

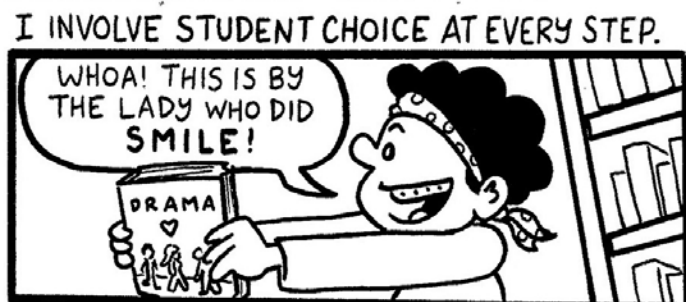
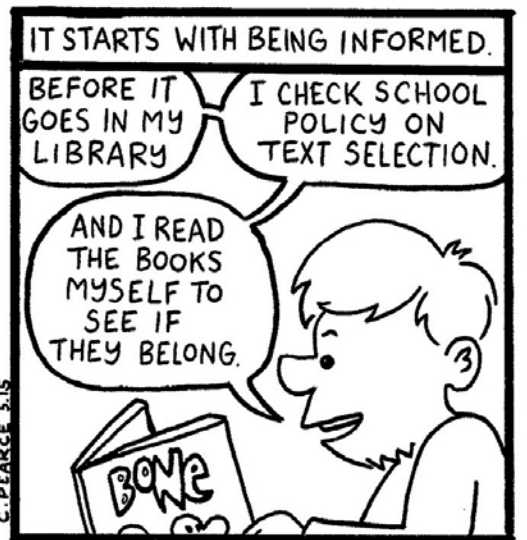
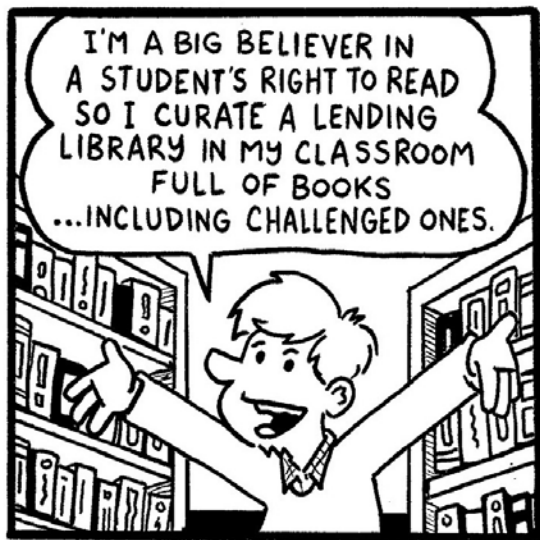
# Teachable Moments: Comics, Classroom Reading, & Choice

In this issue of *The Council Chronicle* we're delighted to present a comic strip created for NCTE by Chris Pearce on a topic that's always been important to NCTE members—students' right to read.

Pearce is a high school English teacher and the creator of *Teachable Moments*, an educator's "comic journal," in which he catalogs moments from classroom life. Currently in its sixth year of publication, *Teachable Moments* was featured on NPR as part of its Secret Lives of Teachers series. In that column, "Thought Bubbles and One-Liners from an Ohio Classroom" (November 2014), Pearce reveals that his comic journal is a way to enjoy "his two passions," and reports that his student enjoy participating in the project as characters. You can follow *Teachable Moments* at <https://chrispearce.wordpress.com>.

To learn more about how NCTE supports students and teachers in issues related to choice in reading and intellectual freedom, visit the **NCTE Intellectual Freedom Center** at [www.ncte.org/action/anti-censorship](http://www.ncte.org/action/anti-censorship). There you'll find the NCTE Principles for Intellectual Freedom in Education, support for those facing a book challenge, and a list of the five resources teachers have found most useful in preventing and combating censorship.

## COMICS, CLASSROOM READING & CHOICE BY Chris Pearce



HERE'S THE THING - CONNECTED, INFORMED PARENTS ARE ALLIES IN A STUDENT'S RIGHT TO READ!