

# Banned Books Challenge



October 1 - 31, 2023  
*Reading is Empowering!*

Learn about new perspectives and celebrate the freedom to read books that have been challenged or banned throughout the years.

Mark one circle for every ten minutes you read or two circles for every activity you complete. Activities are listed on the back. Collect 250 points and earn two activity badges to receive prizes!

10	20	30	40	50
60	70	80	90	100
110	120	130	140	150
160	170	180	190	200
210	220	230	240	250

To learn more about the challenge visit [bit.ly/ldlbannedbooks2023](https://bit.ly/ldlbannedbooks2023)

# Activity Badges

*Each activity is worth 20 points. To earn a badge, complete at least one activity. For more activity options for each badge, visit the Beanstack app or website at [loutitlibrary.beanstack.org](http://loutitlibrary.beanstack.org)*

## □ **Empathy** Badge

- Read about someone very different than yourself. You may find you have more in common than you think!
- Psychology Today published an article about how reading can help us empathize with others' ways of living. Ask the Youth or Adult Reference desks for a copy.

## □ **Courage** Badge

- Recommend a challenged book to a friend or family member.
- Post on social media using the hashtag #bannedbooksweek to declare your right to read. Courage doesn't have to happen alone! Tag us in your post on social media to share your courage.

## □ **Keep Reading** Badge

- Join our October Silent Book Club and bring a banned book.
- Have you read a banned or challenged book in the past? Research why it was banned (ask a librarian for help!)

## □ **Empower** Badge

- Find a way to promote the freedom to read in your community! (see our exhibit for ideas!)
- Sometimes we need to be reminded we're not alone. Encourage an author whose book has been banned by writing them a letter!

## □ **Don't Stop Fighting** Badge

- Stop by Loutit District Library to view our educational exhibit and book display.
- Has the Banned Books Challenge impacted you or taught you something new? Email us at [loutit@loutitlibrary.org](mailto:loutit@loutitlibrary.org) or write us a physical letter. We would love to hear from you!