

Die Öffentlichkeit von Bibliotheken in den USA



Pittsburgh Public
Library

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American Library Association reports record number of demands to censor library books and materials in 2022

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Book Challenges Nearly Doubled From 2021

CHICAGO — The American Library Association (ALA) today released new data documenting* **1,269 demands to censor library books and resources in 2022**, the highest number of attempted book bans since ALA began compiling data about censorship in libraries more than 20 years ago. The unparalleled number of reported book challenges in 2022 nearly doubles the 729 challenges reported in 2021.

1,269

ATTEMPTS TO BAN LIBRARY BOOKS IN 2022

Based on media reports and data reported to the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

"Overwhelmingly, we're seeing groups and individuals at library board meetings demand the removal of long lists of books obtained from organized censorship groups who share these lists on social media."

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Unite Against Book Bans is a national initiative to empower readers everywhere to stand together in the fight against censorship.

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Brooklyn Public Library joins those fighting for the rights of teens nationwide to read what they like, discover themselves, and form their own opinions. Inspired by the American Library Association's [Freedom to Read Statement](#), BPL's Books Unbanned initiative is a response to an increasingly coordinated and effective effort to remove books tackling a wide range of topics from library shelves.

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National Teen BPL eCard

We invite individuals ages 13-21 to apply for a free BPL eCard, providing access to our full eBook collection as well as our learning databases. To apply, email booksunbanned@bklynlibrary.org.

BPL's eCard is always free to teenagers in New York State. Apply [here](#).

Teens: Contact Us!

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Judge orders books removed from Texas public libraries due to LGBTQ and racial content must be returned within 24 hours

By [Alaa Elassar](#), [Taylor Romine](#) and [Andy Rose](#), CNN

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Entire libraries now rest on the censors' chopping blocks.

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Großangelegte Demo und Gegendemo bei Dragqueen-Lesung in Wien

Seit 7 Uhr ist die Linke Wienzeile vor der Türkis-Rosa-Lila-Villa in Wien gesperrt. Zuvor haben unter anderem Rechtsextreme anlässlich der Kinderbuchlesung einer Dragqueen zu Protesten aufgerufen

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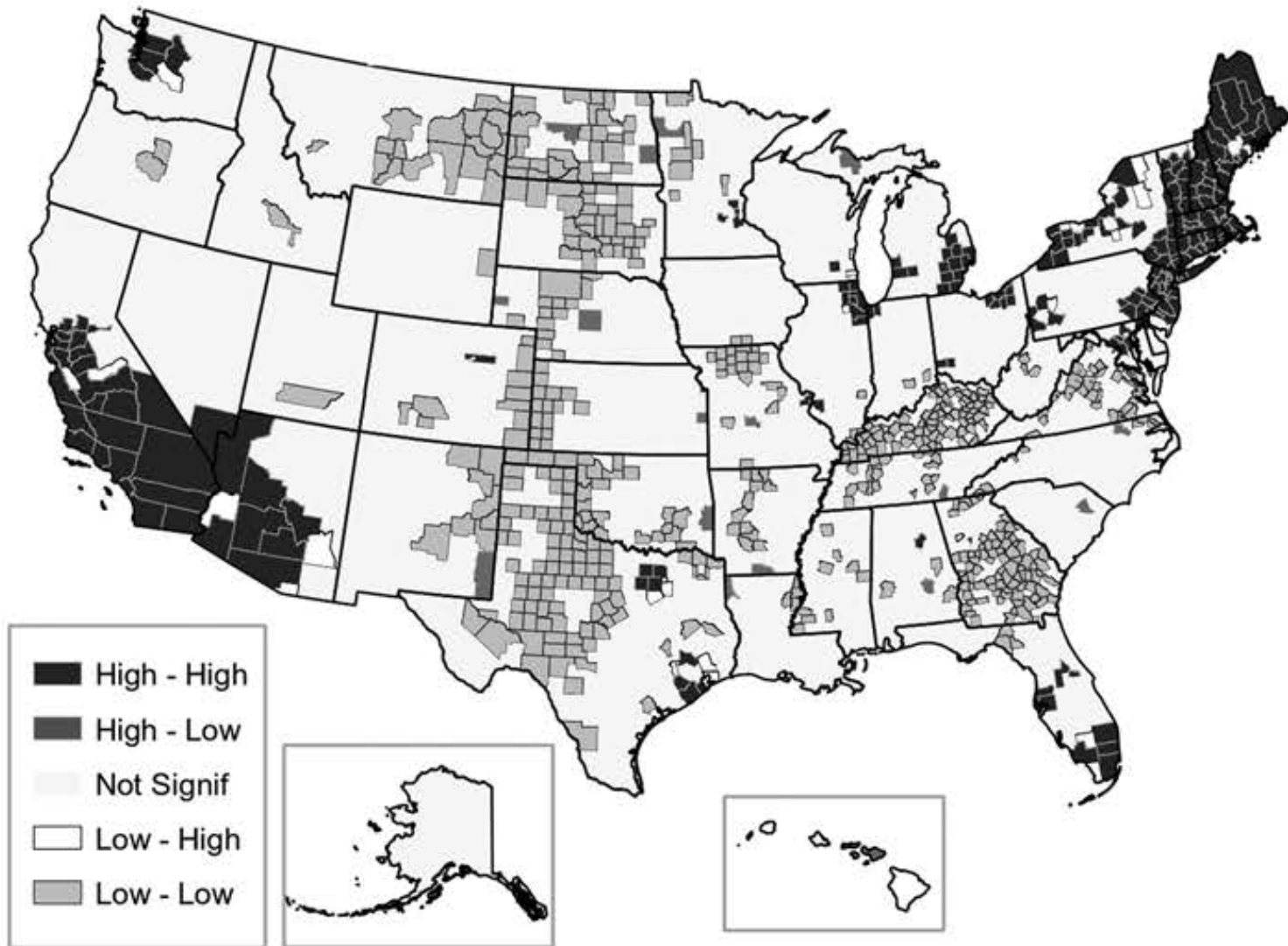
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"Die Bibliothek steht im Zentrum einer Gemeinde,
weil sie in allen religiösen Fragen neutral ist." (1911)



