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Censorship Case Files, 1974-2006

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Box 1:

BOOK CENSORSHIP BY STATE/COUNTRY

Alabama

General, 2004

Alabaster (Private Parts), 1994

Anniston (Calhoun County), 1982-1983

Rutherford Institute, 1993-1994

Alaska

“Celebrate Diversity” Exhibit, 2001-2002

Fairbanks

Exhibit Spaces and Bulletin Boards, 1995, 2001

A Way of Love, A Way of Life, 1984

Juneau, Juneau Public Schools, Daddy’s Roommate, 1993 [*Digitized*]

Challenges to Daddy’s Roommate, 1992-1995 [*Digitized*]

Arizona

General, 1999-2006 [some documents RESTRICTED]

Casa Grande Library, Truly Tasteless Jokes, 1988\*

Douglas, Douglas Public Library, 1985 [RESTRICTED]

Duncan, Thatcher High School, Ms. Elalee Philpott, 1974-1980 [RESTRICTED]

Gilbert, Gilbert High School (Judy Blume), 1980-1981

Kyrene School District, Grimm’s Fairy Tales, 1993-1994

Montiero v. The Tempe Union High School District, 1998

Arkansas

Fayetteville, 1991, 1993, 2003-2005 [2 folders] [*Digitized*]

Rogers (Intimacy Between Men, Lightening Bug, and Restricted Access for Minors), 1991 [2 folders] [*Digitized*]

California

General, 1997-2006

McCarthy, Lee, California Teachers Association, 1990-1992 [RESTRICTED]

Oakland Public Library, 1993-2000 [restrict?]

San Diego Public Library, Hamilton/Ovenden Books, 2000

San Francisco Public Library, Mary Poppins, 1980

Santa Clara County, Video, 1990-1991

Santa Cruz, University of California, “Stack ‘O Wheats,” 1980

Soledad Prison, 1989 [RESTRICTED]

Torrance Public Library, David McCalden (Truth Missions), California Library Association, 1983-1985 [2 folders, RESTRICTED]

Vista, California School Board, 1994

Walnut Creek, Acalanes Union High School District (Las Lomas High School), 1980

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Canada

“Bigots Ban Books,” 1998  
Canadian Library, Church of Scientology, 1974  
Kingston, Ontario, St. Lawrence College, Mrs. W. E. Hanafi, 1970 [RESTRICTED]

Colorado

Boulder, Political Correctness, 1991  
Boulder Public Library, Laurie Travers, 1988-1989, 1994 [RESTRICTED]  
Colorado Springs, American Family Association and Private Parts, 1997  
Columbine, 1999  
Denver, Adams Township School District, The Lottery, 1977  
Denver Public Library, fotonovelas, 2005  
Tattered Cover bookstore, 2000-2001 [2 folders, 1 RESTRICTED]

Connecticut

ACLU v. Attorney General and FBI, 2005  
Enfield, Internet Filtering  
New Haven, Steve Groninger correspondence (Americans with Disabilities Act, ADA),  
1995-1997, 2004  
Pequot Library Association (restrict?)  
Stamford, Little Black Sambo, 1983  
Torrington, “When Zachary Beaver Came to Town,” 2001  
Wyndham Public School, Willimatic, Sex Education, 1980

Delaware

Appoquinimink School District, 1987

Florida

General, 2001-2006  
Collier County Library, 1993  
Florida Public Library, “King & King” Challenge, March 2004 [*Digitized*]  
Gainesville, “Beastly Boys and Ghastly Girls,” 1976-1984  
Lakeland/Polk County School Libraries, 1982, 1997  
Marion County, 2004  
Marion County, “Heather Has Two Mommies” and “Daddy’s Roommate,” 2001  
[*Digitized*]  
Orange County Library System Computers, 1996  
Orange County Library System Filtering Software, 1997  
Orange Park, Banning of “Cold Sassy Tree” by Olive Ann Burns, 1988-1990  
Palm Beach, Neo-Nazi Publications,  
Palm Harbor Library, 2004 [RESTRICTED]  
Pensacola, Escambia County School Board, 1982  
Spring Hill, Hernando County, 1987  
Tampa, Sex Education Books Controversy, 1981 [2 folders]  
Tampa, 1981-1983

