Get caught reading banned books!

Banned Books Week is September 26 - October 2 this year and celebrates our freedom to read. During this week, libraries, schools, and the book industry focus on current and historical attempts to censor books in schools and libraries. This celebrational week began in the 1980s after the 1982 Supreme Court case Island Trees School District v. Pico ruled that school officials could not remove material from school libraries based on content.

Since then, books have continued to be challenged for many different reasons. However, due to the tireless efforts of educators, librarians, and community members, most of these titles remain uncensored and available for reading. Every year, the American Library Association posts the “Top 10 Most Challenged” books of the year, which we have included in this newsletter. You can request the books to read for yourself! Many are available in large print and/or audiobook.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Celebrate with Marley Dias!

Contact Info
For Bookmobile: 716-858-7156
Bookmobile@buffalolib.org

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On the Bookmobile, you can:
- check out books, movies, music, audiobooks.
- use free WiFi.
- use our laptops.
- get a library card or update your account.
- pickup holds and return items – just like at any library!
- have questions answered and be helped with a variety of needs.
# Bookmobile September Events

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# National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrates the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to American history and culture, including literature. One such title is *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez. This story follows multiple characters from the same apartment complex in Delaware as they unravel tales of love, perseverance, and connected humanity. This book is available in regular print and audiobook.
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### Remembering 9/11 at its 20th Anniversary:

#### September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World

This powerful exhibition recounts the events of September 11, 2001, through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks. Told across 14 evocative posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the 9/11 Memorial & Museum’s permanent collection.

**Exhibit at the**
Downtown Central Library
**August 24 - September 30, 2021**
1 Lafayette Square, Downtown Buffalo

Free and open to the Public
A summer full of stops!

This summer was packed with stops ranging from special events to summer camps. Check out some of the highlights!

Farmers Markets

This year, the Bookmobile had regular stops at not one, but two farmers markets. After a summer off, the Bookmobile was back at the Kenmore Farmers Market on the first Sunday of every month. Additionally, the Bookmobile also began stops at the brand new Akron Farmers Market on the third Sunday of each month. Both of these stops will continue into October so stop by and say hello!

Summer Schools

Summer is a perfect time for Bookmobile stops at summer camps and summer school programs. This summer, they were the majority of our stops. The Library on Wheels participated in summer school programs at the Buffalo Public Schools, Lake Shore School District, UB Child Care Centers, and more.

Canalside

EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) ran a weekly summer literacy program at Canalside and the Bookmobile was happy to participate. Every week was focused on such themes as Buffalo sports, history, and food and had special guests for storytimes and activities.
Top 10 Most Challenged Books of 2020

The American Library Association tracked 156 challenges to library, school, and university materials and services in 2020. A challenge is an attempt to remove or restrict materials or services based on content. Overall, 273 books were targeted. Here are the “Top 10 Most Challenged Books in 2020,” along with the reasons cited for censoring the books:

1. George by Alex Gino
   - Challenged, banned, and restricted for LGBTQIA+ content, conflicting with a religious viewpoint, and not reflecting “the values of our community.”

2. Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds
   - Banned and challenged because of author’s public statements, and because of claims that the book contains “selective storytelling incidents” and does not encompass racism against all people.

3. All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
   - Banned and challenged for profanity, drug use, and alcoholism, and because it was thought to promote anti-police views, contain divisive topics, and be “too much of a sensitive matter right now.”

4. Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson
   - Banned, challenged, and restricted because it was thought to contain a political viewpoint and it was claimed to be biased against male students, and for the novel’s inclusion of rape and profanity.

5. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
   - Banned and challenged for profanity, sexual references, and allegations of sexual misconduct by the author.

   - Challenged for “divisive language” and because it was thought to promote anti-police views.

7. To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
   - Banned and challenged for racial slurs and their negative effect on students, featuring a “white savior” character, and its perception of the Black experience.

8. Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
   - Banned and challenged for racial slurs and racist stereotypes, and their negative effect on students.

9. The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
   - Banned and challenged because it was considered sexually explicit and depicts child sexual abuse.

10. The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
    - Challenged for profanity, and it was thought to promote an anti-police message.

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Horrors & Hijinks

The weather is getting chillier and the nights are getting longer which means Halloween is almost here! Check out these titles for scares and laughs.

The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones
Also available in audiobook

Can You Keep a Secret? A Fear Street Novel by R. L. Stine

Her Body and Other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado

Halloween (2018) DVD
Rated R for horror violence and bloody images, language, brief drug use and nudity

Freaky (2020) DVD
Rated R for strong bloody horror violence, sexual content, and language throughout

Hocus Pocus (1993) DVD
Rated PG for some scary sequences, and for language

The Addams Family (2019) DVD
Rated PG for macabre and suggestive humor, and some action

Spiral (2021) DVD
Rated R for sequences of grisly bloody violence and torture, pervasive language, some sexual references and brief drug use

Truth or Dare (2018) DVD
Rated PG-13 for violence and disturbing content, alcohol abuse, some sexuality, language and thematic material
New in Large Print!

Check out these large print titles that just boarded the Bookmobile!

**The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue**  
by V.E. Schwab  
Also available in audiobook

**Burial Rites**  
by Hannah Kent  
Also available in audiobook

**1984**  
by George Orwell  
Also available in audiobook

**Blind Tiger**  
by Sandra Brown  
Available soon in audiobook

**The Noise**  
by J. D. Barker and James Patterson  
Available soon in audiobook

**Klara and the Sun**  
by Kazuo Ishiguro

**Circe**  
by Madeline Miller  
Also available in audiobook

**The Goodbye Man**  
by Jeffery Deaver

**The Duke and I**  
by Julia Quinn
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System and Hispanic Heritage Council present

The Hispanic Doll Exhibit - Celebrating Hispanic Heritage through Fashion Dolls

Wednesday, September 15 - Monday, November 29, 2021

Isaías González-Soto Branch Library
280 Porter Ave. Buffalo NY 14201
716-882-1537
SCHOOL DAYS

Find the words in the grid. When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message. Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line. Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

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Calculator  Lunch  School
Calendar  Math  Science
Classroom  Music  Sports
Computer  Pen  Student
Desk  Pencil  Teacher
History  Quiz  Textbook
Homework  Read  Write