



## FONCPL JULY 2022

Hey Fellow Friends!

It is hot, hot, hot out there which makes it the perfect time for your Friends to be discussing your plans for Banned Books Week which is being held September 18 to September 24, 2022. Yes, it is a hot topic and there are some very disturbing trends, but is this a reason for us to be avoiding the subject? Aren't Friends supposed to be advocates for the right to read? The American Library Association has a web page devoted on how to get involved in Banned Books Week. In this edition we have included other resources for your consideration. We urge you to take a stand and be heard! Our July 12, 2022 7:00 PM Open Mic Night topic will be Banned Books Week. Let's talk about your ideas and your concerns. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link. Meeting ID: 892 6848 7935 Passcode: 763915 Call in #: (301 )715-8592.

We continue to be gratified at the number of Friends groups reaching out to FONCPL with thorny issues that they are wrestling with. This is our primary purpose—to help member Friends.

Our Open Mic nights are going well. A hand full of people are on the Zoom call each month and invariably one or more will say, "I didn't know we needed to be doing that." Although each session lists a specific topic, we use the time to address any question that is brought up. Most recently we were discussing the Charitable Solicitation License/Exemption and the problems in understanding and completing the Annual Financial Report Form which is the document used by the Secretary of State's office to determine whether your group qualifies for a license or an exemption. Those Friends with large budgets use their 990-EZ or 990 forms for this verification, but those with smaller budgets are required to complete this form. We have drafted an FAQ specifically for Friends to more fully explain the Annual Financial Report form entries and we are having it reviewed by a CPA who deals with nonprofits. We hope to get this FAQ posted on our website resource page soon.

Another topic that came up was sales tax for goods sold by the Friends. There is an article on this topic in this edition of the newsletter. We urge you to consider this subject and take action if required.

If your fiscal year is your calendar year, you are now at the mid-point. We suggest that you review your progress and adjust your course if you are not where you anticipated being. You still have time to consider new projects or programs for the balance of the year. Please think about trying something—just one something—new this year. Far too many groups are stagnant with the same old plans every year. This is not conducive to growth. And if your group is not growing then entropy/atrophy may be setting in.

We hope your Friends are going strong over the summer! If you need inspiration or a shoulder to cry on, we're here for you!

Yours in Friendship,

Judy Hills, President

Independence Day is celebrated on Monday, July 4, 2022 in the United States.

# Happy 4th Of July

**Independence Day**, also called **Fourth of July** or **July 4<sup>th</sup>** is the annual celebration that commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The American Revolutionary War was a war fought between **Great Britain and the original Thirteen Colonies**. The Continental Army, the rebel army, was led by George Washington and helped by France, the Netherlands and Spain.

## When did the American Revolution start?

The American Revolution started on April 19, 1775, with the exchange of gunfire at Lexington and Concord in Massachusetts.

## When did the American Revolution end?

The American Revolution officially ended on September 3, 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

## How long was the Revolutionary War?

The American Revolutionary war lasted just over seven years, with the end of conflict coming after British forces were removed from Charleston and Savannah in late 1782.

## Who won the Revolutionary War?

The Americans, with help from Spain, the Netherlands and France, defeated the British during the American Revolutionary War.

### Adult Books

*The Stamp Act Crisis* by Edmund Morgan & Helen Morgan

*The Marketplace of Revolution* by TH Breen

*The Ideological Origins of the American Revolution* by Bernard Bailyn

*The Radicalism of the American Revolution* by Gordon S. Wood

*The Will of the People* by TH Breen

### Children's Books

*Revolutionary Friends*, *Crossing the Delaware*, *Yankee Doodle America*, *Colonial Voices*, *George Washington's Teeth*, *Founding Fathers* and more



