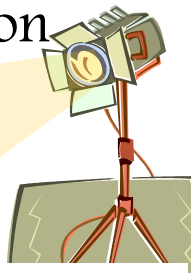




Information Spotlight on Intellectual Freedom February 2010



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Freedom to Read Week February 21-27, 2010

Every year people across Canada raise awareness to celebrate and protect our intellectual freedom. By stopping books at the border and removing books from libraries and schools, some people try and limit your freedom to make your own choices about what you read. Often, people who mount a challenge against a book have not read and/or do not understand the nature or intention of the book. Sometimes, in trying to restrict unpalatable information, censors stop research that could result in important advances in understanding of the world around us.

See Freedom to Read Canada's website at www.freedomtoread.ca

Learn more about important voices for intellectual freedom in Canada:

Canadian Journalists for Freedom of Expression

See their website at <http://www.cjfe.org/>

Kim Bolan is an award winning journalist, read more at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kim_Bolan. (When reading a Wikipedia article, don't forget to follow up on the References links.)

Bolan's book *Loss of Faith: How the Air-India Bombers Got Away with Murder* is available through the New Brunswick Public Libraries.

June Callwood, journalist, author and social activist, has been called "Canada's Conscience." Among her many accomplishments, she founded Feminists Against Censorship and PEN Canada.

See the **PEN Canada** website at www.pencanada.ca/

Search for June Callwood as an author in Vision (the library catalogue) at vision.gnb.ca.

A great resource for matters of freedom of expression around the world is the **Index on Censorship**: www.indexoncensorship.org/

See issues of Information Spotlight online. Go to www.monctonpubliclibrary.ca and look in the Reference Services department (under "Library Services")

In the Library

Freedom to Read Canada has published a list of books and magazines that have been challenged in various places across the country. Some of these books can be found in our library, including:

Adult Fiction

A Handmaid's Tale by Margret Atwood—F ATW

Wild Fire by Nelson DeMille—F DEM

Silent witness by Richard North Patterson—F PAT

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck—F STE

The Primrose Path by Carol Matas—YA F MAT

Adult Non-Fiction

Maclean's Magazine

Black Looks : Race and Representation by bell hooks—
305.48896073 HOO

By Way of Deception: A Devastating Insider's Portrait of the Mossad by Claire Hoy and Victor Ostrovsky—B 327.125694 OST

Young Adult Fiction

Outrageously Alice by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor—YA F NAY

His Dark Materials series by Philip Pullman—YA F PUL

Baby be-bop by Francesca Lia block—YA F BLO

The Giver by Lois Lowry—YA F LOW

Young Adult Non-Fiction

The Little Black Book for Girlz: A Book on Healthy Sexuality—YA
613.955 LIT

Children's Fiction

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling—J F ROW

Ouch! by Natalie Babbitt—J 398.22 BAB

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks—J F REI

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville—J F COV

Children's Non-Fiction

Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak by Deborah Ellis—J 956.04 ELL

Curious as to why these books were challenged? A copy of the Challenged book list is available at the Information Desk on the 2nd floor. You can read about what has been challenged, where, why, and whether the books remain available or not.

The list is also available online at

www.freedomtoread.ca/censorship_in_canada/challenged_books.asp