



Hello, Smithfield Library friends!

Today is the first day of Banned Books Week, a time each autumn when libraries, booksellers, publishers, and readers around the U.S. celebrate our common and fundamental freedom to read and share information and ideas without restriction. This year, we observe the week with a wary eye as we watch these freedoms continue to erode under the threat of increased censorship attempts across the country.

Challenges to public and school library materials in America have skyrocketed in the last two years, with nearly 4000 titles being challenged nationwide since January 1 of 2023! Nearly 2000 of these are unique titles, and 92% of these attempts to ban and restrict books were multi-title challenges, in which dozens of individual books were challenged at the same time. Most of these challenges have originated from a very small minority of individuals, with just two adults in Florida pursuing bans on nearly 600 books in that state over the last year! As you can imagine, this wave of attempted restrictions imposes a huge financial burden on libraries as they're forced to shift staff time and resources toward reviewing the content of large swaths of their collections, while limiting the choices and access of all others who use the library for weeks and even months at a time.

During this week, and through the month of October, we at the library hope to raise awareness of this serious threat to our intellectual freedom. We stand together in solidarity with the communities who have already been affected by book challenges and bans, and we remain steadfast in protecting your freedom to choose for yourself the library items that you want to read, think about, discuss, and enjoy. Come in today and check out a banned book or two; we've posted a bunch of great titles throughout the library to inspire you. It's up to all of us to take a stand and declare: Free People Read Freely!

Shawn Bliss, Director



Weekly Teen Activities
@ the Library
Jackbox Party Games

CLASES DE INGLÉS

EN LA BIBLIOTECA!



Clases de Inglés en la biblioteca!

Únete a nosotros para aprender Inglés como segundo idioma.

Los Martes por la tardes de 6:00 a 7:00 a partir del 3 de Octubre 2023

En la Biblioteca Pública de Smithfield
25 Norte en la Calle Main
www.smithfieldcity.org/library

English Classes at the library!

Join us to learn English as a second language. Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, beginning on October 3, 2023.

Smithfield Public Library.
25 North Main Street, Smithfield
www.smithfieldcity.org/library

Family Activities



Every Saturday in October (except the 28th) at 3:30-5pm. Bring a device & a friend to the library to play Jackbox Party Games!
Middle & highschoolers invited.

Teen Halloween Party

Saturday Oct 28 at 5-7pm. Crafts, snacks, and Just Dance! Come in costume if you'd like. Middle & highschoolers invited.

Dungeons & Dragons Club

Wednesdays at 5-7pm. Players are responsible for arranging with a DM to play.
Ages 11-18.

Crafts with CAPSA

Tuesday Oct. 10 at 4pm.
CAPSA will join us for a discussion on Conversation Skills while crafting conversation Jars.
Ages 10-18.

Check out our [website](#) for more info or follow us on [Instagram](#).

Family Activites @ the Library

Eclipse Viewing Party

Saturday, October 14 begins at 10 am

We'll have equipment, charts & solar glasses to study the eclipse!

Family Book Club

Tuesday, October 17 at 5 pm
We are reading *Bunnica* this month!

Movie Mondays

1st Monday of each month at 4 pm
October: Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Wear-Rabbit (G)
November: The Princess Bride (PG)
December: Elf (PG)

Children's Programs

Storytimes with Miss Karen

PreSchool Storytime

Fridays at 10:30 & 1 (3+)

Toddler Train

Wednesdays at 10:30 & 1 (16 mo-3)

Book Babies

Thursdays at 10:30 & 1 (0-16 mo)

Fidgety Fingers Craft Club

October 19 at 4:30 pm
We'll be making Monster Krispies

PROGRAMS

FOR

KIDS



Adults at the Library



Kids 6-11

Play-Doh PlayDay

Tuesdays 11-noon

Drop in & use our play-doh & tools to build fine motor skills.

Brick Builders Club

2nd & 4th Monday each month

Kids 5+ create amazing Lego designs with us! *children under 8 need a responsible adult to join them.

Club 123: Book Club for Kids

October 26 at 5:00 pm

4th Thursday each month

This month we are reading books in the *Eerie Elementary series*. Visit the library to pick up a book and then join us for book club!

Programs for Adults

Stitch & Stories

2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 1pm

Bring your fiber crafts to the library and listen to stories while you stitch.

Book Club

Thursday, October 19 at 9:30 am

We are reading *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict*.

Books available at the library.

Short & Creepy Storytime for

Grown Ups

Tuesday, October 31 at 10:30 am

We'll be reading/discussing shivery short stories with treats!

Spice of the Month

Pick up Octobers spice, recipe & book list beginning Thursday, October 5.



Teen Zine

Submit writing, art, or photography to be featured in a monthly digital zine! Submit online through the [@smithfieldlibraryteens Instagram](#) page, or hand in your creative works in person at the library. Each zine's deadline is the last Monday of the month and will be published on the first Monday. Each zine will be published on the [@smithfieldlibraryteens Instagram](#), so give the page a follow to see your work!

Writing can include 1-page short stories, poetry, recipes, or reviews. Art can include digital art, photos of ceramics, or comics. Portrait photography must have the approval of the subject before submitting.

All Cache Valley residents ages 10-19 can submit.



Smithfield Public Library

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