

Top 10 Actions to Protect the Right to Read

1 Join the Coalition
There is strength in numbers! Invite friends, family, and colleagues to join the MI Right to Read coalition at MIRightToRead.com and be prepared to stand up for First Amendment rights.

2 Post on Social
Spread the word on social media. Craft your own message in support of the right to read or use any of our examples. Plus, be sure to follow MI Right to Read and share our posts! @MIRighttoRead

3 Write a Letter
Submit a short, personal letter to local media highlighting the importance of intellectual freedom and expressing your deep appreciation for libraries and library workers.

4 Attend a Meeting
Show up and vocalize your support of First Amendment rights at your school, library, and/or municipal board meetings. Use your voice to contest misinformation and propaganda presented by groups trying to censor books.

5 Give a Presentation
Present the facts on First Amendment rights and book challenges at your local service clubs, like Rotary, Diversity Groups, League of Women's Voters, Kiwanis, or the Chamber of Commerce, and ask them to join the coalition.

6 Lead a Local Group
Stay informed about what's happening in your community and make connections with your friends and neighbors who support the freedom to read. It's never too early to get organized.

7 Be an Ally
Encourage and support library workers in your community. A simple phone call, email, or thank you note can make a difference. Show your appreciation and offer assistance and your contact information so they know they can call on you.

8 Fight Misinformation
Misinformation about books and authors targeted by book bans spreads easily, especially online. Correct misinformation when you encounter it in conversation, on social media, and elsewhere.

9 Donate
Support MI Right to Read's mission by contributing to the MLA Advocacy Resource Fund. Any donation amount helps provide educational resources and protection of the right to read for all Michiganders.

10 Run for Office
We need elected officials that protect and champion intellectual freedom, privacy, and access for all. We need you! Run for your local school board, library board, or city/township council.



Protecting the Right to Read in Michigan

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