# Banned Book Fair

Hello,

My name is Sierra Gay and I am the Treasurer of Broward DSA. I'm excited to invite you to our upcoming Banned Book Fair, which will be an educational event celebrating literature and diversity.

The Banned Book Fair, scheduled for May 11, 2024, from 11 AM to 2 PM at the Weston Community Center (20200 Saddle Club Rd, Weston, FL, 33327), aims to shine a spotlight on banned books and showcase the works of local BIPOC authors. Our fair will offer attendees an opportunity to explore a diverse range of literature, including free banned books and titles spanning genres such as social justice, science fiction, history, and children's literature. Local BIPOC authors will also be present to sell their books and interact with the community. Additionally, there will be food, drinks, music, displays, and interactive creative experiences for everyone to enjoy.

This event serves as a celebration of the rich tapestry of voices within our literary community, while also acknowledging the challenges faced by literature addressing race and sexuality in the United States. The act of banning a book goes beyond mere censorship; it diminishes the voices of authors and their cultural contexts, perpetuating ignorance and intolerance. With the rise in book bans documented by the American Library Association (ALA), it becomes increasingly vital to counteract censorship and promote empathy and understanding through literature.

We want to show the community our commitment to defending knowledge and fostering empathy through diverse reading experiences. We believe that every banned book chosen for reading and learning resurrects a vital human voice, contributing to a deeper understanding of the world. Through events like the Banned Book Fair, we endeavor to challenge ignorance and inspire our community to embrace literature that challenges their comfort zones and encourages empathy.

I am thrilled to extend this invitation to you and your community, and I sincerely hope that you will join us in celebrating the power of literature and diversity at the Banned Book Fair. Your

support is invaluable to us, and we would be honored to have you participate in this important event.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.