

# Charlotte Mecklenburg Library one of the recipients of a Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) Teen Read Week Activity Grant

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Congratulations to Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Britni Cherrington-Stoddart for helping the Library to obtain a Young Adult Library Services (YALSA) Teen Read Week Activity grant of \$1,000. The grant will help fortify the library's programming during Teen Read Week (October 18-24).

Read below for the official announcement from the American Library Association (ALA)

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CHICAGO — The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has announced the recipients of its 2015 Teen Read Week™ Activity Grant.

The grant was generously funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and was awarded to 10 libraries to help fund their literacy-focused Teen Read Week activities. Each grant is worth \$1,000. Recipients of the grant were selected based on the overall impact, need and cohesiveness of the literacy-based program ideas exemplified in their applications.

The recipients of the grant are as follows:

- Dawn Abron, Zion-Benton (Illinois) Public Library
- Britni Cherrington-Stoddart, Charlotte Mecklenburg (North Carolina) Library System
- Guadalupe Gomez, Anaheim (California) Public Library: Haskett Branch
- Eden Grey, Kenton County (Kentucky) Public Library
- Kerry Hogan, Cedar Shoals (Georgia) High School
- Jodi Krahnke, Ypsilanti (Michigan) District Library
- Robert McMahon, Oshkosh (Wisconsin) North High School
- Lauren Regendhardt, Yuma County (Arizona) Library District
- April Shroeder, Gum Spring Library/Loudoun County (Virginia) Public Library
- Michele Ricca, Stephenson (New Hampshire) Memorial Library

This year, Teen Read Week will take place from Oct. 18 -24, 2015 with the theme of Get Away @ your library. Official Teen Read Week products are available for purchase through the [ALA Store](#). Products include a themed poster, [bookmarks](#), [a manual](#), and more. To learn more about Teen Read Week, please visit the official [Teen Read Week website](#).

[Teen Read Week](#)™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually during the third week of October. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users. Join the online discussion with the hashtag #TRW15.

For years, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has provided Youth Literacy Grants to schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations in hopes to provide assistance in implementing and expanding literacy programs for youth. For more information about Dollar General and its Youth Literacy Grants, visit [www.dollargeneral.com](http://www.dollargeneral.com).

For more than 50 years, YALSA has worked to build the capacity of libraries and librarians to engage, serve and empower teens. For more information about YALSA or to access national guidelines and other resources go to [www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa), or contact the YALSA office by phone, (800) 545-2433, ext. 4390, or email, [yalsa@ala.org](mailto:yalsa@ala.org).