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Tampa-Hillsborough County, 1999  
Tampa-Hillsborough County Internet Filtering Situation, July 2000  
Vero Beach, Indian River Country School District, 1981-1982

#### Georgia

General  
Gwinnett-Forsyth Regional Library, Labeling Controversy, 1995  
Oconee County, 1994-1995

#### Hawaii

The Center v. Linda Lingle, 2005  
Honolulu, Internet Filtering, 2004

#### Idaho

General, 2005  
Nampa, 1999-2002

#### Illinois

General, 1997-2006  
Champaign Board of Education, "My Darling, My Hamburger," 1980  
Eureka, Canterbury Tales Controversy, 1995  
Glen Ellyn, National Organization for Women (NOW), 1987  
Mt. Morris Junior and Senior High Schools, "What's Happening to My Body" books,  
1986-1987  
Nippersink, DVD "Happiness" Challenge, 2004-2005  
Oak Lawn, "Show Me!", 1980-1981  
Oak Lawn Public Library, Restricted Access, 1989-1991  
Peoria School District 150, Judy Blume Cases, 1984  
Quincey Public Schools, 1998-1999  
Schaumburg Public Library, JFK Assassination Conspiracy book, 2000

#### Indiana

General, 1980, 2000-2001  
Hammond Public Library, "A Kid's First Books About Sex," 1986  
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Video Policy, 1995  
Newburgh, Reading for Real Program, 1993  
Purdue Ft. Wayne, "Corpus Christi" Play Challenge, 2001  
Tell City, 1982

#### Iowa

Algona, 1990  
Cedar Rapids Public Schools, 1978-1980  
Des Moines Public Library Confidentiality of Circulation Records (Brown v. Johnston),  
1980  
Dyersville, "Sari Says," 2002-2003

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#### Kansas

General, 2000-2005  
Blue Valley challenges, 2005  
Kansas City, Borders Books Subpoena, 2000  
Kansas City, "OutKast" ban, 2004

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Kentucky

Mayfield, Graves County School District, "As I Lay Dying," 1986  
Nicholasville, West Jessamine Middle School, *Library Bill of Rights*, 1999  
Paducah, James, Steger, and Hadley v. Meow Media (gun violence in "Basketball Diaries" videogame), 2000

Louisiana

St. Tammany Parish, Book Selection and Censorship, 1984 [2 folders, including testimony by banned book author]  
St. Tammany Parish, R-rated video access, 1998, 2000

Maryland

Baltimore County Schools, "Froggy Went A-Courtin'", 1996  
Chevy Chase, Banned Books Week, 2000  
Rockville, Montgomery County  
    "Children's books only" and "household" cards, 1996-2000  
    "Kid Vid" Card, 1994-1995  
    "My Book of Bible Stories," 1980  
    Public Schools, 1968-1994  
    Public School, "Blubber," 1979-1980

Massachusetts

General, 1997-2007  
Andover Memorial Hall Library, Access for Children, 1990  
Boston Public Library, Filtering Software, 1997  
Milford Township Library/Linda Wright, Internet, 2000  
Wellesley, Playboy Magazine, Minor's Access, 1994

Michigan

General, 1981-2004 [*Digitized*]  
Canton, Plymouth-Salem High School, 1971-1988  
Grand Blanc, "The Chocolate War," 1981  
Holland, Internet Filters, 1999-2000  
Howell Public Schools, 2007  
Hudsonville, 1999  
Michiana, Niles Community Library, Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and book censorship, 1982-1983 [2 folders] [*Digitized*]  
Monroe County Library System, 1992-1993 [RESTRICTED] [4 folders]  
Three Rivers, Varners and book censorship, 1982-1983 [*Digitized*]  
Traverse City, Draft Letter to Bonhag re: Computer, 2003  
Zeeland, Harry Potter, 1995-2000

