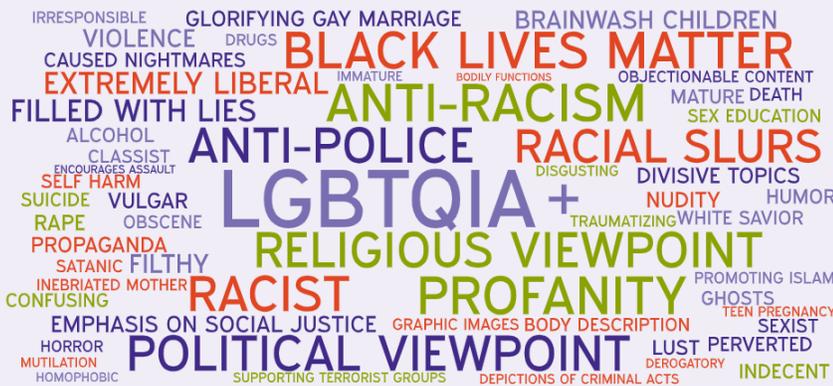


Censorship by the Numbers

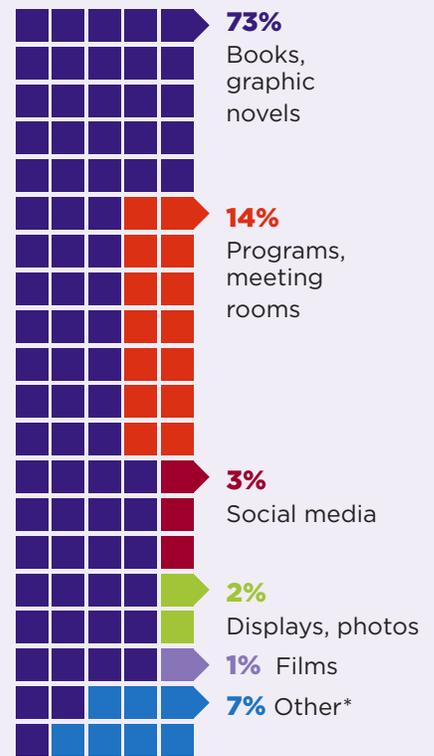
Books unite us. They reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers. In 2020, 273 books were affected by censorship attempts. [Learn more at ala.org/bbooks](https://ala.org/bbooks).

Reasons for Challenges



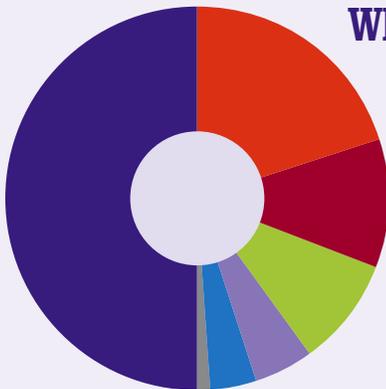
Books and Beyond

The ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 156 challenges in 2020. Here's the breakdown:



* Includes filtering, access, databases, magazines, online resources, legislation

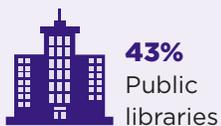
Who Initiates Challenges?



Statistics based on 147 responses

Where Do Challenges Take Place?

Statistics based on 156 responses



CENSORSHIP
STATISTICS
COMPILED BY:



OFFICE FOR
Intellectual Freedom
American Library Association