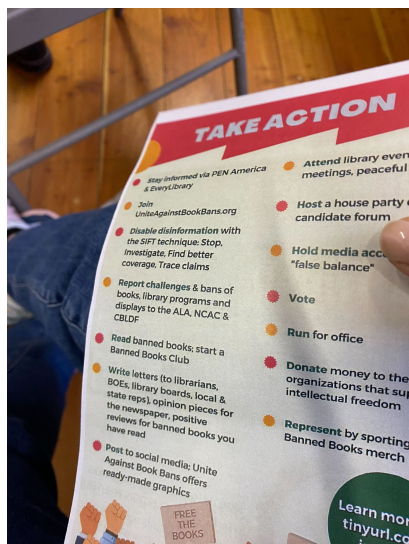




ILNH March Newsletter



The Community Gathering on Sunday with speakers Martha Hickson and Cidy Marino took most of us through the full range of 'feels'. Listening to the trials of each of them as they stood up to those who would and did defame and attack them, you couldn't help but feel shocked, angry and sad, coupled with profound admiration for their courage and determination to stand up to the right-wing bullies who preach intolerance and hate. And yes, there was some joy at finally being in a room with like minded people who are ready to learn and take action to protect students, the right to read, and democracy itself.

MAGA/white supremacist groups like Moms for Liberty have already seated members on school boards and made their intentions clear and they're not letting up. The day after our gathering, it was publicly exposed that a sitting member of the Hunterdon Central school board had made multiple hateful comments about BiPOC and LGBTQ+ students on social media and that her purpose was to end diversity, equality and inclusion (DEI) policies. Central Bucks School District currently has a majority of right-wing extremists on its school board. We can't let this continue if we hope to preserve freedom and advance equality for all people.

Whether you were able to join us or not, please take advantage of the multiple tools and information to increase awareness of the efforts of groups like Moms For Liberty and how you and others can help combat them. This newsletter offers the opportunity to watch a replay of the Community Gathering and documents with actions, organizations and a template letter that you can customize and send to media or legislators as a group or an individual. In addition, don't miss two new articles by guest writers, Amy Barrett and George O'Connor, who write in detail about the ongoing events at North Hunterdon-Voorhees High School and why it's important that our schools teach Black History.

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[Resources for action and organization from March gathering speaker Martha Hickson, North Hunterdon-Voorhees HS Librarian](#)

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