Lutie Eugenia Stearns (1866-1943)





Donelly: Geographic Distribution of Public Libraries in the US (2014)

"Erst vor wenigen Jahren hat die Bibliothek zu begreifen begonnen, dass sie der gesamten Gemeinde verpflichtet ist, statt nur denjenigen, die freiwillig durch ihre Tür kommen." (1910)



Arthur Elmore Bostwick (1860-1942)





San Francisco Chinatown Branch Library (erbaut 1921)



Rose and Ruth Hau in der San Francisco Chinatown Branch Library (Foto ohne Datum)

"Die moderne öffentliche Bibliothek repräsentiert zu einem guten Teil das Verlangen nach Demokratie für eine aufgeklärte Wählerschaft; ihre Geschichte verzeichnet die Anpassungen an soziale Anforderungen." (1947)



Jesse Shera (1903-1982)



Abigail A. Van Slyck
Free to All

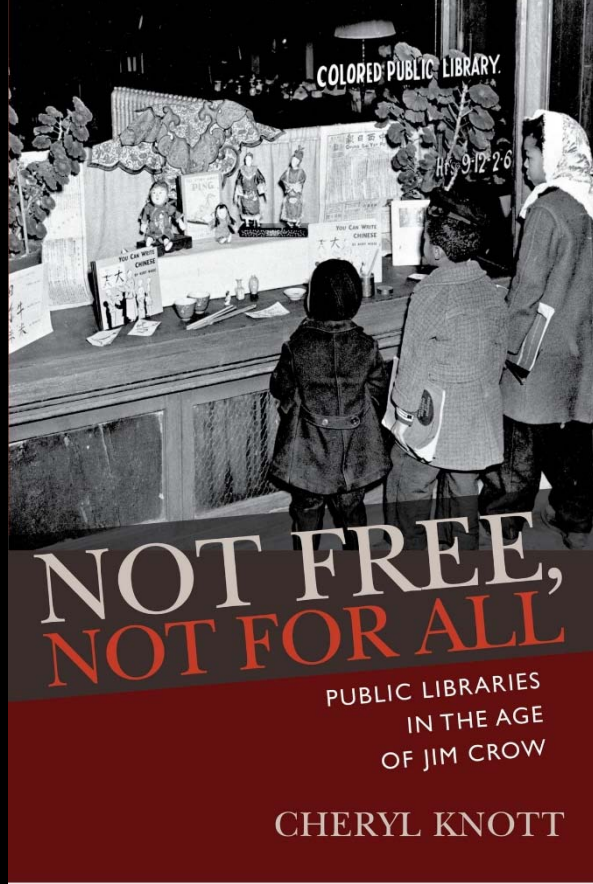


*Carnegie Libraries
& American Culture*

—1890-1920—

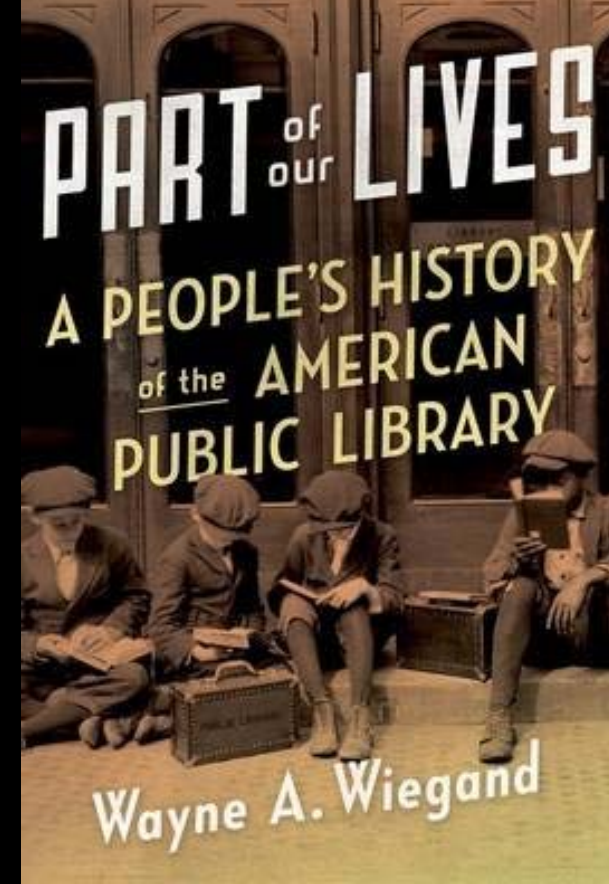
