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Freedom to Read: Banned Books Week 2006

Jenna Spevack

From September 5 through September 30, 2006, in celebration of Banned Books Week 2006, the Ursula C. Schwerin Library will present Freedom to Read in the 4th floor display case.

Freedom to Read is a collection of student work based on book covers from books that have been banned or challenged at some point in history. The work was created for Professor Jenna Spevack's Vector Art classes in the Department of Advertising Design & Graphic Arts.

Students chose books from the American Library Association's list of banned books, read the books, researched the reasons for their banning, and recreated the book covers using the computer application Illustrator. The resulting artwork, based on original book cover designs, is a unique tribute that reminds Americans not to take our "freedom to read" for granted.

Banned Books Week is observed during the last week of September each year and is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, the American Library Association, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Association of College Stores.

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