

Do Caged Books Sing?

By Susan Henderson.

This year, Freedom to Read Week was marked at the University of Victoria Libraries with a display of censored books held in a cage located in the entrance to the McPherson Library.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou joined other celebrated banned books to remind students and faculty of the many books frequently banned from school libraries and classrooms every year.

We also contacted two of Victoria's celebrated independent bookstores, Bolen Books and Munro's Books to involve them in putting up a FTRW display in their stores. The UVic Bookstore also put up a FTRW display and all four participating locations jointly collaborated to produce a Freedom to Read Week bookmark.



Caged books at the McPherson Library (above). Display at UVic Bookstore (below). Photos by Susan Henderson.



Display at Bolen Books. Photo by Christie Roome.



Children's book display at Munro's Books. Photo by Dan Kuc.

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