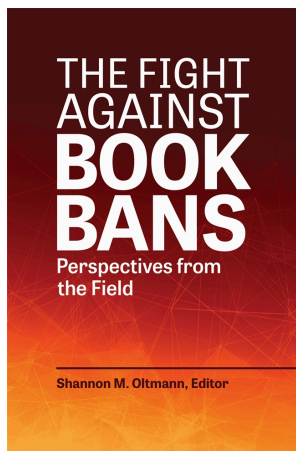




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[Coming June 2023](#) from Bloomsbury

Martha's "director's cut" version of the chapter
"[Hindsight is 2021: Help from the book battle frontlines](#)"

Book challenges

[Book Challenge Resource Center](#): Guides for school staff from the National Coalition Against Censorship

[Challenge toolkit](#): Martha's collection of resources for managing book challenges

[Fighting False Narratives & Misinformation About Books in Schools](#): Adapted by [Free to Read Rochester](#), these FAQs can be used in any community

[Press "Pause" and prepare](#): Martha's article for the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom offering advice to school administrators

[North Hunterdon-Voorhees Intellectual Freedom Fighters](#): Website for the community activists that worked with Martha

[Sample "book resume"](#): Defend the book by compiling reviews, awards, "best of" lists, and favorable challenge outcomes

Policies & regulations

[Selection](#): North Hunterdon-Voorhees policy 2530 on Library Resource Materials

[Reconsideration](#): North Hunterdon-Voorhees regulation 9130 on Public Complaints and Grievances; section E addresses complaints about library materials

[ALA Selection & Reconsideration Policy Toolkit](#): Resources for updating or creating selection and reconsideration policies

[NCAC Resources for Schools](#): Includes sample policies

[Revised reconsideration form](#): Martha's proposal for a more robust reconsideration form that goes beyond the basic information collected via the ALA template

[This Book Must Stay](#): Recommendations for improving the reconsideration process, compiled by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Intellectual Freedom Fighters

Tools

[Advocacy Alliance Brainstorming Tool](#): Explore the themes and audiences that will point you toward advocates in your community

[Contract Crosswalk Organizer](#): Highlight contract language related to your role in selecting materials and upholding board policies

[United States Census Bureau QuickFacts](#): Compare statistics for cities and towns

[How to support education and educators](#): Martha's suggestions for community members about how to take action

[How books enter the school library](#): Martha's infographic for explaining to community members how books enter the library

[How to handle book complaints at a BOE meeting](#): Infographic for BOE members

[Intellectual Freedom bookmarks](#): Print double-sided and hand out at BOE meetings

[Resistance resources](#): Info to share with community members

Protect yourself

[Lock down social media](#): Radicalized parents trained by Moms for Liberty and allied organizations are digging into educators' social media accounts. This *Book Riot* article describes how to enhance your privacy on social media.

[Mindful Librarianship](#): *American Libraries* article about mindfulness techniques for reducing workplace stress

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