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Abigail Van Slyck: Free to all. Carnegie Libraries and American Culture 1890-1920



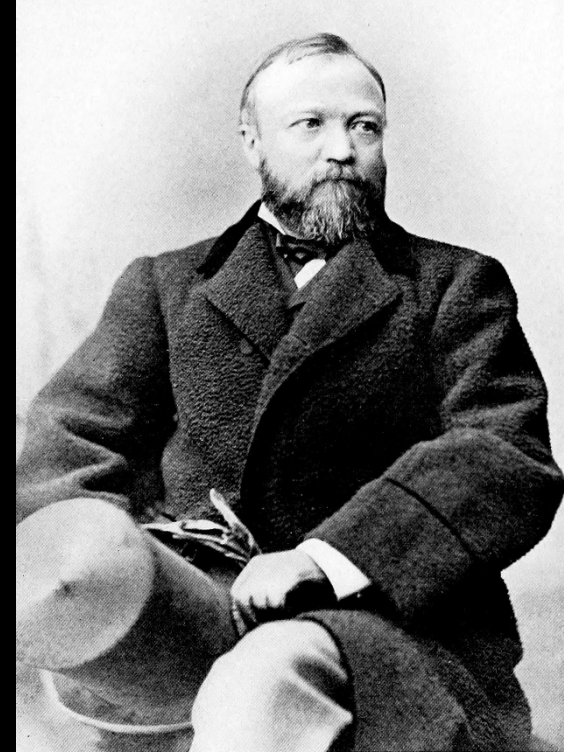
2015

Cheryl Knott: Not Free to All. Public Libraries in the Age of Jim Crow



2015

Wayne Wiegand: Part of our Lives. A People's History of the American Public Library



Andrew Carnegie
(1835-1919)



F. D. R. Roosevelt
(1882-1945)



Bill (1955 -) und
Melinda (1964 -) Gates

"Bibliotheken sind solche Orte, an denen gewöhnliche Menschen mit ganz unterschiedlichen Lebensläufen, Leidenschaften und Interessen an einer lebendigen demokratischen Kultur teilnehmen können." (2018)

Eric Klinenberg (1970 -)



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Library Bill of Rights

THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION REAFFIRMS ITS BELIEF IN THE FOLLOWING BASIC POLICIES WHICH SHOULD GOVERN THE SERVICES OF ALL LIBRARIES.