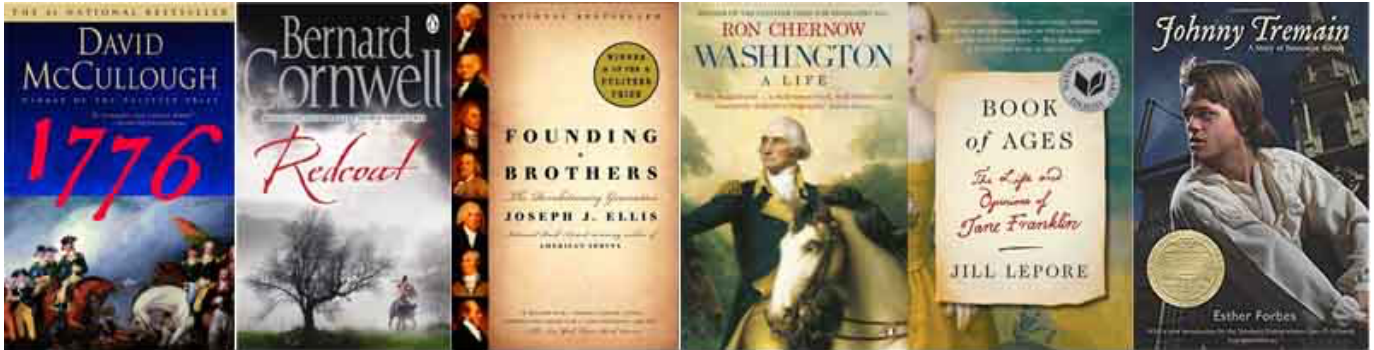
## FIVE BOOKS



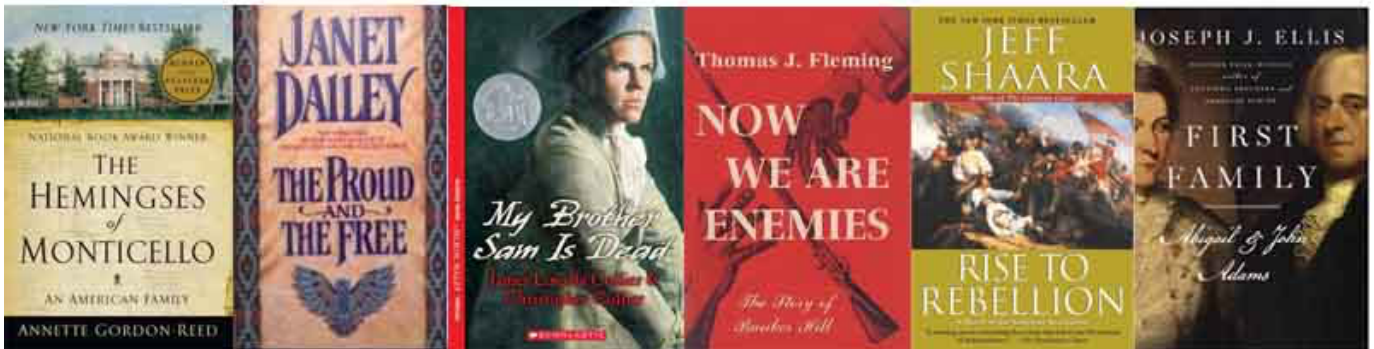


# BOOKGLOW

These are good reads!

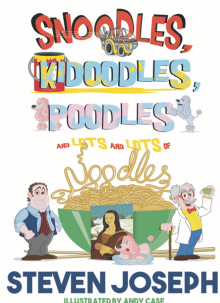


## 12 Patriotic Books To Read On The Fourth Of July



### Suggestions for your Beach Reads for Family Fun from

Books That Make You...  
HOPE. DREAM. LAUGH. SCREAM.



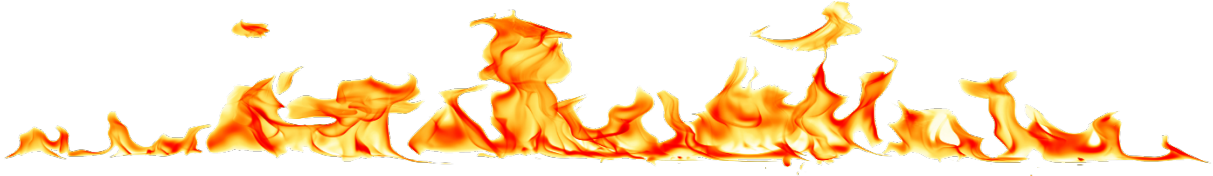
Snoodles, Kidoodles, & Poodles and Lots & Lots of Noodles - For parents in search of a book that will engage you and your kid, and give you both some great beach fun, look no further. Known for his fun and entertaining style, author Steven Joseph is treating us with a new release next year. This hilarious and touching new book will make kids and parents laugh out loud.

Project Adventure Box Set If you can't get away from it all in a literal sense, escape into the page! Filled with exhilarating adventures and detective stories, this box set contains the first four books of the *Project Adventure* series, and is guaranteed to hook young readers. Together, they weave a story of friendship, courage and life lessons, with lots of depth and personality.



## **BANNED BOOKS WEEK SEPTEMBER 18 TO 24, 2022**

**by Judy Hills**



Yes, this is a hot topic in many places in the United States today, so this year's Banned Books Week is especially meaningful. Is your Friends group shying away from this issue? What are your fears/concerns? Are you afraid to even speak them out loud? If we can't discuss this openly, then how can we even say that Friends advocate for the right to read? Or is it only the right to read the "right" books? And who had the right to make that determination?