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Minnesota

Hennepin County, "Librarians Liberty" newsletter, vol. 9, nos. 1 and 2, December 2001  
Minneapolis, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Complaint, Internet Porn in Public Library, 2001  
University of Minnesota Press, "Harmful to Minors: The Perils of Protecting Children from Sex" by Judith Levine, 2002  
University of St. Thomas, Margaret Sanger Poster, 1993

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Missouri

Anaconda School District, ACLU and book obscenity, 1983  
Hannibal, "It's Elementary: Talking About Gay Issues in School," 1999 [*Digitized*]  
Kansas City, Ginny Harris Case, 1995  
Mexico MO, book censorship "The Lottery" and "Julie of the Wolves," 1982'

Montana

Whitehall High School, Judy Blume and Norma Klein, 1981

Nebraska

Hastings, book challenges, 1999  
Lincoln, Playboy magazine, 1981-1984

Nevada

Carson City Public Schools, 1983  
Reno, Wooster High School, 1980

New Hampshire

General, 1997-2001

New Jersey

Bloomfield Public Library User Fees, 2004  
Hamilton Township, "Pagan Babies," 1982  
Hasbrouck Heights Public Library, Michele Reutty Resignation (Library Circulation Records), 2006  
Jersey City, Miller Branch Public Library, Judy Bryant, 1981-1984  
Lawrenceville, Mercer County Library, "Daddy's Roommate" and "Heather Has Two Mommies," 1993-1994 [*Digitized*]  
Middletown Public Library, 2006

New Mexico

General, 1998-1999, 2003  
Albuquerque, "Catch 22" and "Last Temptation of Christ" challenges, 1989-1990  
University of New Mexico, Theft of gay and feminist journals, 1994 [*Digitized*]

New York

General, 1998-2004  
Elmsford, Greenburgh Public Library, Russian Ballet and Opera Films, Bomb Threats, 1984  
Brooklyn, Rated-R Movies, 1995  
Hannibal, witchcraft, 1986  
Hauppauge Middle Schools, Teen, Seventeen, and YM magazines, 1998  
Huntington, Confidentiality of Library Records, 1983  
Manhasset Library, "No Nudes" Policy, 1992-1993  
New Rochelle, New York Public Library, "The Godfather" film, 1980-1982  
New York City  
Dodd, Mead, and Company, 1983-1984  
Proposed Moratorium on Adult Businesses, 1994  
Rainbow Curriculum, 1992-1993  
Queens, Anti-multicultural books campaign, 1994, 2001

North Carolina

General, 1999-2004  
Asheville, Buncombe County Schools, 1981

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Burlington, Board of Education, "Bridge to Terabithia," 1990  
Burnsville, 2000  
Columbus County, Amanda Bible, 1981  
Greensboro Public Schools, 1980  
Statesville, *Brave New World*, 1980-1981

North Dakota

Bismarck, Book Selection, 1993-1994  
Minot Public Library, *The Brave Cowboy*, 1978-1980

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Ohio

General, 2000-2004  
Akron-Summit Video Controversy, 1989-1996  
Cincinnati, *Advocate* controversy, 1995  
Dayton and Montgomery Counties, Gay and Lesbian Materials, 1993-1994 [*Digitized*]  
Dublin Community Youth Theatre, "Biloxi Blues," 1996  
Lancaster, Fairfield County District Library, "Open Access in Public Libraries" One  
Community's Experience, 1996  
Tipp City, Tiptecanoe High School, Banned Books Week, 2002  
Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, "Killer Angel," 2000  
Wapakoneta, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, 1980-1981  
Xenia City Schools, *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret; Harriet the Spy; Where the  
Sidewalk Ends*, 1983

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City  
Correspondence, 1996-1997  
Legal Correspondence, 1997  
Metropolitan Library Commission of Oklahoma County, 1996-1997  
News clippings, 1996-2005  
Oklahomans for Children and Families (OCAF), 1996-1997  
Oklahomans for Children and Families (OCAF) Background, 1996  
Organizing Against Censorship, 1997-1999  
Penthouse and Playboy, 1997  
Oklahoma Legislation, 2005 [*Digitized*]

