



Banned Books Week UK - Ideas for Libraries and Bookshops

Banned Books Week UK is coming back! Between 5-11 October 2025 we are encouraging libraries and bookshops across the UK to take part.

Raise awareness in whatever way you see fit. Below are a few ideas to get you started.

If you have any plans you'd like Index on Censorship to promote, just let us know by emailing Georgia Beeston at gbeeston@indexoncensorship.org and we will add it to the Banned Books Week UK hub page [here](#) and share it on the Banned Books Week UK [X page](#).

Banned Book Display Ideas

A great way to get people reading banned books is by setting up a banned book display! Here are some ideas from the Index team:

a. "Books They Tried to Silence" display

- Books that have been banned or challenged around the world (see our top 10 banned books list [here](#))
- Add labels to note where/why each was banned
- Include UK and global titles

b. Banned books - staff picks

- Staff and volunteers select their favourite books which have been banned / censored throughout history
- Encourage visitors to add their own

c. Spotlight a Writer at Risk

- Feature a writer currently or historically imprisoned or under threat
- Include a photo and biography where readers can learn more

Event Ideas

Hosting an event is another great way of getting people interested and reading banned books! Here are a few of our ideas:

a. Read-in event

- Host a public reading of banned books
- Invite local authors, booksellers, librarians and the public to read passages from their favourite banned books



b. Book Club

- Choose a banned book and host a book club event
- Invite participants to read the chosen book ahead of time and then come together for a discussion

c. Banned Book Film Screening

- Show adaptations of banned, censored or challenged books (e.g., *Persepolis*, *The Kite Runner* etc.).

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