We hope your Friends are open-minded enough and strong enough in their support of the right to read that they are willing to address this issue and that they plan some events for Banned Books Week which is being held September 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Here are some links to ideas and resources that you might pursue.

ALA web page on Banned Books Week:

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/bannedbooksweek/ideasandresources/activity>

ALA lists of the [Top Ten Challenged Books](#) and [Frequently Challenged Books](#)

Banned Books Week Organization <https://bannedbooksweek.org/>

Comic Books Legal Defense Fund <http://cbldef.org/>

Banned books week YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/bannedbooksweek>

Esquire article May 2022

<https://www.esquire.com/entertainment/books/g39908103/banned-books/>

PBS 14-minute video on banned books:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/the-fiery-history-of-banned-books-2xatnk/>

<https://bookriot.com/book-censorship-news-may-20-2022/>

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/book-bans-a-focus-of-state-of-americas-libraries-2022-report/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/baconlibrary/banned-books/>

We'd like your feedback and we'd like to hear your plans for 2022 Banned Books Week. Please send those to editor [Kathy Lambe](#) by the end of July so we can publish them in the August FONCPL newsletter.

An innovative idea--a “tool library”



# ASHEVILLE TOOL LIBRARY

<https://ashevilletoollibrary.org/>

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This is a picture of Board members of the Friends of the New Bern-Craven County Public Library clowning around with the Summer Reading Program theme—Oceans of Possibilities. (L to R: Lisa Keesen, Judy Hills, Joanne Straight, Ellie Toombs, and Jerry Kirk)





## PAYING SALES TAX ON GOODS & BOOKS/MEDIA SOLD

by Judy Hills

This question continues to come up—it came up at our June Open Mic night. Yes, if you sell books or media, if you sell bags or other merchandise, you are obligated by law to pay sales tax to the state on the goods sold. The state sales tax is 4.75% and your county's tax rate will vary. [Click here](#) to look up your county's tax rate—it will be either 2% or 2.25%. [Click here](#) for a link to the State Taxation and Nonprofit Organizations document produced by the NC Department of Revenue.

Page 4 of that document states, "Qualifying nonprofit entities making annual fundraising sales of tangible personal property, taxable digital property, and taxable services are exempt from collecting sales tax if the sales meet the exemption provisions set out in [G.S. 105-164.13\(35a\)](#). Note the word "annual." This means that if your Friends group only holds ONE book sale a year and during the rest of the year it does not sell anything else then your group is not required to pay sales tax.

This document goes on to state, "If a nonprofit organization makes taxable retail sales, it must obtain a Certificate of Registration by registering online through the Online Business Registration Portal or by submitting Form NC-BR, Business Registration Application for Income Tax Withholding, Sales and Use Tax, and Machinery and Equipment Tax. The nonprofit organization must collect and remit the tax due on such taxable retail sales unless the sales are specifically exempt by statute. There is no fee for registering. The tax remitted to the Department by the nonprofit organization on retail sales should not be included in its refund claim. For more information on both taxable and exempt sales by nonprofit organizations, refer to Sales and Use Tax Technical Bulletin, Section 17-1 which can be obtained from the Taxpayer Assistance Division of the Department or from the Department's website (see front cover)."

"Taxable retail sales" means all books/media (other than if you only hold a single annual sale) and other merchandise sold. So, if you have more than one book sale a year, if you sell books all year long, or if you sell merchandise then you owe state sales tax on those sales.

We are aware of several groups which get around this requirement by requesting a "donation" for the items (books and other merchandise). Certainly, you can do that, but you CANNOT suggest specific amount as the donation for the item as then you are pricing the item and that becomes a sale.

We suggest you review your current practices and see if you are in compliance.