Oregon

General, 1999-2002 [*Digitized*]  
Ballot Measure 18, 1995-1996 [*Digitized*]  
Roseburg, Douglas County Library, 1980  
Springfield, 1993-1994 [*Digitized*]

Pennsylvania

General, 2000-2006  
Berlin, *Running Loose*, 1994  
Carnegie Mellon Internet (alt. Groups), 1994-1995  
Girard, *Working* by Studs Terkel, 1982  
Hanover, Judy Blume books, Elyse Clark, 1984-1987  
Pennsylvania Alliance for Democracy, 2000

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Philadelphia, Benton High School, 2006  
State College, Schlow Memorial Library, 1980-1982

Rhode Island

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South Carolina

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South Dakota

General, 1995-2004

Aberdeen, Alexander Mitchell Library, 1980

Huron Public Library, *Nightbook* by William Kotzwinkle, 1980

Onida/Blunt, Sully Butte School System, *Run, Shelley, Run* by Gertrude Samuels  
(including letters from author), 1981

Sioux Falls, Washington Senior High School, 1980

South Dakota Initiative (Parrish Bill), 1978-1994

Tennessee

General, 2000-2002

Brentwood, Video, 1990

Cleveland Library, attempted removal of Board, 1993

Hawkins County, Mozart case, 1984-1987

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Texas

General, 1998-2002 [*Digitized*]

Bangs, *The Gas We Pass*, 1996

Decatur Public Library Case, Confidentiality, May 1990

Fort Worth, Local Film and Video Rating Boards, 1990

Houston, Internet Filtering, 1997

Houston, Kinkaid High School, Wanda Denley, 1980

Montgomery County/Conroe, 2002-2004

Pilot Point, Internet Filtering, 2000

Plano, Internet Filtering, 1999-2000

Round Rock School District, Parents and Curricula, 1995

Weslaco Public Library, *Private Parts* by Howard Stern, 1994

Wichita Falls

Book censorship, 1999-2000, 2005

*Heather Has Two Mommies and Daddy's Roommate*, 2000 [*Digitized*]

Utah

General, 2004-2006

Salt Lake City Library System, *Beavis & Butthead Ensucklopedia*, 1995

Vermont

Child Pornography Act, 2003

Rutland, *Daddy's Roommate*, 1995 [*Digitized*]

Virginia

General, 1998-2004 [*Digitized*]

Abingdon, Censorship, Kathy Russell, 1980-1982

Fairfax, Meredith Tax's *Families*, 1994 [*Digitized*]

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Fairfax County

Adults Only Section, 1994

Huckleberry Finn, 1982

MTV, 1994

Internet Porn Law, 2000

Loudoun County

Internet Filtering, 1997-1998

Restricted Lending Policy, 1994-1999

Prince William County, Internet Filtering, 1997

Washington State

General, 2000-2003

Erotic Music Statute, 1994

Hockinson School District book removal, 1984

Oak Harbor Book Banning, 1987-1988

Olympia, Washington State Library, *Achieving Sexual Maturity* film and Moral Majority, 1981

Seattle Public Library, *Show Me!*, 1985

Spokane, Mead School District, *Learning Tree*, 1979-1982

Vancouver School District, Alvin Schwartz (*Scary Stories*), 1994

Violent Video Games, 2003

West Virginia

Kanauma County, Textbook Controversy, 1974-1975 [4 folders]

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West Virginia, continued

West Virginia Internet Filtering, 2000

West Virginia Library Association Internet Filtering, 2000

Wisconsin

General, 1991, 2000

Colfax, Judy Blume books, 1980-1981

Marshfield Public Library,

Montello High School, Book Censorship, 1981

Muskego, *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, 1981

Rib Lake, Michael and Ruth Dishnow, Book Censorship, 1993-1994

Racine, Rolling Stone magazine, 1984-1987

Wales, Kettle Moraine High School, 1978-1980

Waukesha, Stephen King novels, film censorship, 1982, 1985

Wyoming

Gillette, Mothers for Decency, 1981

Teton County, Book on growing marijuana, 2004

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Wisconsin, 1977-1998 [2 folders] [*Digitized*]  
Wyoming, 1981-1990