



MEDIA ADVISORY

Filmmaker Ava DuVernay's ARRAY Hosts Little Free Library Ribbon Cutting and Liberated Lit Screening Series for Banned Books Week

*Event to Include Screenings of *The Outsiders*, *Brokeback Mountain*, and *Malcolm X*, Plus Panel Discussion on Intellectual Freedom*

Los Angeles, CA – Thursday, September 26, 2024 – ARRAY, the Peabody Award-winning arts collective founded by Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Ava DuVernay, is excited to host a day-long celebration in collaboration with Banned Books Week 2024. The event, which commences in the ribbon cutting of ARRAY's new Little Free Library and a special screening series, will take place on **Saturday, September 28**—also known as "Let Freedom Read Day"—at ARRAY's Creative Campus in Historic Filipinotown. This event invites the public to engage with stories that have challenged the status quo, while fostering a conversation about the growing censorship of literature in libraries and schools. ARRAY's Little Free Library is part of a global network of over 150,000 Little Free Libraries that provide 24/7 access to books and the new ARRAY library is accessible to the community at the corner of Glendale and Colton.

"Our Little Free Library is more than just a book exchange—it's a celebration of free expression and the stories that shape us," said Ava DuVernay, filmmaker and Honorary Chair of Banned Books Week 2024. "Through these screenings and conversations, we hope to spark a deeper dialogue about the critical importance of protecting our right to read."

Following the ribbon cutting, ARRAY's **Liberated Lit Screening Series** will celebrate the work of authors whose banned or challenged literature has been adapted for the screen. The series kicks off with the film adaptation of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*, followed by screenings of Annie Proulx's *Brokeback Mountain* and *Malcolm X* by Alex Haley and Malcolm X.

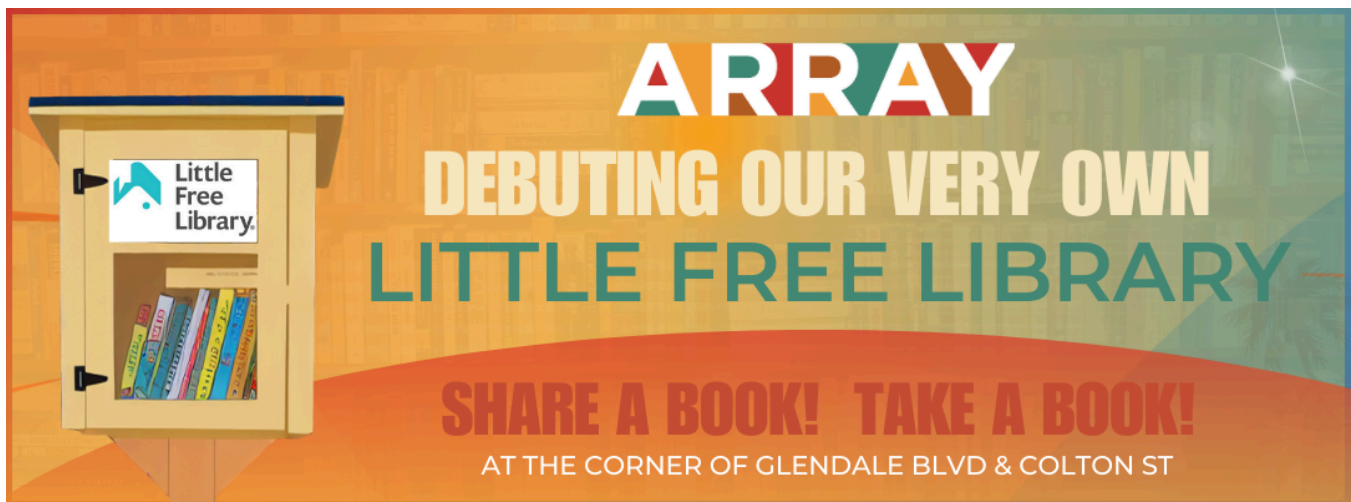
Event Schedule:

