

**Books Unite Us • Censorship Divides Us**  
*A Banned Books Week Celebration*

**Welcome**

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**Readers Theatre**

written by Steve Montgomery

Thelma Virata de Castro

Kristen Fogle

Steve Montgomery

Carla Navarro

Linda Ochocki

Rick Ochocki

Judy Reeves

Whitney Wegman-Wood

Tim West

**Readings from Banned Books**

*Beloved* by Toni Morrison

Thelma Virata de Castro

*The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Linda Ochocki

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*  
by Sherman Alexie

Rick Ochocki

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

Carla Navarro

*Gender Queer* by Maia Kobabe

Tim West

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## *First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution*

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

Passed by Congress September 25, 1789. Ratified December 15, 1791.

### **Resources**

Banned Books Week

<https://bannedbooksweek.org/>

American Library Association (ALA)

(including information about the ALA's Fight Censorship efforts)

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

PEN America

Defending free expression, supporting persecuted writers, and promoting literary culture

<https://pen.org/>

San Diego Writers, Ink

<http://www.sandiegowriters.org/>

Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library

<https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/locations/valencia-park-malcolm-x-library>



**An extensive list of resources offered by the  
members of the  
Banned Books Week Coalition is available at**

**<https://bannedbooksweek.org/resources/>**