



Fall
2023



The Georgia Library Association has been advocating and empowering libraries for more than 100 years. Their stated mission is “to provide leadership in empowering and supporting library and information professionals, and the diverse library community. GLA promotes professional growth, fosters innovation, creativity, expertise, and advocacy that advances and sustains library services throughout the state of Georgia.” One of the ways they accomplish their mission is with their annual conference.

This year’s conference will be an in-person event held at The Classic Center, 300 N Thomas St, Athens, GA. A virtual option with pre-recorded workshop and Q&A sessions will be available the following week on the Whova platform.

The goal of the conference is to connect library professionals, supporters, and advocates with each other to share their accomplishments and learn from one another and with vendors to see the latest in equipment, design, software, and more.

For more information and to register for the conference, follow this link to gla.georgialibraries.org:

[GLC Registration](#)

In This Issue:

- Georgia Libraries Conference 2023
- Banned Books Week
- Top 10 Banned Books of The Last Decade
- Quotes from Banned Books
- Local Scene
- FOGL Awards & Grants
- FOGL Membership Roster Questionnaire

**BANNED BOOKS
WEEK**

The American Library Association’s annual Banned Books Week falls on October 1-7 this year.

The week-long event seeks to shine a light on the continuing and increasing drive to push for censorship of reading materials at public libraries. The ultimate goal is to support the availability of a wide variety of subjects regardless of personal, individual objections.

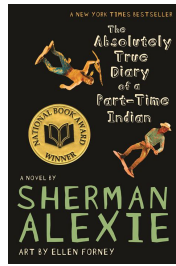


For more information including downloadables and ideas for celebrating the freedom to read:

[ALA Banned Books Week](#)

Top 10 Banned Books of the Last Decade

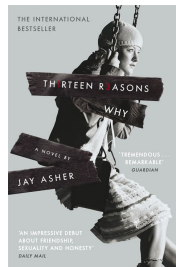
1. **The Absolutely True Story of a Part-Time Indian**
By Sherman Alexie



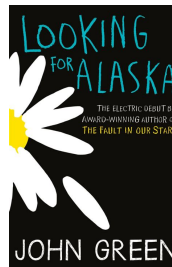
2. **Captain Underpants Series**
By Dav Pilkey



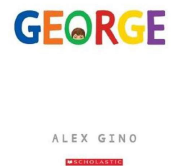
3. **13 Reason Why**
By Jay Asher



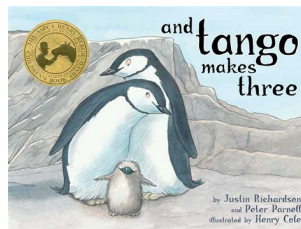
4. **Looking for Alaska**
By John Green



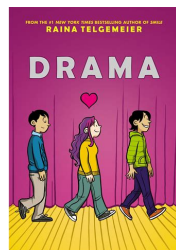
5. **George**
By Alex Gino



6. **And Tango Makes Three**
By Peter Parnell & Justin Richardson



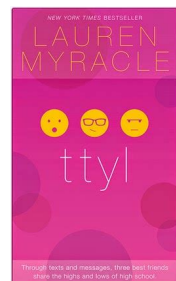
7. **Drama**
By Raina Telgemeier



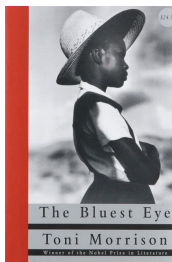
8. **Fifty Shades of Gray**
By E.L. James



9. **TTYL**
By Lauren Myracle
(Internet Girls Series)

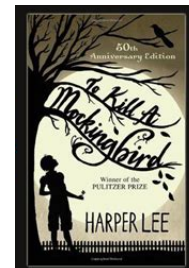


10. **The Bluest Eye**
By Toni Morrison

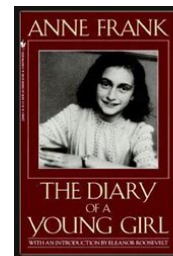


Quotes from Banned Books

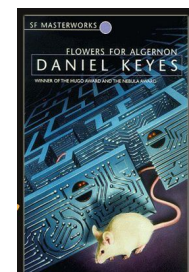
"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it."



"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains."



"There are a lot of people who will give money or materials, but very few who will give time and affection."



