# Freedom to Read, Freedom to Write: Celebrating Access, Expression, and Belonging

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## Censorship Today

# CENSORSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

#### NUMBER OF UNIQUE TITLES CHALLENGED BY YEAR

Various factors contributed to the decline in reported censorship attempts in 2024, including legislative pressure, intimidation of library workers, fatigue, and attrition.



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### WHO CHALLENGES BOOKS?



Nearly 72% of censorship attempts in 2024 were initiated by pressure groups and decision makers who have been swayed by them.

Statistics based on 5.813 book challenges.

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It's Not Easier Than Adult Fiction: A Panel on YA Fiction

with Livia Blackburne, Abdi Nazemian, and len Wang



11:15 am - 12:15 pm West Hollywood Aquatic Center | Doheny Room

We Were Always Here

with Skye Patrick, Jacqueline Woodson, & Justin Torres



Sunday, October 5, 2025 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm West Hollywood Park



From Pitch to Print: Insider Tips from Publishing Pros

with Melanie Figueroa, Eddie Gamarra, Jordan Hamessley, and Erinn Pascal



Sunday, October 5, 2025 10 am - 11 am

West Hollywood Library Community Room







lizzydizzywrites - Follow

lizzydizzywrites 1w Had an incredible time at the Next Chapter Writer's Summit by the LA County Library in WeHo! So many phenomenal panels celebrating LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC voices. particularly for YA audiences! This panel was amazing featuring @wangstagram @lkblackburne and @abdaddy! Favorite dark yet oddly encouraging quote from Abdi, "Rejection is the writer's resting state." I'm putting t on a post-it above my desk lol.

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#bookshelf #fallreads #octobertb #queerliterature P #queerlove

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Beautiful day sponsored by LA County and for West Hollywood Library for the Next Chapter Writers Summit. #lacountylibrary #weholibrary and yes, #weholibraryisthebomb 💝 🂝



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Yesterday at the #lacountylibrary

#writerssummit at the gorgeous, queerloving #weholibrary, It was #sro and there were waitlists of 400 people for the panels, including the one I did with @profiulialee and @michelleteaz on writing #memoir. As you can see, a hilarious time was had by all. Thanks to paparazza @dnsbray and to the @weholibrary for feeding and caring for all of us and our words.

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