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**PHILADELPHIA, PA (USA) -- 22 September 2024 --** The House Of Umoja, Inc (<https://houseofumoja.net>), a globally acclaimed institution headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – the birthplace of the United States of America -- ushered in autumn and its 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **21 September 2024** with the release of the **Education Edition** of **UMOJA Magazine** (<https://umojamagazine.com/about>) which it published. Masterfully crafted and vibrantly hued, **UMOJA Magazine's Education Edition** touted the globally acclaimed institution's "**Reading Is Resistance**" which it launched in February 2024 in response to the rising incidents of "book bans" occurring in public libraries and school libraries across the United States.

"**Book bans**" have resulted in the removal of literature penned by African American authors along with literature penned by authors that explore gender issues from the shelves of public libraries and school libraries throughout the United States of America.. Legislative push back on the national "book banning" trend has been mounted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Pennsylvania State Senator The Honorable Amanda Cappelletti of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Senator Cappelletti's efforts to stem the tide of "book banning" is chronicled in an article entitled, "*Montgomery County State Senator Wants PA To Prevent Schools, Libraries From Banning Books*" (<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/bill-prevent-book-bans-school-libraries-pennsylvania>).

Articles and their authors in the **Education Edition** of **UMOJA Magazine** which was released on **21 September 2024**, weigh in on why "**Reading Is Resistance**", and explore functional literacy; the dismantling of the public education system in the United States of America and what can be done about it; and the struggles encountered by United States citizens of African descent in their professional and personal lives. The profound articles listed below which grace the pages of the **Education Edition** of **UMOJA Magazine** and the authors who penned them will ignite a robust solutions-based national dialogue on exponentially improving the literacy skills of children enrolled in American public schools; reinstating the "school-to-work" curriculum and dismantling the current "school-to-prison" curriculum in our nation's schools; and the unique challenges that confront United States citizens who are male and of African descent in their professional and personal lives.

- "*Slave Literacy Is The Real Target Of Our Reading Resistance*" – Author: Mr. Mark Hampton
- "*How To Revive Our Imperiled Education System*" – Author: Dr. Stephen Jones
- "*Black Male Family Preservation*" – Authors: Messrs. Keith Mungin and Maleek Phillips
- "*In Search Of Academic Athletics*" – Author: Rashid Atkins Bey
- "*There's A Thing Called Water*" – Author: KD Morris
- "*Reading Is Resistance: From Violence To Violin*" – Author: Mr. Jack Drummond
- "*Functional Literacy Matters*" – Author: Mr. Cleous Young
- "*It Happened Here (Ode To Kalief)*" – Author: Mr. Osayimwese Nadir Karume
- "*Knowledge Is Power – Author: Pursuing Recovery Physical Fitness Through Academic Athletics*" – Author; Mr. Keith Blackwell
- "*No Such Thing*" – Author: Mr. Omar Tyree

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