a copy of the "calling" page to fill out and cut into squares, then place into a bowl or basket to pull from.

Designate a caller who picks the paper and announces the banned book title to the players.

Provide the players with a pen, highlighter, bingo dauber, or chips to mark their cards with.

When a player(s) gets a full line (vertical, horizontal, or diagonal) and shouts "BINGO!" the game is concluded. Feel free to choose other winning BINGO patterns such as 4 corners, Postage Stamp, full card — it's up to you to decide the rules!

Want to host a virtual BINGO? [My Free Bingo Cards](#) provides up to 30 cards for free with a customized theme!

Full List of Top Challenged Books of the Last Four Years

List sourced from the American Library Association's Top 10 lists. The year(s) in which the book appeared on the Top 13 list is noted in parentheses.

Cut out each title listed here and place it in a container (hat/bag/bowl). The caller will pick a title from the container (without looking!) and call it out to the players.

Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe (2021, 2022)

Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison (2021, 2022)

All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson (2021, 2022)

Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Pérez (2021, 2022)

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (2020, 2021)

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (2020, 2021, 2022)

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews (2021, 2022)

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (2020, 2021, 2022)

This Book is Gay by Juno Dawson (2021, 2022)

Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin (2019, 2021)

Melissa (previously published as GEORGE) by Alex Gino (2019, 2020)

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds (2020)

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely (2020)

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson (2020)

Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin (2020)

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (2020)

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck (2020)

A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo by Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller (2019)

A Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J. Maas (2022)

Crank by Ellen Hopkins (2022)

I Am Jazz by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas (2019)

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (2019)

Drama written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier (2019)

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling (2019)

And Tango Makes Three by Peter Parnell & Justin Richardson, illustrated by Henry Cole (2019)

Flamer by Mike Curato (2022)

Looking for Alaska by John Green (2022)

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky (2022)

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