Augusta County Library
Banned Books Week 2016

To celebrate Banned Books Week, the library commissioned an art installation. Local artist Ben Thomas created this mixed media piece by deconstructing and burning banned or challenged books that had been donated to the library, but were in poor condition.

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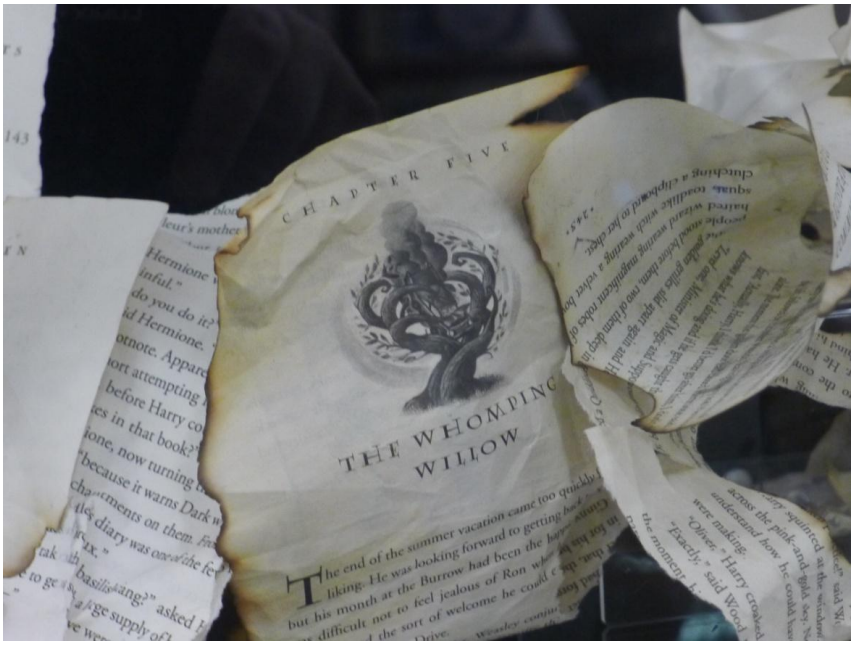
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THE WHOMPING WILLOW

The side of the display case featured book covers for the top banned books in 2015.

The library also featured displays of banned and challenged books in the children's room, teen zone, and main library.

Teen Display – included bookmarks with reading lists of banned or challenged books

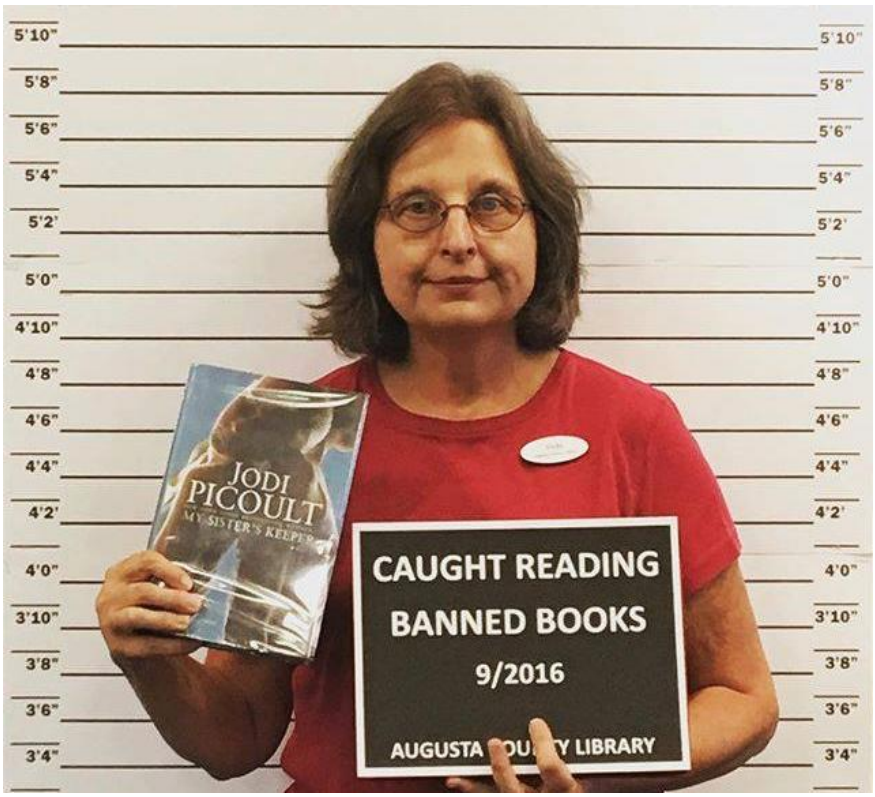
Children's Display – included information on why each book was challenged