*List taken from the ALA list of [Top 100 Most Banned and Challenged Books: 2010-2019](#)



Gwinnett Technical College Library Renovation

The Lawrenceville campus of Gwinnett Technical College recently reopened its doors after renovating their facility.



The modernized facility features a large open space with comfy couches, live plants, and floor-to-ceiling to encourage collaboration and house events, six large study rooms which can be reserved by students using a QR code system, and a self-checkout system powered by RFID.



Peachtree City Library to Host Local Author Expo

PEACHTREE CITY LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Local Author Expo

Panel Discussions:

- Hip Pocket Anthology
- Publishing: How to Not Get Ripped Off

Family Friendly Activities:

- Writing Prompts
- Writing Tips & Resources
- Build A Character Station
- Author Passport Scavenger Hunt
- Raffle Drawings
- Food, Fun, Games, and More

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
11AM-5PM

[HTTPS://PEACHTREE-CITY.ORG/LIBRARY](https://peachtree-city.org/library) | 770-631-2520 | 201 WILLOWBEND ROAD, PEACHTREE CITY, GA 30269

If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed.

Benjamin Franklin

FOGL Awards & Grant

Every year, FOGL gives out two awards based on nominations submitted and one grant request. Below are summaries of each and a fillable form link for each. Completed forms should be emailed to this address:

info@georgia-friends.org

- **Fabulous Friends** - this award recognizes the local Georgia Friends group that has been an outstanding advocate and support for their library.
 - Nominate your group here: [Fabulous Friends Award Form](#)
- **Best Friends** - this award goes to the individual member that has been an exceptional advocate and supporter for their library.
 - Nominate your choice here: [Best Friends Award Form](#)
- **Author Appearance Grant** - a grant in the amount of \$500.00 to support costs incurred for appearances or events featuring a Georgia author.
 - Submit your grant request here: [Author Appearance Grant Form](#)

FOGL Membership Roster Questionnaire

If you did not receive a copy of this roster update questionnaire, please take the time to complete it and return. It truly gives us a better foundation for supporting Georgia's libraries.

- Are you an Individual member or a Friends Group?
 - Individual
 - Friends Group
- Name as you are/would like to be registered _____

- Address _____

- Email _____

- Phone _____

- According to YOUR records, are you a **current, up-to-date member** of Friends of Georgia Libraries?
 - Yes, our last recorded registration was _____
 - Yes, but our records do not show our last registration
 - No, but I/we would like to renew. (See renewal section at the end of this form)
 - No, but I/we do not wish to renew.

- **For Friends Groups only:** Please enter the name and board position of the contact person for your group _____

- **For Friends Groups only:** If you are a current member please provide the names and Board positions, if applicable, of the five individuals included in your group membership.
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

- **For Friends Groups only:** If you would like to include any additional information like an alternative contact person, additional phone numbers or emails, etc., please include that information here. _____

- FOGL has many resources to help your local group from founding documents and legalities like 501 (C) 3 status to gaining members and working with library staff. Would you like a FOGL Board member to reach out to you for any reason?
 - Yes, regarding

- FOGL holds an annual meeting and conference in the spring of each year. Would you like:
 - To be put on the list to be the host location? YES NO
 - A reminder email when the date and location are set & registration is open? YES NO
 - To Pre-Register for the 2024 Annual Meeting & Conference? Registration includes all sessions of the conference and catered lunch. YES NO

- If **YES** for **Individuals**, please include a check payable to FOGL for \$20 for current members or \$30 for non-members (this will include a one year membership)
- If **YES** for **current member Friends Groups**, please include a check payable to FOGL for \$20 per each member wishing to attend the conference.

(All Pre-Registered Attendees will receive updates regarding date, location, theme, speakers, session topics, and more.)

- To suggest a theme for the conference? _____
- To suggest a topic for a conference session? _____
- Know a Georgia Author who might be interested in speaking at the FOGL Annual Meeting & Conference? If you have contact information, please include that with the Author's Name

Renewal Form

- Individual - \$10 (Basic) \$100 (Premium) \$250 (Silver) \$500 (Gold) \$1000 (Platinum)
- Friends Group - \$50 - includes benefits for up to 5 named members.

Registration Information, if different than above:

- **For Friends Groups only:** Please provide the names of members covered under your group membership:

