



WEST HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY
625 N. San Vicente Blvd.



Festival @ 11:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Film Screening @ 6:30 PM



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"Banning books gives us silence when we need speech. It closes our ears when we need to listen. It makes us blind when we need sight."
– Stephen Chbosky

#WeHoReads
#WeHoArts

11:00am-Noon

**GREAT ACTORS READ FROM
BANNED CHILDREN'S BOOKS**



Sponsored by BookPALS, a signature children's literacy program of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation, readings will feature Pam Dawber, Colin Egglesfield and Niki Koss.

Noon-12:45pm

BANNED & FORBIDDEN

West Hollywood City Poet Steven Reigns and members of the West Hollywood City Council discuss their personal relationship with banned, forbidden and favorite books.



1:00-1:45pm

**FRANCESCA LIA BLOCK IN CONVERSATION
WITH SAMANTHA DUNN**

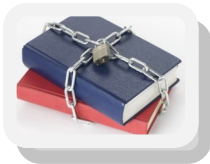
A lively conversation on banned, censored and censored books with Francesca Lia Block, the award-winning author of 25 books including the "Weetzie Bat" series and acclaimed author Samantha Dunn.



2:00-2:45pm

THE BOOKS YOU SHOULD NOT WRITE

Some books are pleasant, some are fun, some make you feel like laughing or skipping. But other books disturb, awaken and alert us to what's wrong with our world and ourselves. Some of those books are banned. Some of them make readers uncomfortable. Red Hen Press authors Ron Koertge, Douglas Kearney and Nicelle Davis have written some of those stories. Kim Dower moderates a discussion on books that make us think and why thinking can be a good thing.



3:00-3:45pm

**ON BODY & BANNING: HONORING KATHY ACKER
AND QUESTIONING SEXUAL AND RACIAL BORDERS
OF CENSORSHIP**

In this panel discussion co-convended by Les Fignes Press, artists and authors will discuss the politics of banned books by discussing the representations and practices of queer sex and body in literature and performance. Esteemed panelists will discuss questions of banning by way of non-normative body, blood, and pulp. Moderated by Margaret Rhee and featuring Ron Athey, Raquel Gutiérrez and Michael Du Plessis.



4:00-5:00pm

DON'T E-RACE ME: WRITING ABOUT RACE(ISM), CULTURE AND IDENTITY IN FICTION AND POETRY

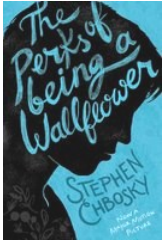
Scores of books have been banned for exploring racial themes or depicting racism directed at various groups of people. Join a phenomenal group of authors for an insightful discussion moderated by Jervey Tervalon ("Monster's Chef") and featuring Cynthia Bond ("Ruby"), Nina Revoyr ("Lost Canyon") and Luis J. Rodriguez (prolific author and Poet Laureate of Los Angeles).



5:15-6:00pm

STEPHEN CHBOSKY ("The Perks of Being a Wallflower") IN CONVERSATION WITH CECIL CASTELLUCCI

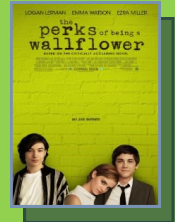
Young adult author Cecil Castellucci chats with Stephen Chbosky about "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," one of the top ten most frequently challenged books of 2014.



6:30pm

THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

Join us for a special free screening of the acclaimed film written and directed by Stephen Chbosky.



**THROUGHOUT THE DAY
IN THE AUTOCOURT...**



**Book Soup
LA as SUBJECT
Les Fignes Press
PEN Center USA
Red Hen Press
Story Time performance with Dani Dodge**



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