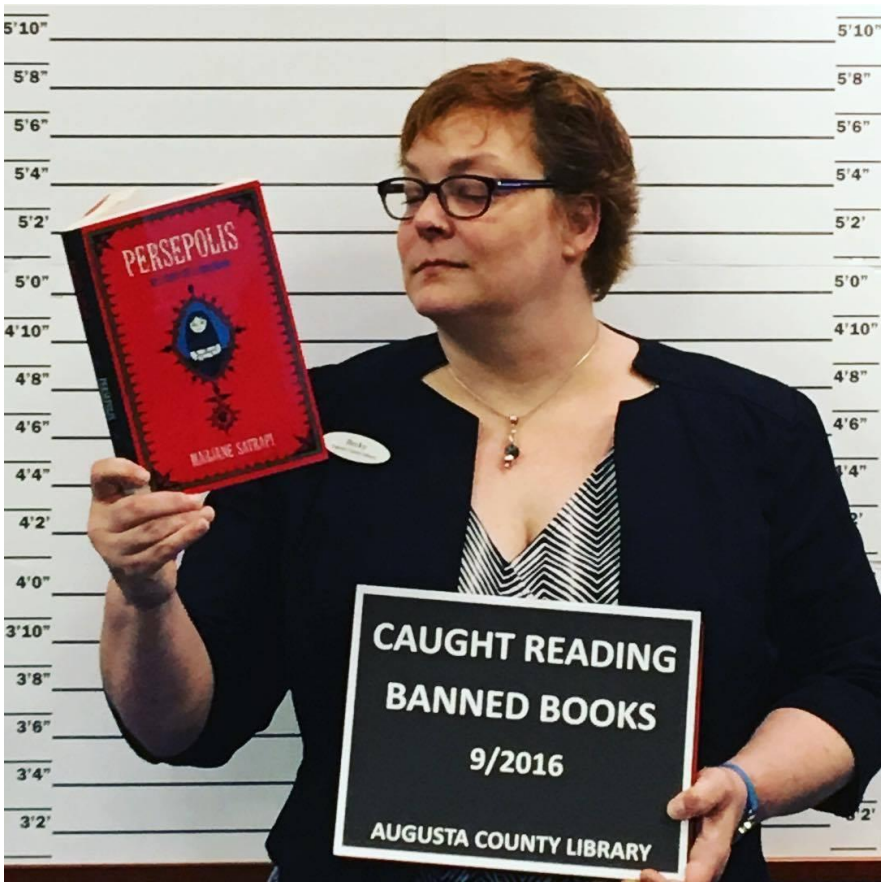
Adult Display – included graphics and posters provided by ALA

The public could check out the display books or use them to take a Banned Book Mug Shot. Staff created the mug shot station on a bulletin board adjacent to the adult book display

.A poster at the top of the mug shot bulletin board encouraged patrons to take a mug shot and to share their photos on Instagram with the hash tag #readACL.

A mug shot card was also provided, reading “Caught Reading Banned Books, 9/2016, Augusta County Library). Here are some of the mug shots:

