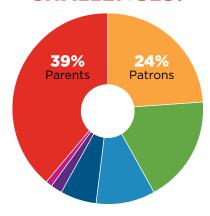
## CENSORSHIP

### **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 2021, 1,597 books were affected by censorship attempts. **Learn more at ala.org/bbooks.** 



### WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES?



**18%** Board/ administration

10% Political/
religious groups

**6%** Librarians/ teachers

2% Elected officials

1% Students

# WHERE DO CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE?



**44%**School libraries



Public libraries



18%

Schools



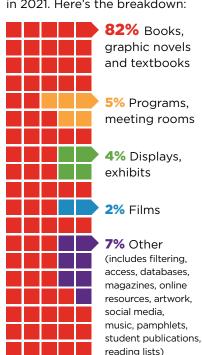
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Academic/Other

Statistics based on 729 responses

## BOOKS AND BEYOND

The ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked **729 challenges** in 2021. Here's the breakdown:



Statistics based on 715 responses

#### **REASONS FOR CHALLENGES**

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