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Fight against book bans in the US

5 1) Level 1

Books Unbanned is an idea which starts in the Brooklyn Public **Library**. It helps children read books online.

10 In some US states, it is not possible to read some books. They are **banned**. But libraries let children younger than 18 years read these books **online**. Four libraries do it now. In some areas, children cannot go to a nearby library. It is good that they can read the books online.

Libraries ask children and young people why they want to read online. They get many interesting answers. Now they know how children feel if they cannot borrow some books.

15 Difficult words: **library** (a place where people borrow books and magazines), **ban** (to officially stop), **online** (on the internet).

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2) Level 2

20 Books Unbanned started at the Brooklyn Public Library to help with book **censorship** in some areas of the United States.

Now, young people under 18 in the whole country can use the library's books online. Four other libraries, including one in Seattle, liked the idea and did the same thing. The libraries found out that some children wanted library cards
25 because they didn't have a library nearby. Others wanted books which were **banned** in their area.

When the libraries asked why the children wanted library cards, they got lots of answers. They saw what young people thought about book censorship and about not having a library nearby.

30 Difficult words: **censorship** (not letting people read certain books or watch certain movies), **banned** (officially stopped).

3) Level 3

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The Brooklyn Public Library launched an initiative called Books Unbanned to tackle book censorship issues in certain areas of the country.

This initiative allows young people under the age of 18 across the country to access the library's **entire** collection digitally.

45 Since its introduction, four other libraries, including the Seattle Public Library, have **adopted** similar programs. Brooklyn and Seattle's public libraries discovered that some students signed up for library cards because they **lacked** access to nearby libraries. Others joined because certain book titles they were interested in were censored in their area.

50 In a survey, the libraries received thousands of responses that offered insight into the impact of censorship and limited library access on young Americans.

Difficult words: **entire** (the whole), **adopt** (to take up or follow), **lack** (to be without).

WATCH (on your own, at home)

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