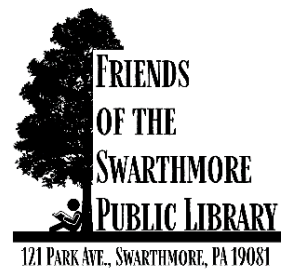


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Dear Community Member

**Chances are, you love a banned book.**

For Whom the Bell Tolls, Ernest Hemmingway  
Beloved, Toni Morrison  
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood

Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl  
Red, A Crayon's Story, Michael Hall  
Skippyjon Jones, Judy Schachner

These books, all of which show up on banned or challenged book lists again and again, are under attack around the country and in nearby counties. Attempts to ban books and eliminate programs have plagued both community and school libraries.

And yet, all these titles are freely available at the Swarthmore Public Library, along with a wide variety of books, films, activities and events. Our library welcomes everyone to find the books they seek, whatever the topic, as well as thought-provoking programs for all ages.

**And we need your support to protect them.**

Your gift to the Swarthmore Public Library provides vital funding, at a crucial and perilous time, to help fund:

- Over 500 programs for children and adults
- 4,184 library cardholders
- movies, speakers, storytimes, workshops, and more.

**Please give generously this year.** Show your support for the free library that we all cherish, and then come on by and check out your favorite banned book. We'll make sure it stays on the shelf for you.

With gratitude,

*Beth M. Fitzsimons*

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