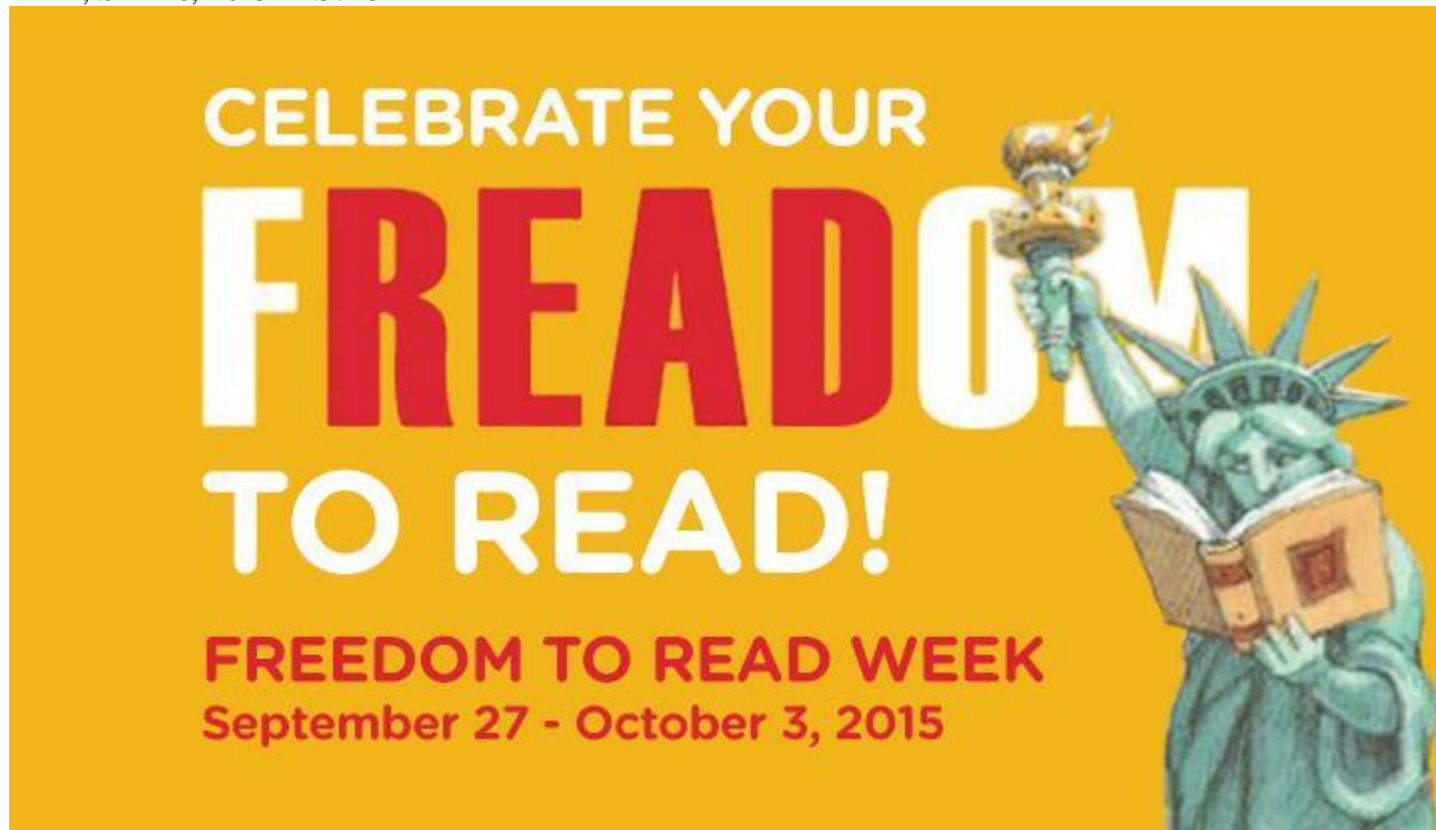


Celebrate your freedom to read with the public library

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Intellectual freedom will be focus of Charlotte Mecklenburg Library events taking place Sept. 27 – Oct. 3, 2015.

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library will be celebrating our freedom to read during the [American Library Association's Banned Book Week](#) from September 27-October 3, 2015. During this week the Library will host programs that highlight the idea that democracy is based on the free and open sharing of ideas—intellectual freedom—without any sort of restriction, and explore how censorship undermines this right. ([See complete schedule of events.](#))

Highlights include:

Community Art Project (Submission deadline is Sept. 28, 2015)

Join our art contest and share your interpretation of the importance of intellectual freedom and the problems that censorship creates. The top winners will have their art featured on next year's Freedom to Read bookmarks. Prizes awarded to 1st- 3rdplace winners in teen and adult categories. Submission deadline is September 28. See www.cmlibrary.org for details or visit your local library branch. <http://bit.ly/1gr9CzJ>

Exercising Our Freedom to Read Professor Mark West, chair of the UNCC Department of English, will lead a discussion of the importance of reading and exercising our freedom to read. *Audience: Seniors, Adults, Teens (12-18)* 9/30/2015 at 6:00 PM: University City Regional

Freedom to Read Week: They Banned *What?* Has your favorite book been banned? Probably. Someone, somewhere, has decided it is offensive and doesn't want you reading it. Dr. Sarah Minslow of the UNCC English Department will be reading excerpts from commonly banned and challenged books. *Audience: Adults, Teens (12-18)*

- 9/28/2015 at 6:00 PM: Independence Regional
- 10/1/2015 at 6:00 PM: Matthews

For information on other programs and services offered by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, visit www.cmlibrary.org.

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