

2023 Minot AFB Banned & Challenged Books Challenge

The Minot AFB Library is celebrating Banned Book Week (October 1-7) all September long with our Banned and Challenged Book Programs. We have two programs: the **100 Plus Page Challenge** for adults, teens, and kids over seven and the **Picture Book Challenge** for kids aged nine and under. Kids aged 7-9 must choose one program to participate in.



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Program Links & Instructions

- If you are registering yourself AND one or more family members, you must register yourself FIRST!
- If you are ACTIVE DUTY, please select your squadron under “which organization or partner are you with.”
- The system will ask you for an ACCOUNT CREATOR’S information first. If you are registering your entire family, this is the person who will do the logging online. If you are registering yourself, this is for just you.
- If the ACCOUNT CREATOR is also reading, sign up the ACCOUNT CREATOR FIRST and then any other readers.
- You can have any number of account creators per family, but all account creators must be 13 or older.
- If you are having trouble with the Beanstack Website, [click here for step-by-step instructions](#) or visit us at the library!

[Click here to register for the program or to log your reading using the Beanstack system!](#)

If you participated in our 2023 Summer Reading Program, you can log in to your existing account (the system will ask you if you are interested in registering when you log in). Otherwise, you need to sign up for an account here or at the Library. Contact us at 723-3344 if you forgot your login information.

Book Lists

Pre-printed lists are also available at the Base Library.

Adults' 100 Plus Page Banned and Challenged Books at the Minot AFB Library

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Teens' 100 Plus Page Banned and Challenged Books at the Minot AFB Library

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Kids' 100 Plus Page Banned and Challenged Books at the Minot AFB Library

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Banned and Challenged Picture Books at the Minot AFB Library

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Readers' Guides and Q&A

The Banned and Challenged Books Reader's Guide discusses why the Library has banned and challenged book programs, some reasons why people try to have books banned, questions to ask yourself while reading a banned or challenged book, and tips for sharing banned and challenged books with children.

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The Banned and Challenged Books Question and Answer Document goes into a lot more specific detail than the reader's guide.

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100 Page Plus Challenge Program Eligibility and Rules

Who:

The program is intended for adults, teens, and kids aged 7 and up.

What to Read:

You must read or listen to a book that has been banned or challenged (and that you can prove was banned or challenged if asked) that is 100 pages or more. There are lists of adult, teen, and children's qualifying books that are in the Minot AFB Library collection available to download using the links above or to pick up at the library, but you can read ANY book that fits the qualifications. The lists are compiled according to the age group the book was originally written for, but you do not need to stay within your age group.

How to Log Books and Reviews:

To submit your review after you have read the book and registered for the program, click "Write a Review" at the top of the page. Please remember to include the title and author.

Review Requirements:

Type in why you think the book was challenged or banned. You can do a more complete review if you want to, but the only requirement is that you put in why you think the book was challenged or banned and what you thought of it. It doesn't matter if you are right or wrong or how long your review is.

Come to the library receive your prize and to look your book up and find out why it was challenged or banned! Read more books for additional prizes and to increase your chances of winning a grand prize in a drawing at the end of the month.

Picture Book Challenge Program Eligibility and Rules

Who:

The program is intended for kids ages 9 and under.

What to Read:

You must read or listen to at least 4 picture books that have been banned or challenged (and that you can prove were banned or challenged if asked). There is a list of qualifying books that are in the Minot AFB Library collection available to download using the links above or to pick up at the library, but you can read ANY book that fits the qualifications.

How to Log Books and Reviews:

To submit your review after you have read the book and registered for the program, click "Write a Review" at the top of the page. Please remember to include the title and author.

Review Requirements:

Kids can do a written review by themselves or as dictated to an adult (including library staff if you don't have web access). They can also do a photo review by creating something (LEGO, playdoh, drawing, etc.) inspired by the book and uploading it to the Beanstack website.

Come to the library receive your prize and to look your books up and find out why they was challenged or banned! Read 5 more books for a second prize and to increase your chances of winning a grand prize in a drawing at the end of the month.



Why Read Banned Books?

Reading banned and challenged books promotes:

- Reading and literacy
- Awareness of censorship in America and across the world
- Citizenship
- Critical thinking
- Empathy
- Discussion and conversation about books

This program is an expansion of the American Library Association's Banned Book Week celebrations. AFI 34-101, para 16.14.4 mandates that the Library apply the principles of Intellectual Freedom in all aspects of library service.

For more information including the library's stance on banned and challenged books, what motivates people who challenge books, questions to consider while reading a banned or challenged books, and tips for sharing banned and challenged books with children, can be found in our Readers' Guide and Question and Answers Document linked above.