

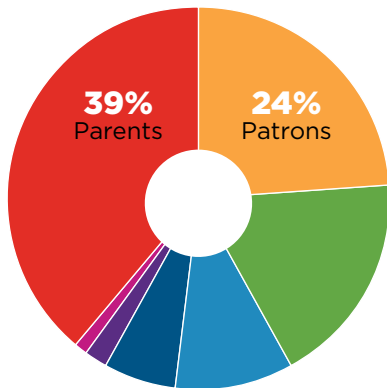
CENSORSHIP

BY THE NUMBERS

Books unite us. They reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers. In 2021, 1,597 books were affected by censorship attempts. **Learn more at ala.org/bbooks.**

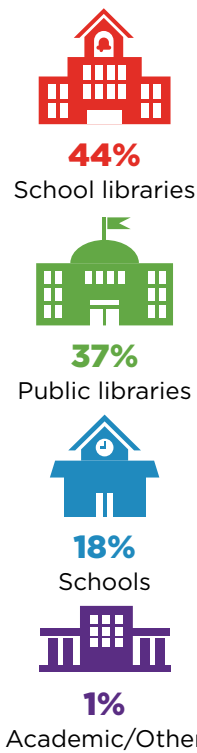


WHO INITIATES CHALLENGES?



Statistics based on 715 responses

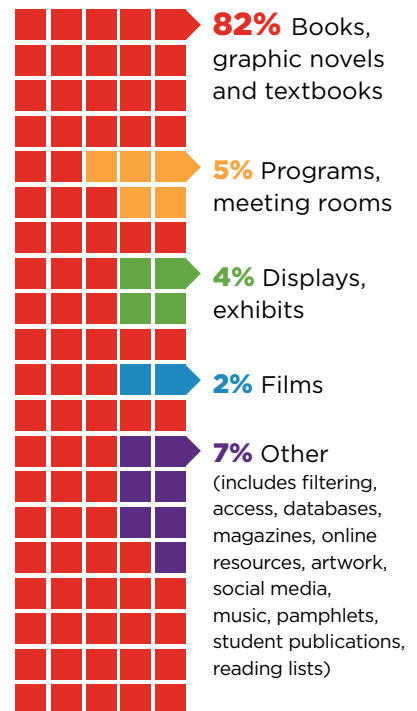
WHERE DO CHALLENGES TAKE PLACE?



Statistics based on 729 responses

BOOKS AND BEYOND

The ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked **729 challenges** in 2021. Here's the breakdown:



REASONS FOR CHALLENGES



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