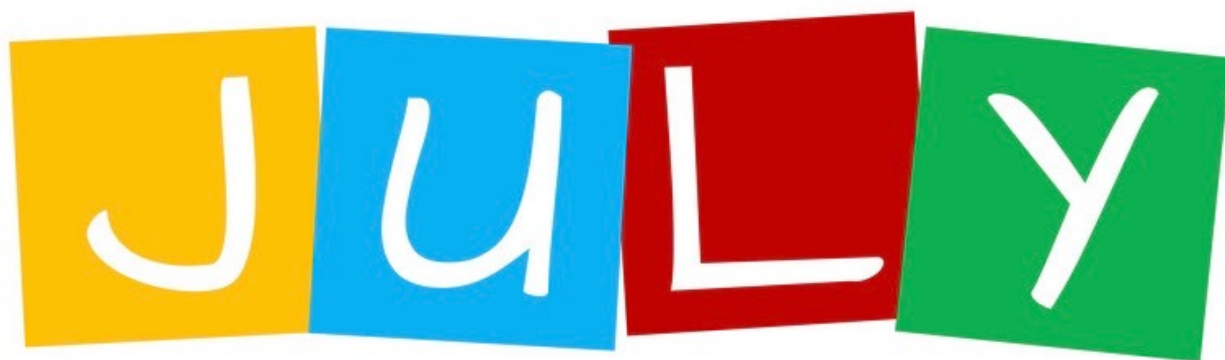


# Thank You

*This is great --- thank you so, so much!*

*I just got home from our quarterly Friends meeting, which was followed by our board meeting. So if your ears were burning a little while ago, that was probably from me raving to the rest of the Board about how incredibly helpful you and your organization have been.*

*Warmly, Laurie*



## Days to Celebrate!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day** Between the [barbecues](#), ice-cold beers, fireworks, and bonfires take a few moments today to reflect on the meaning of Independence Day. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the true reasons to celebrate. Happy birthday, America!

**July 6 National Fried Chicken Day** Take this day to enjoy the hot, crunchy goodness of fried chicken. If you've never made it yourself before, today is the day to heat the oil and fry it up. Or order some from your favorite restaurant.

**July 13 National French Fry Day** You can pair them with some simple condiments, top them with truffle oil and parmesan, or mash them on top of a juicy burger. Whatever you prefer, there's no wrong way to enjoy a big pile of fries today.

**July 15 National Gummi Worm Day** Enjoy your worms during this gardening month! Enjoy them plain or in some ol' fashioned dirt cake! Maybe have a "Guess How Many Gummi Worms Are In This Jar" contest in your library....

**July 17 National Ice Cream Day** On a hot day, there's nothing more refreshing than some of this treat! Make your own or buy some of your favorite! Yummo!

**July 28 National Chili Dog Day** Can you get more American than hotdogs?! Have a good chili dog, sit back and enjoy the delicious experience!

## Fundraising idea from



### Invite the Community In

Show prospective supporters how fun the library can really be! Invite them inside the walls of your library in new, exciting ways for fundraising events.

Here are some ideas:

- Food / beverage nights: What's an excellent pairing? A tasty snack and a page-turning book! Host coffee time, food festivals, or wine tastings centered around a literary topic or a specific book.
- Get loud in the library: Invite local musicians, poets, or authors to make some noise with live performances and readings inside the library.
- Board game tournaments: Turns out, people who love to read usually love word games as well! Charge an entry fee for teams to participate in board game tournaments and spend time with other word game enthusiasts at the library.
- Book-themed parties: Bring classic stories to life and transform your fundraising events to match the theme of a well-known book. Great Gatsby Gala, anyone?

Don't be afraid to get creative with your fundraising events. You can host a scavenger hunt, transform your library into a mini-golf course, and nowadays, you can transform all of the above into a live stream event!



Banned Books Week will be held

September 18-24, 2022.

Are you avoiding this controversial topic? If yes, why? Let's talk about it. If you are onboard with the topic, let's kick around some ideas.

Join in on the discussion!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88450596002?pwd=emdskLsJuGJWUT9pfDiLjbAM5jUIQ.1>

Meeting ID: 892 6848 7935 Passcode: 763915

Call in #: (301) 715-8592.



## Center Urges Legislators to Approve Charitable Solicitation Licensing Reforms

Over the past several years, many nonprofits, along with accountants and attorneys who represent tax-exempt organizations, have told the NC Center for Nonprofits about challenges their organizations have experienced with the state charitable solicitation licensing process. As a result of your input, the Center recommended legislation (H.B. 695) last year that would make a variety of improvements to the North Carolina charitable solicitation statute, including:

- Exempting more small nonprofits from needing charitable solicitation licenses;
- Eliminating notarization requirements for charitable solicitation applications and renewals;
- Making automatic extensions of charitable solicitation filings identical to those for IRS Form 990; and
- Counting charitable solicitation forms as timely if they are postmarked by the filing deadline.

The NC House of Representatives unanimously passed this bill last May, but the NC Senate has not taken it up. Over the past month, the Center has been advocating for lawmakers to include these charitable Solicitation licensing reforms in one of the bills they will pass during the 2022 legislative session. Legislators are planning to conclude the session in the next couple of weeks, and we remain hopeful that they will pass charitable solicitation licensing reforms this month. We'll let you know if there is a need for your nonprofit to take action.



*Have a happy & safe 4<sup>th</sup>!!*

**Be sure to send in information to  
[Klambe@me.com](mailto:Klambe@me.com) by July 25<sup>th</sup> for the August  
Newsletter.**