

BOOKSELLERS!



The American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression (ABFFE) is the bookseller's voice in the fight against censorship. The First Amendment rights of booksellers and their customers are constantly under attack by legislators, activist groups and individuals who object to books you may sell.

ABFFE defends the freedom to read by opposing censorship bills in Congress and the state legislatures.

ABFFE offers booksellers the resources to educate customers and the press.

ABFFE joins with other national groups in sponsoring Banned Books Week and other efforts to raise public awareness about the importance of protecting free speech.

ABFFE is an independent organization. Although founded and sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, **ABFFE** membership is not part of ABA membership.

ABFFE needs you to become a member today.

Free speech isn't free. Join **ABFFE!**





ABFFE Highlights, 2008–2009

ABFFE overturned an Indiana law that would have forced booksellers and other retailers who sell a single “sexually explicit” item to register as “adult” businesses and pay a \$200 license fee.

ABFFE defeated bills in Louisiana and Utah that created civil penalties for booksellers and other retailers of “harmful” media; it helped booksellers prepare testimony, write op-eds and letters to the editor.

ABFFE filed an amicus brief in a U.S. Supreme Court case that could result in the elimination of key safeguards for the sale of books and magazines that are judged to lack “serious value.”

ABFFE continued its eight-year campaign to restore the protections for reader privacy that were eliminated by the Patriot Act.

ABFFE is a sponsor of Banned Books Week and helped launch the first BBW Web site to provide a place for booksellers and librarians around the country to list their displays and events.





Membership Benefits

ABFFE operates a First Amendment hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist you whenever you confront an emergency, whether it is the result of a customer complaint or a police demand. If you ever need an experienced First Amendment lawyer, we can help you find one.

ABFFE is the bookseller's voice in all free speech controversies involving books and other written material. We alerted booksellers to the dangers posed by the Patriot Act and helped them communicate their concerns to Congress. **ABFFE** also opposes efforts to ban books in public schools and libraries and files amicus briefs in cases challenging school censorship.

ABFFE helps booksellers communicate the importance of free speech to their customers, building support for First Amendment rights that will be critically important when censorship controversies arise. **ABFFE** is a sponsor of Banned Books Week, the only national celebration of the freedom to read. It also helps booksellers book speakers on important First Amendment issues.

ABFFE ensures that booksellers play a role in all important First Amendment cases.

Keep ABFFE Working to Protect Booksellers & the Freedom to Read

\$100.00 VIP Membership

Includes:

- Banned Books Week bracelet.
- Autographed copy of ABFFE President Chris Finan's *From the Palmer Raids to the Patriot Act: A History of the Fight for Free Speech in America*.
- A ready-to-frame statement, "To Our Customers," that booksellers can display in their stores declaring their commitment to protect the First Amendment and privacy rights of their customers.
- FREEDOM window decal, bumper sticker and pin.
- The ABFFE handbook, *Censorship and First Amendment Rights: A Primer*.
- The ABFFE training video, "Scenes from a Bookstore: Free Speech Vignettes."
- *ABFFE Update*, our monthly newsletter.

\$75.00 Premier Membership (All of the above, except the book.)

\$50.00 General Membership (All of the above, except the book & bracelet.)

Name _____

Bookstore _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed please find my check made payable to ABFFE, or

Please charge my Visa MC AmEx

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

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