



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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WHY EDUCATION AND THE ACCURATE TEACHING OF OUR HISTORY MATTERS

Following is a small selection of books that have been banned in the identified counties of Florida and books identified by the ACLU of Massachusetts that are banned.

We understand that some fear that these books will actually be read by someone. Even more, they fear that these books, and others like them, will open the eyes of young Black and White school students and assist them in waking up to the realities of what has happened in our past and empower them to work for a different outcome for our future.

Therefore, since they have determined that these books, and others like them, are dangerous to the fulfilling of their agenda, I encourage you to read these books, get them for your children and grandchildren to read, buy them as gifts for your colleagues and peers to read.

Think about it, if these books posed no threat to them and the fulfilling of their agenda, they would not ban them.

Broward County, FL

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Clay County, FL

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

Woke: A Young Poets Call to Justice by Mahogany L. Browne

Escambia County, FL

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Palm Beach County, FL

Anne Frank's Diary: the Graphic Adaptation by Ari Folman

Letter from the Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King Jr.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The 1619 Project: Born on the Water by Nikole Hannah-Jones

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The ACLU of Massachusetts has chosen to highlight a few pivotal, Black-authored books that have been targeted — recently or historically — for censorship.

The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas (2017)

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou (1969)

The Color Purple, Alice Walker (1982)

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison (1970)

Beloved, Toni Morrison (1982)

The New Kid, Jerry Craft (2019)

Class Act, Jerry Craft (2020)

The 1619 Project, Nikole Hannah-Jones (2019)

Native Son, Richard Wright (1940)

Black Boy, Richard Wright (1945)

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neal Hurston (1937)

Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison (1952)



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Beginning



Current

Your contribution can be dedicated to a specific activity or the Oasis, in general.

	Educational Enrichment	Technology Literacy	Athletics & Recreation	Performing Arts	Facility Innovation
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 iPad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 basketballs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 art sets for aspiring artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tennis rackets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera security system to keep everyone safe
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 computer for graphic design and website creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 sets of golf clubs for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Play Scripts with performance/licensing fee and cast instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light

WORK FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.
Psalm 20:4 (NIV)

SEPTEMBER MEDITATION QUOTE

" It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disaster to be unable to capture your ideal, but it is a disaster to have no ideal to capture. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is sin."

Benjamin E Mays

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

What am I currently struggling through and wrestling with? _____

Am I willing to endure believing that I will win? _____

FOR THE YOUTH

As school is starting, do I anticipate any specific struggles that I will have? _____

Do I believe that God has already given me what I need to get through it? _____
