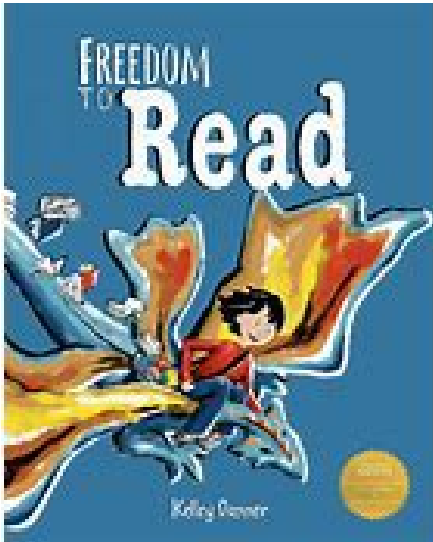


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In Person



“Freedom to Read”

This League program about book banning in the public schools is free and open to the public

October 21, 2023

**10:15 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Meeting
Tryon Branch Library, 1200 Langley Ave.**

“School libraries are most effective when they offer resources that resonate, engage, and empower students”

Join us October 21, 10:15 AM, Tryon Branch Library, 1200 Langley Ave, for a presentation on local banning of books and a review of the state wide process for removing books from the school shelves. Linda Fussell, Freedom to Read Foundation. will be our speaker.

If you presently have questions on the subject, send them to Vivian Faircloth, vfaircloth@iname.com or Paula Montgomery, montpns@aol.com. Ms.Fussell will research the issues prior to the meeting. Q & A will provoke more questions at the meeting.

“The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees all individuals the right to express their ideas without governmental interference, and to read and listen to the ideas of others. The *Freedom to Read Foundation* was established to promote and defend this right, to foster libraries as institutions wherein every individual's First Amendment freedoms are fulfilled, and to support the right of libraries to include in their collections and make available any work which they may legally acquire.”

Members of the Education Committee attend the school board meetings to monitor/comment on recent book banning. Contact Paula Montgomery, montpns@aol.com to be learn the latest status. *Join them.*

Message from Teresa Potter, LWVFL Education Action Team member and Hillsborough/Pascoe Counties League President: *Banned books update: the ACLU is teaming up with the NAACP, Florida Freedom to Read, Families for Strong Public Schools, and Defense of Democracy in requesting teachers, media specialists, and students to submit complaints on how the banned books efforts, "don't say gay" legislation, and censored curriculum is affecting them. Please file [complaints here.](#)*