- **11:15 AM:** Little Free Library Ribbon Cutting
- **12:00 PM:** Feature Film Presentation – *The Outsiders* (Run Time: 1h 30m)
- **1:45 PM:** Conversation with Cindy Hohl, President of the American Library Association, and local independent bookstore owners Nikki High (Octavia’s Bookshelf) and Chris Capizzi (A Good Used Book), with librarian Chris Taylor of Los Angeles Public Library’s Mark Twain Branch, moderated by Tammy Garnes, VP of Education and Understanding at ARRAY. The discussion will focus on the importance of access to books of all kinds and creating communities where literature is embraced.
- **2:30 PM:** Feature Film Presentation – *Brokeback Mountain* (Run Time: 2h 14m)
- **5:30 PM:** Feature Film Presentation – *Malcolm X* (Run Time: 3h 22m)

Location: ARRAY HQ, 180 Glendale Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Date: Saturday, September 28

The event is free and open to the public with RSVP at ARRAYPlay.com. Separate tickets are required for each screening. Guests attending both *The Outsiders* and *Brokeback Mountain* screenings will also have access to the Liberated Lit conversation. **RSVPs are mandatory** for all events.



About ARRAY:

ARRAY is an independent film collective and arts organization founded by filmmaker Ava DuVernay. Based in Los Angeles, ARRAY amplifies the voices of underrepresented creators and promotes diverse, socially impactful narratives. Through its education arm, ARRAY 101, the organization fosters media literacy and community engagement.

About Little Free Library:

Little Free Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that builds community, inspires readers and expands book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Library book exchanges. To learn more, please visit littlefreelibrary.org.

About Ava DuVernay:

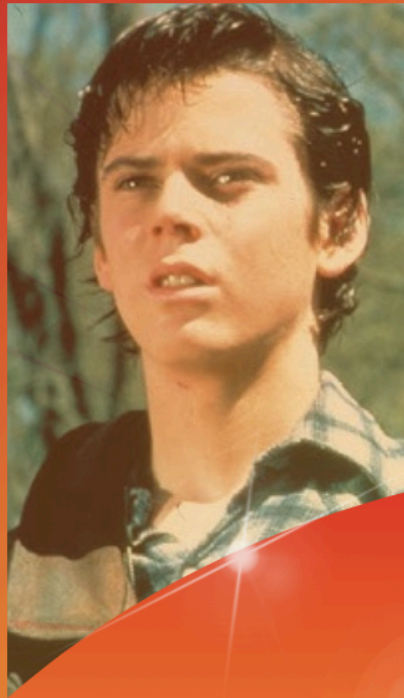
Academy Award nominee and winner of Emmy, BAFTA, Image, Humanitas, and Peabody Awards, Ava DuVernay's directorial work includes the historical drama *Selma*, the criminal justice documentary *13th*, the four-part limited series *When They See Us*, and Disney's *A Wrinkle in Time*, which made her the highest-grossing Black woman director in American box office history.

Most recently, DuVernay wrote, produced, and directed *Origin*, the first feature by an African-American woman filmmaker to compete in the Venice Film Festival in its 90-year history. She is the founder of the Peabody Award-winning narrative change collective ARRAY and sits on the Board of Governors for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in her second term. Ms. DuVernay has been named the 2024 Honorary Chair of Banned Books Week.

About the Banned Books Week Coalition:

The Banned Books Week Coalition is an international alliance of diverse organizations joined by a commitment to increase awareness of the annual celebration of the freedom to read. The Coalition seeks to engage various communities and inspire participation in Banned Books Week through education, advocacy, and the creation of programming about the problem of book censorship.

The coalition includes [American Booksellers for Free Expression](#), [American Library Association](#), [Amnesty International USA](#), [Association of University Presses](#), [Banned Books Week Sweden](#), [Children's Book Council](#), [Comic Book Legal Defense Fund](#), [Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression](#), [Freedom to Read Foundation](#), [Little Free Library](#), [National Book Foundation](#), [National Coalition Against Censorship](#), [National Council of Teachers of English](#), [PEN America](#), [People for the American Way Foundation](#), [PFLAG National](#). Contributors include [American Society of Journalists and Authors](#), [Authors Guild](#), [Index on Censorship](#), [GLAAD](#), and [Project Censored](#). Banned Books Week receives generous support from [Penguin Random House](#).



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