**Cobra Readers Meeting Agenda**

**Friday, September 26, 2014**

1. **If you haven’t met our officers:**
	* Introduction of Officers
		+ **President:**  Anthony Monsalve
		+ **Vice-President:** Sabah Ahmed
		+ **Secretary:**  Deneis Oscary
		+ **Treasurer:** Emoe Zamora
2. **Club Requirements:**
* Membership Form-**Turn in by 10/3**
* Dues ($5.00)- **Turn in by 10/3**
* Club Attendance: You must attend 80% of meetings and

 fundraising to participate in field trips.

1. **T-shirts**
* Club Shirts-preorder ($13.00—Turn in by 10/17)
1. **Banned Books Week!** [**http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/**](http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/)

Banned Books Week, Sept. 21 – 27, 2014, reminds Americans about the importance of preventing censorship and ensuring everyone’s freedom to read any book they choose. According to ALA’s OIF, for every banned book reported, there are many more that are not.

This year’s Banned Books Week is spotlighting graphic novels because, despite their literary merit and popularity as a format, they are often subject to censorship. Graphic novels continually show up on the ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom’s Top 10 List of Most Frequently Challenged Books. The most current list for 2013 includes two graphic novels: Dav Pilkey’s “Captain Underpants” series at the top spot and Jeff Smith’s series “Bone” at #10.

“Our most basic freedom in a democratic society is our first amendment right of the freedom to read,” said ALA President Courtney Young. “Banned Books Week is an opportunity for all of us – community residents, librarians, authors and educators – to stand together protecting this fundamental right for everyone and for future generations. We can never take this precious right for granted.”

**The Top Ten Most Frequently Challenged Books of 2013 reflects a range of themes and consists of the following titles:**

1. “Captain Underpants” (series), by Dav Pilkey.
Reasons: Offensive language, unsuited for age group, violence
2. “The Bluest Eye,” by Toni Morrison
Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, violence
3. “The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian,” by Sherman Alexie.|
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, offensive language, racism, sexually explicit, unsuited for age group
4. “Fifty Shades of Grey,” by E. L. James.
Reasons: Nudity, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
5. “The Hunger Games,” by Suzanne Collins
Reasons: Religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group
6. “A Bad Boy Can Be Good for A Girl,” by Tanya Lee Stone
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, nudity, offensive language, sexually explicit
7. “Looking for Alaska,” by John Green.
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
8. “The Perks of Being a Wallflower,” by Stephen Chbosky
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, homosexuality, sexually explicit, unsuited to age group
9. “Bless Me Ultima,” by Rudolfo Anaya
Reasons: Occult/Satanism, offensive language, religious viewpoint, sexually explicit
10. “Bone” (series), by Jeff Smith
Reasons: Political viewpoint, racism, violence
11. **Fundraising—Pick up Candy Today**
	* Candy Sale- Sept. 29-Oct. 10
	* We would like everyone to sell one box
	* We have an initial order of 25 boxes, as people turn in the money, we will purchase more.
	* If you take a box today, please bring the money next Friday
	* This is how we purchase books, pay for postage for Operation Paperback, buy books and help with the cost of field trips.
12. **First Book: *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner**
	* All copies currently checked out!
		+ If you don’t have one, put it on hold at the Circulation Desk so that when one is returned, we can notify you.
	* How is the book going?
	* Has anyone see the movie?
	* Discussion Dates for ***The Maze Runner***:
		+ Fri., October 3 (B Day) : Chapters 1-23—**next Friday!!**
		+ Fri., October 17 (B-Day) : Chapters 24-41
		+ Fri., Nov. 7 (A-Day) : Chapters 42-Epilogue
13. **Next Meeting and Important Dates**
	* Our first book discussion will be on **Friday, October 3**
	* Our first field trip: Miami Dade Book Fair International on **Fri., Nov. 22**