

LITERACY AS POLITICS

Libraries and Book Challenges, Conversation and Conflict

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WEB RESOURCES

Alabama Literacy Test

https://jimcrowmuseum.ferris.edu/pdfs-docs/origins/al_literacy.pdf

ALA Literacy Advocacy

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/literacy>

Anti-literacy Laws

<https://amazingblackhistory.com/2020/02/06/anti-literacy-laws-would-you-believe-there-were-laws-against-teaching/>

Anti-literacy laws in the United States facts for kids

https://kids.kiddle.co/Anti-literacy_laws_in_the_United_States

Antioch Public Library Policy Governing First Amendment Audits

<https://apld.info/wp-apldnew/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/SER30-First-Amendment-Audits.pdf>

Auditing the First Amendment at Your Public Library

<https://www.oif.ala.org/auditing-the-first-amendment-at-your-public-library/>

Ballotpedia

https://ballotpedia.org/Literacy_as_a_requirement_for_voting

Banned & Challenged Classics

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/classics>

Brief History of Curriculum Censorship

<https://www.facinghistory.org/ideas-week/brief-history-curriculum-censorship-0>

Censorship by the Numbers

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/by-the-numbers>

Civil Rights Movement: Voting Rights: Are You "Qualified" to Vote?

Take a "Literacy Test" to Find Out

<https://www.crmvet.org/info/lithome.htm>

Constitutional Rights Foundation: Race and Voting

<https://www.crf-usa.org/brown-v-board-50th-anniversary/race-and-voting.html>

First Amendment Audit Response Policy

https://www.genevapubliclibrary.net/uploads/4/9/7/8/49788875/first_amendment_audit_response_policy.pdf

First Amendment Audit News (How-To Site)

<https://www.1stamendaudit.com/>

Freedom to Read Foundation

<https://www.ftrf.org/>

History of Literacy Laws in America and the Fight in 2022

<https://blackorganizingproject.org/the-power-of-books-and-the-fight-in-2022/>

Literacy as Freedom

<https://americanexperience.si.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Literacy-as-Freedom.pdf>

Literacy By Any Means Necessary: The History of Anti-Literacy Laws in the U.S

<https://oaklandliteracycoalition.org/literacy-by-any-means-necessary-the-history-of-anti-literacy-laws-in-the-u-s/>

Making a Way. National Museum of African American History & Culture

<https://www.searchablemuseum.com/illegal-to-read>

National Museum of American History. Literacy Tests

<https://americanhistory.si.edu/democracy-exhibition/vote-voice/keeping-vote/state-rules-federal-rules/literacy-tests>

Office for Intellectual Freedom

<https://www.ala.org/aboutala/offices/oif>

Restricted Access: The American History of Book Banning

<https://pen.org/restricted-access-the-american-history-of-book-banning/>

Restricted Reading: Reading While Incarcerated

<https://www.kouvendamedia.com/restricted-reading/>

State of Louisiana Literacy Test

<https://sharetn.gov.tnsosfiles.com/tsla/exhibits/aale/pdfs/Voter%20Test%20LA.pdf>

Take the Impossible “Literacy” Test Louisiana Gave Black Voters in the 1960s

<https://slate.com/human-interest/2013/06/voting-rights-and-the-supreme-court-the-impossible-literacy-test-louisiana-used-to-give-black-voters.html>

Unite Against Book Bans

<https://uniteagainstbookbans.org/>

What is a First Amendment Audit and How do I Deal with One?

https://www.ila.org/content/documents/sestqfr2sxszy6z8_first_amendment_audit_summary_4833-9724-2567_v.1.pdf