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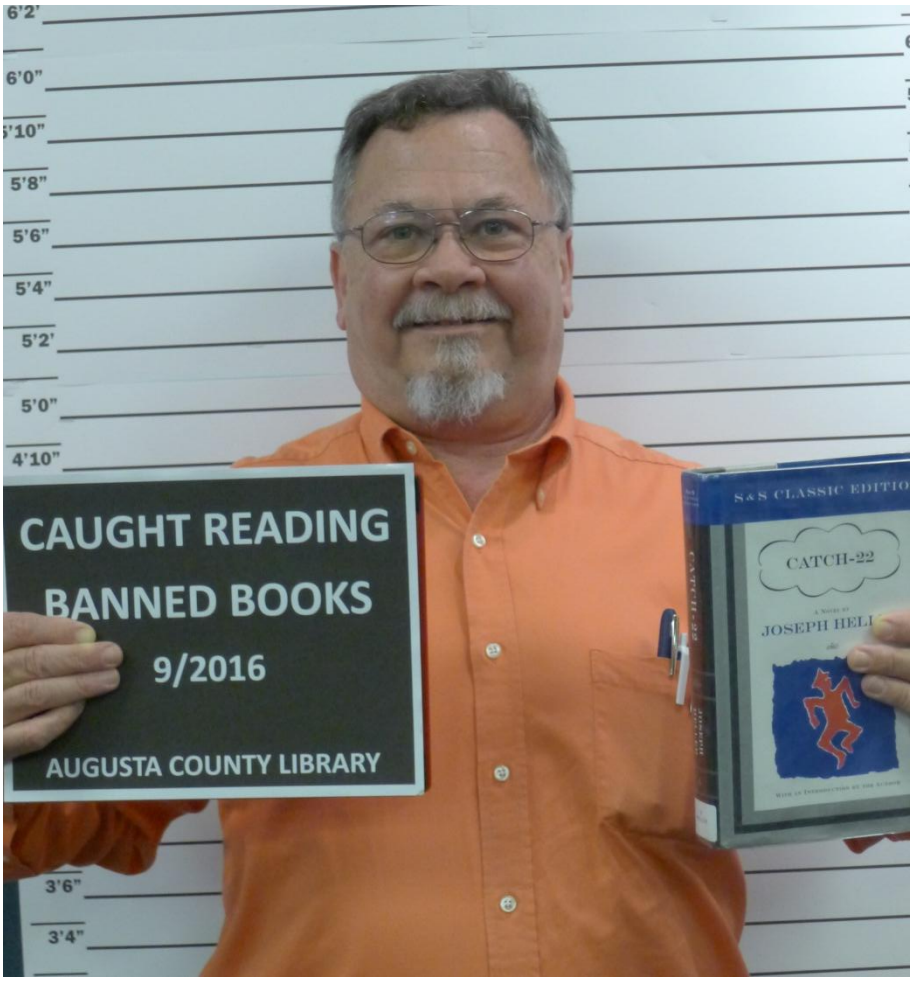
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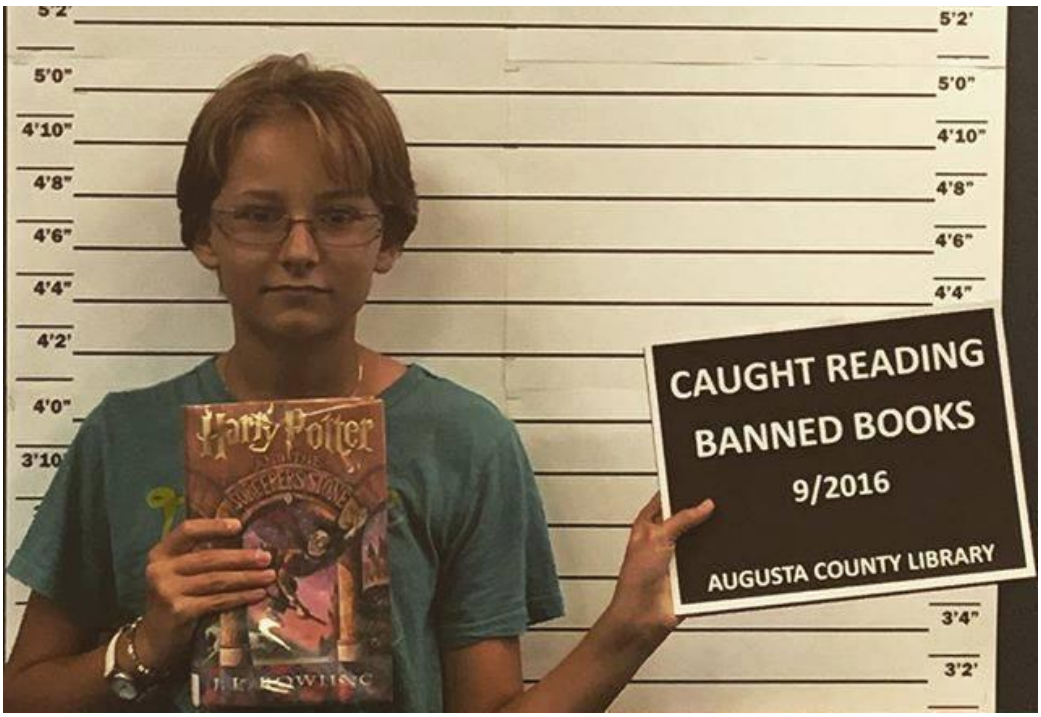
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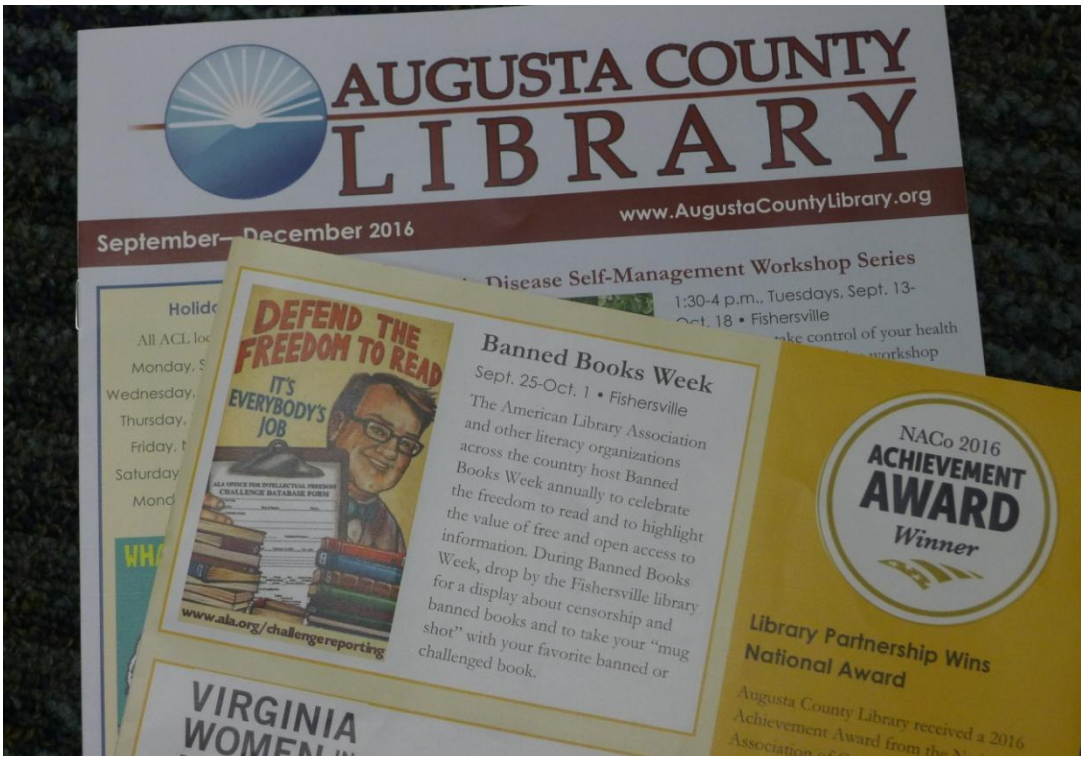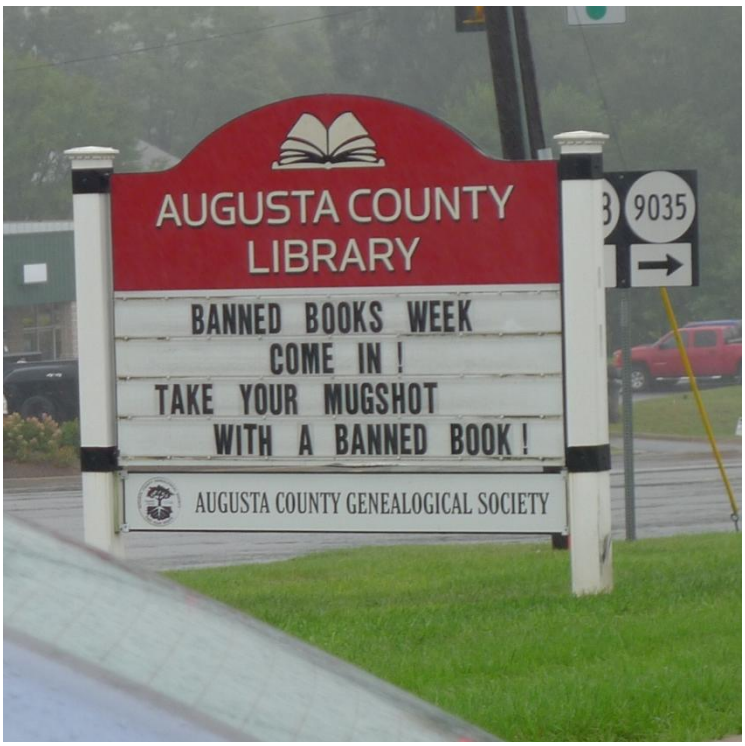
The library promoted Banned Books Week in our print newsletter and on our exterior marquee sign. Our teen librarian also visited a local middle school and presented three book talks featuring banned and challenged books. She also gave each student a Banned Books Week book mark.