

Stories We Need: Reading in a Time of Censorship

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An Author Conversation supported by
The Aaron and Sylvia Wechter Family Excellence Fund
Thursday, February 26

TEACHER WORKSHOP – SAT, FEB 28

16 attendees

- Teachers, librarians, UTEP students, community members

Exhibit Opening
Saturday, February 21
This new exhibit from El Paso Holocaust Museum celebrates books that reflect the diverse voices, histories, and experiences of our community. Through reading, we build understanding, connection, and empathy by learning to see the world through someone else's perspective.

EPHM Author Conversations
Thursday, February 26 | 6:00pm
El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center
A conversation about the impact of censorship featuring authors Dr. Ann David and Dr. Jonna Perrillo. Moderated by Dr. Brad Jacobson with Youth Advisory Council students.
FREE event, additional parking will be available at EPCC Parking Lot D.

Educator Workshop
Stories We Need in the Classroom
Saturday, February 28 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
El Paso Holocaust Museum & Study Center
Dr. Ann David, chair of the National Council of Teachers of English Committee on Censorship and co-editor of two new volumes on censorship, will share strategies for navigating curricula and legislation and for building local advocacy that supports students' access to diverse texts. CPE credit provided.
Free brunch and free parking at EPCC Lot D.

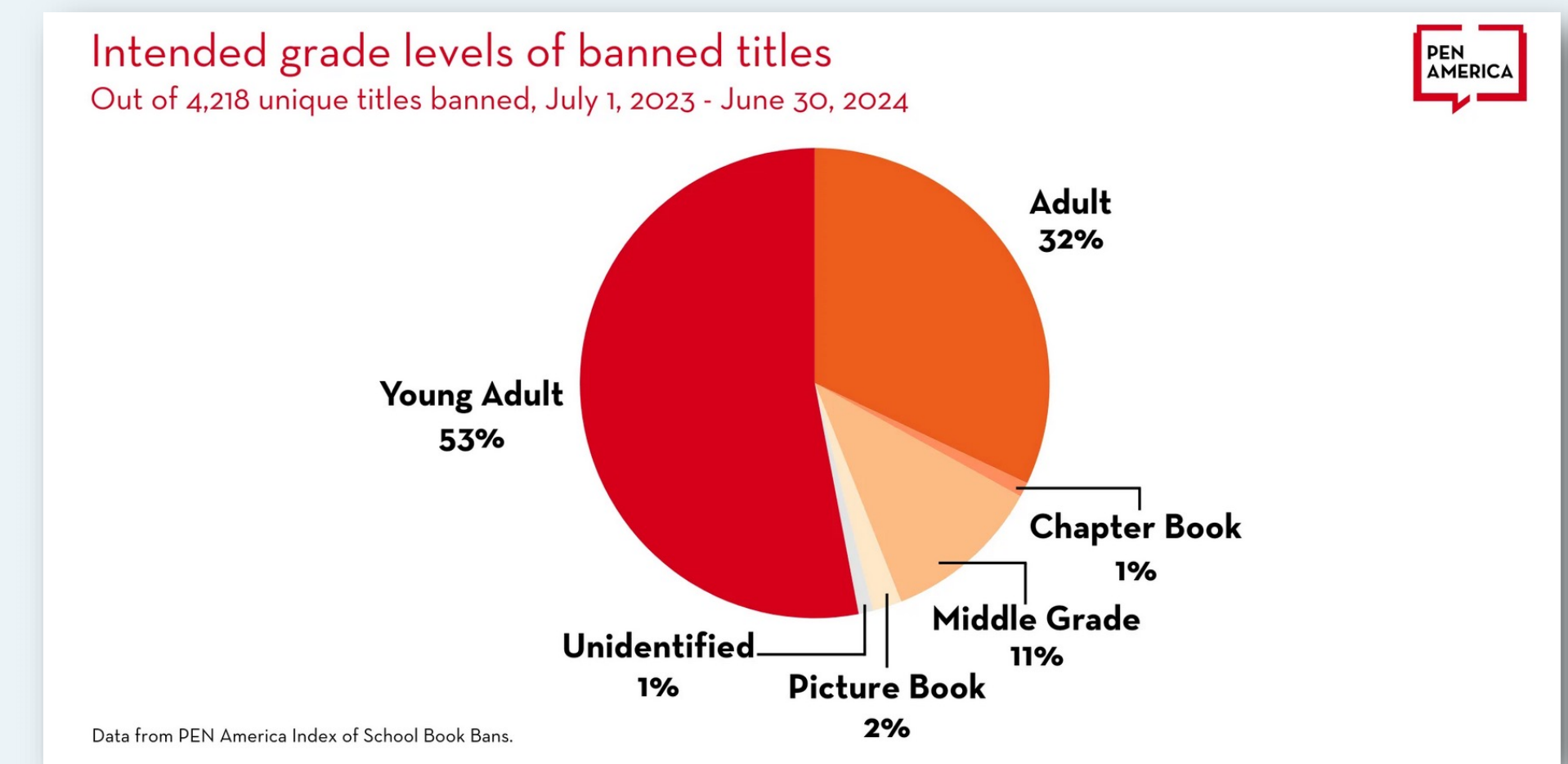
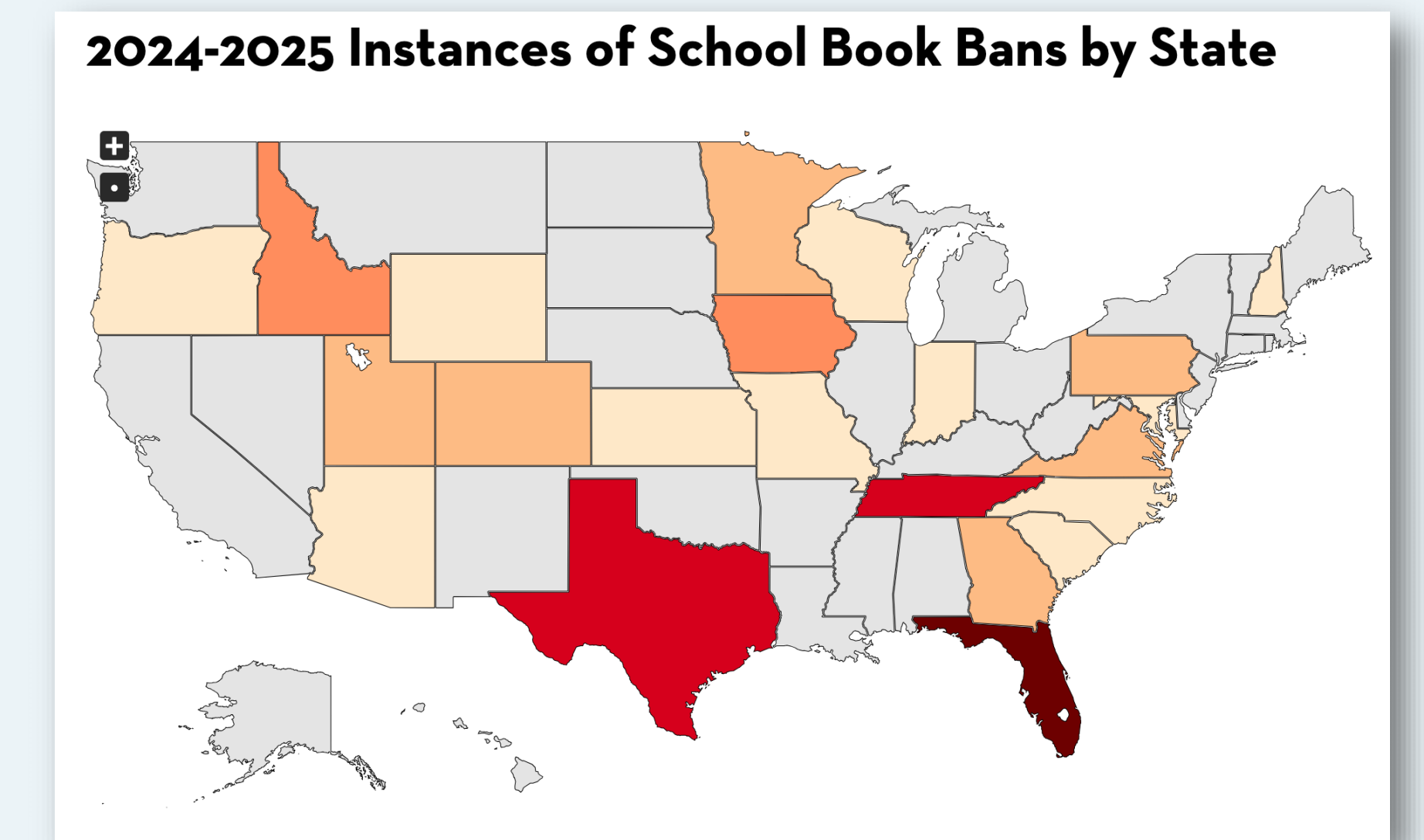
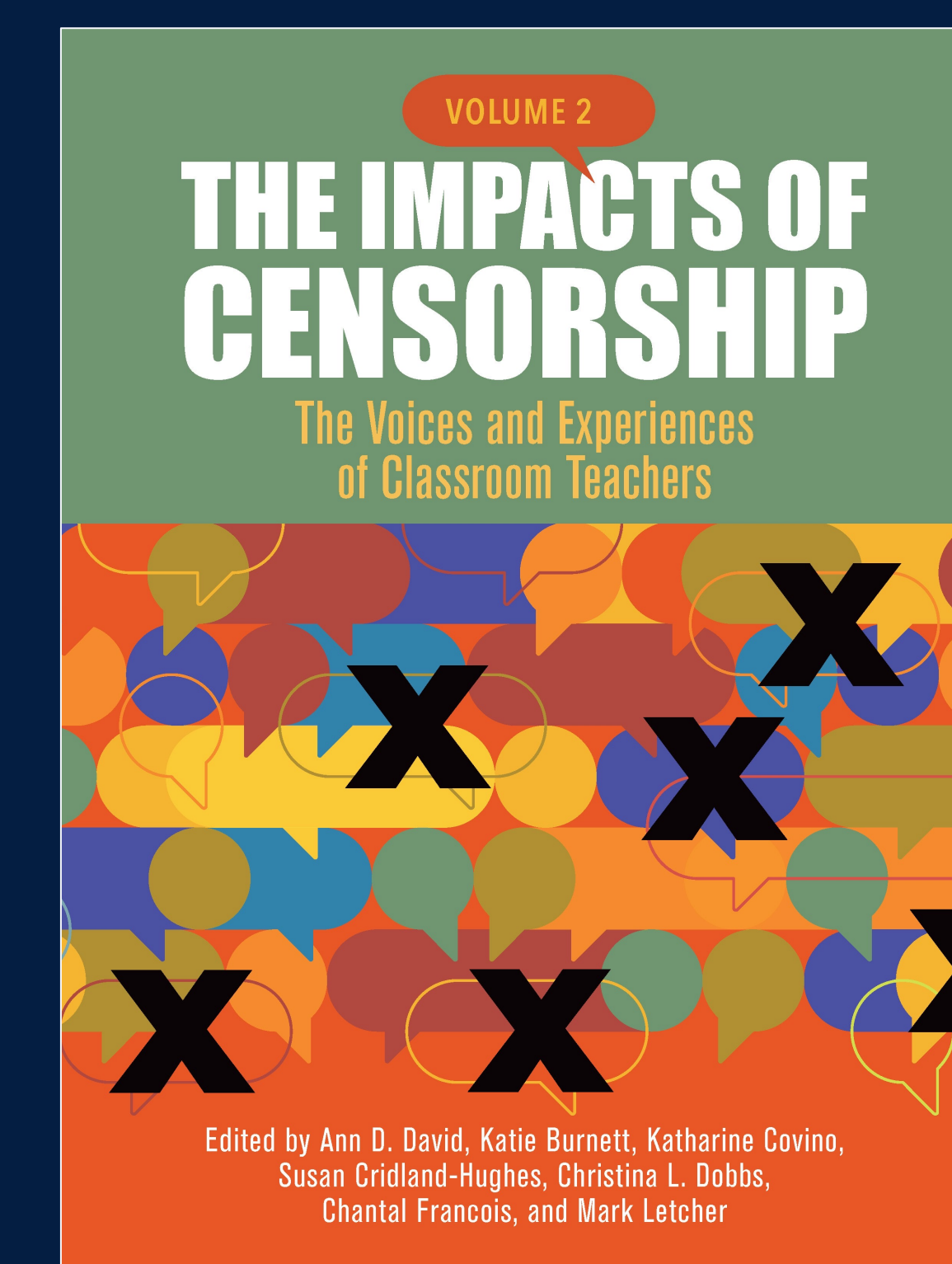
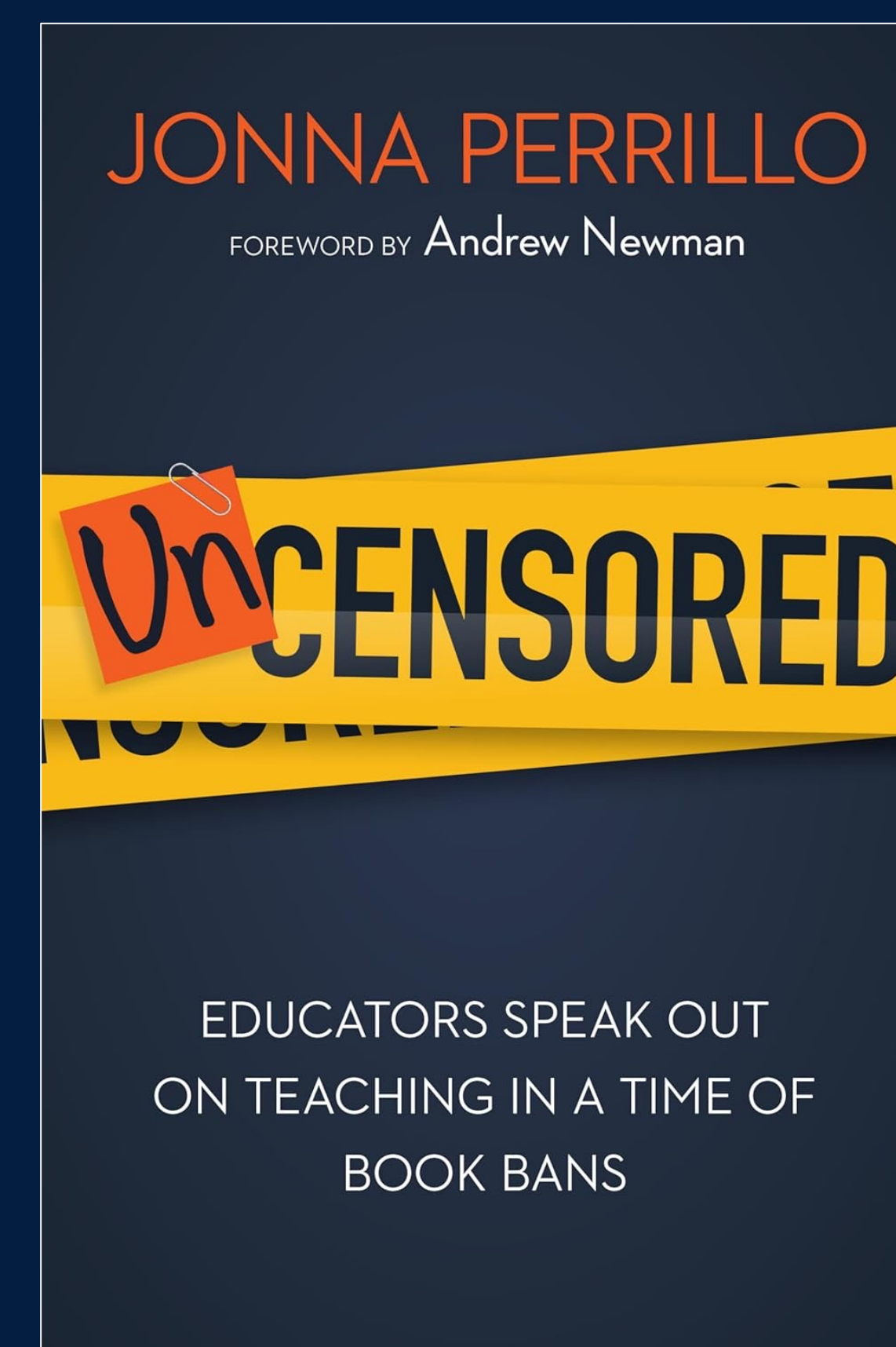
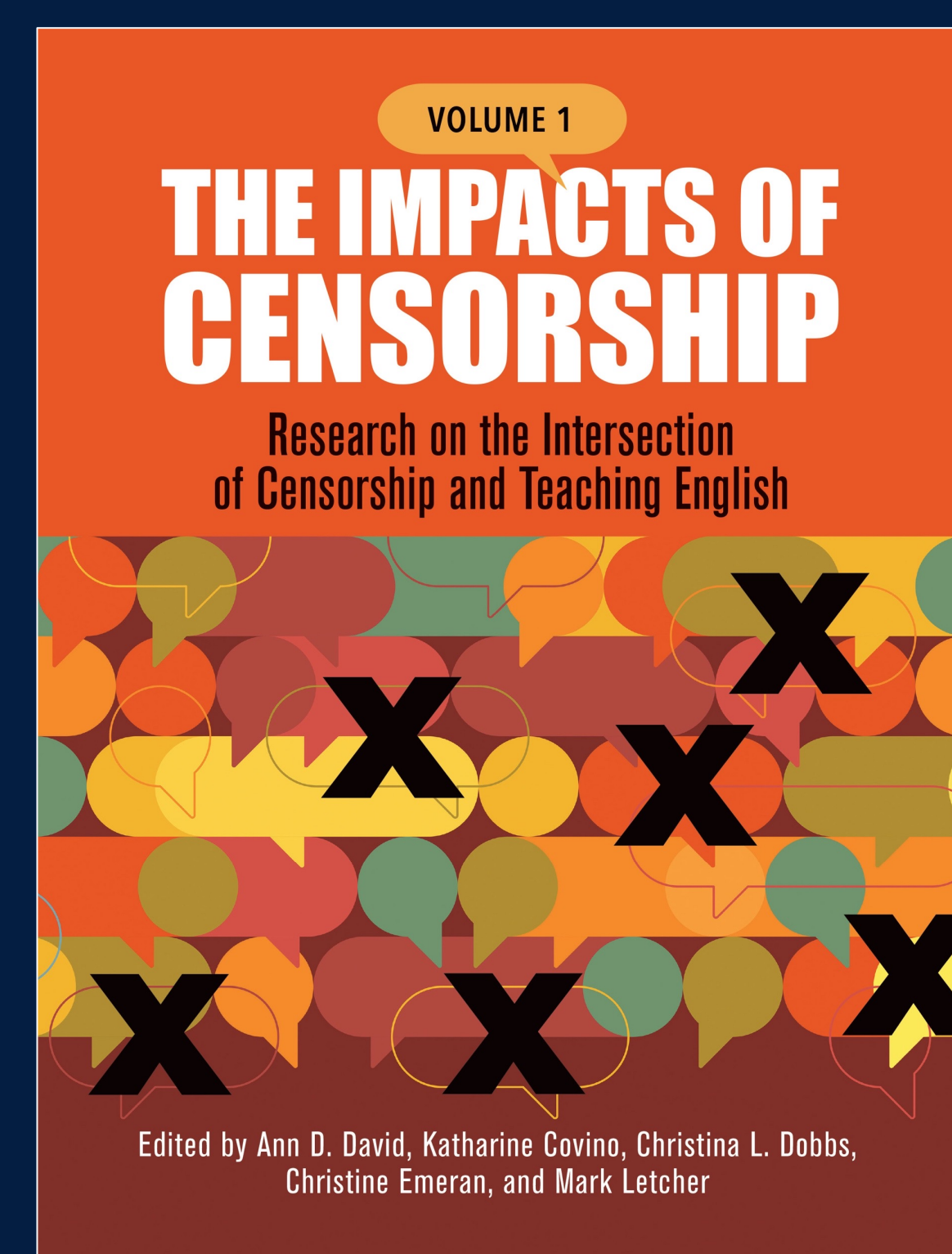
For questions, please call (915) 351-0048 or email MaryLou Rocha at Marylou@elpasoholocaustmuseum.org

