



Top 10 Things to Do During Banned Books Week UK (5–11 October 2025)

Banned Books Week UK is coming back!

From 5-11 October 2025, we invite you to take part in whatever way you can and celebrate the freedom to read! Below are some ideas to get you started.

If you have any events or activities 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](#).

Read a banned book

There are HUNDREDS to choose from. Not sure where to start? Check out [Index's top ten banned books](#).

Host a banned book reading circle / banned book book club

Gather a group of fellow book lovers, pick up a banned book and read the excerpts that you believe got it banned or censored. You could host it in your local bookshop, library....or even your living room. Why not read something you wouldn't normally try?

Get social - make some NOISE

Tweet us a picture or the title of your favourite banned book using the hashtag #BannedBooksWeekUK. Tell us which banned book you think others should read - and the surprising reason why it has been censored.

Join the library

If you're not already a member of your local library, you can find out where your nearest library is [here](#). If you are a member, why not take out a banned book during Banned Books Week?

Organise a Banned Book Swap

Got an old copy of *The Handmaid's Tale* on your bookshelf? Spare edition of *Animal Farm* kicking around? Arrange a banned book swap in your local library or café and share the love.

Banned Book Flash Mob

Feeling brave? Pick a public place, get a group together and read aloud from your favourite banned book(s). Megaphone definitely encouraged!



Visit your local bookshop

With so many bookshops around the UK taking part in banned books week, why not pop in to your local shop and see what's going on. You can find your local independent bookshop using the Booksellers Association interactive map [here](#).

Attend an event

Why not attend a Banned Books Week 2025 event this year? Follow us on X [here](#) or keep an eye out on our website [here](#) as we share the upcoming events.

Create a zine

Everyone loves a zine, so why not get together with a group of friends and make your own "Censorzine" focusing on banned books. It's a great way to highlight different books and authors that have been challenged, and it's fun too!

Write a banned book review

Read a book that has been banned, challenged or censored and write a short book review exploring why you think the censors reacted to this book, and what your reactions to the book are. We will publish a handful of reviews on our website, so why not send yours over?

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