I As a responsibility of library service, books and other library materials selected should be chosen for values of interest, information and enlightenment of all the people of the community.

In no case should

II Libraries should provide materials and information on all points of view at all times; no library should be proscribed because of partisan or ideological approval.

III Censorship and enlightenment of the public should cooperate with persons and groups in resisting abridgment of and free access to ideas.

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V The right of free access to information should be maintained on a national or international basis.

VI As an institution of education for democratic living, the library should welcome the use of its meeting rooms for socially useful and cultural activities and discussion of current public questions. Such meeting places should be available on equal terms to all groups in the community regardless of the beliefs and affiliations of their members, provided that the meetings be open to the public.

Adopted June 18, 1948.

Amended February 2, 1961, and June 27, 1967, by the ALA Council.

Library BILL of RIGHTS

The American Library Association affirms that all libraries are forums for information and ideas, and that the following basic policies should guide their services.

"II. Bibliotheken sollen Materialien und Informationen zur Verfügung stellen, die alle Gesichtspunkte auf aktuelle und historische Probleme darstellen. Materialien dürfen nicht aufgrund von Parteilichkeit oder bestimmter Lehren verboten oder entfernt werden."

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regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting their use.

VII All people, regardless of origin, age, background, or views, possess a **right to privacy and confidentiality** in their library use. Libraries should advocate for, educate about, and protect people's privacy, safeguarding all library use data, including personally identifiable information.

Adopted by Council of American Library Association at Atlantic City on June 18, 1948

Library BILL OF RIGHTS*

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THERE SHOULD BE the fullest practicable provision of material presenting all points of view concerning the problems and issues of our times, international, national, and local; and books or other reading matter of sound factual authority should not be proscribed or removed from library shelves because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval.

"Bücher mit allgemeinsachlicher Autorität"

Ashburn

"Die Zensur von Gedanken sollte abgelehnt werden"



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[Roosevelt Weeks Wins TLA Librarian of the Year](#)

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Austin Public Library Statement on Book Banning and Library Censorship

For Immediate Release: December 27, 2021

Contact: Baylor Johnson, baylor.johnson@austintexas.gov, 512-974-7319

The Austin Public Library stands with the entire library community in defense of the freedom to speak and the freedom to read, and opposed to censorship of any library materials. We remain committed to providing the entire Austin community with access to books, ideas, and knowledge, and to fostering a Library for All.

"Freedom to read is a right that must be protected in our schools and public libraries, and we must not give in to the vocal few that want to speak for the many," stated **Austin Public Library Director Roosevelt Weeks**.

"Die Austin Public Library [...] widersetzt sich jedweder Zensur, egal welchen Materials."

On December 27, 2021, the Austin Public Library (APL) issued the following statement:

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"Bibliotheken [...] verhalfen der jungen Demokratie in den postkolonialen Vereinigten Staaten zur Blüte. Mit der Ankunft des Internet und dem Beginn eines neuen digitalen Zeitalters zeigen Bibliothekare abermals den Weg in eine bessere Gesellschaft."



David Lankes (1970 -)



JULY 07, 2022

Mellon Foundation Grants \$1.25 Million to Create the Radical Librarianship Institute and Community Press at UCLA

By Jenny Burman



Assistant Professor of Information Studies Robert D. Montoya

Robert D. Montoya will serve as PI to establish and implement inclusive and socially-just librarian training and an accompanying community press.



Stadtteilbibliothek "Maison des haubans" im französischen Nantes durch Brandstiftung zerstört im Juli 2018, Wiedereröffnung geplant für Ende 2023

"Die Stadtteilbibliotheken befinden sich auf dem Territorium der unteren Schichten, aber sie sind in dem Maße entpolitisiert, wie ihr Personal sich professionalisiert hat und die Institution ein öffentlicher Dienst geworden ist, der sich an gesichtslose Benutzer richtet."



Denis Merklen (1966 -)



Über den Kongress

Bibliotheken vermitteln Zugang zu Informationen und Wissen sowie Lese-, Informations- und Medienkompetenz und ermöglichen damit Teilhabe an Bildung, Gesellschaft und Kultur. Sie sind generationsübergreifende Treffpunkte, Veranstaltungsorte für den gesellschaftlichen Diskurs, Orte der sozialen Interaktion sowie Lern- und Erfahrungsräume.

Mit Dank für die Aufmerksamkeit!



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