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Current Reading Cycle

Date	Title	Author	Reason challenged
Oct. 16th	<i>The Bluest Eye</i>	Toni Morrison	Depiction of sexual assault; claimed sexually explicit
Nov. 6th	<i>All Boys Aren't Blue</i>	George M. Johnson	LGBTQIA+ content; claimed sexually explicit
Dec. 4th	<i>Forever</i>	Judy Blume	Candid portrayal of teenage sexuality
Jan. 8th	<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	Stephen Chbosky	Sexual content, drug use, and suicide themes

When: Thursdays, 4-5 PM/Open End

Where: SpecOps Café (Aegidiimarkt 5, 48143 Münster)

Format: 5-min historical/context briefing → open discussion

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In spring 2025, the University of Münster's Chairs of Book Studies (Prof. Corinna Norrick-Rühl) and American Studies (Prof. Silvia Schultermandl) founded the Banned Books Network Münster. Two postdoctoral researchers—Dr. Jennifer Gouck (WiRe Fellow 2025) and Dr. Sarah Pyke—serve as co-founders.

This book club joins them in their goal to raise awareness of the rise in book banning and censorship in the United States and beyond, and to create truly inclusive spaces where students, educators, and the wider public can engage with banned books and the effects of censorship.

Getting Your Book

1. Borrow a copy

- Check the Stadtbücherei Münster or the ULB (University & State Library) for free lending copies

2. Buy new—support local & independent bookstores

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3. Buy used

- Online German platforms like Rebuy, or Medimops often list our picks in English for under €6