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The Aaron and Sylvia Wechter Family Excellence Fund supported a speaker event on Thursday, February 26, at the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center (EPHM).

More than 60 guests attended the talk featuring Ann David (University of the Incarnate Word) and Jonna Perrillo (UTEP). The authors discussed their recent and upcoming books focusing on the impacts of censorship in schools and communities.

Amid rising levels of antisemitism, xenophobia, racism, and other forms of hatred, the El Paso Holocaust Museum and Study Center is committed to confronting injustice by fostering education, dialogue, and meaningful connections that build understanding and resilience within our community. This talk emphasized the importance of diverse storytelling and encouraged visitors to reflect on the many ways reading and storytelling can emphasize our shared humanity.



Turn horror into beauty

- Poetry**: Despite being red, Mars is a very cold place.
- Visual art**: Venus is the second planet from the Sun.
- Music**: Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun.
- Theatre**: Earth is also known as the blue planet.

- threaten to; push back and read
- Target the rising force in Texas Politics
- The Classroom Culture War
- In high school library
- Manufactured Controversy
- encouraged to decimate class library.
- to avoid controversy
- Christian Create Age Appropriate Ratings
- Spinning Indigenous history book as fiction
- Targeting LGBTQ+ voices
- removing instructional materials
- Christian board member caught
- illegally sneaking porno to Student

