



F*R*I*E*N*D*S TALK

July 2024

Hello Friends,

Several Friends groups as well as FONCPL have had some difficulty completing the required paperwork for the Charitable Solicitation Licensing Division. I have asked our Treasurer to attempt to get clarifying instructions from CSL and share them with Friends.

A number of FOL groups have a lot of cash on hand sitting in either a checking account and/or a savings account that earns little to no interest. Remember that you have options! Some Friends chose to place their excess funds in interest-earning CDs that come due on different dates. Some FOLs have placed money with a brokerage firm. Setting up an endowment is an option for some (NC Community Foundation is one agency handling endowments). If your money is in an investment account, don't take it out until it is actually needed as you will lose the interest.

If your library has an outreach department that does craft projects at senior centers and other facilities, one way you can help is to ask the program coordinator for a list of items needed for future craft projects. Share that list with your members and allow them to collect/purchase them directly. Perhaps your Friends might also help set up, assist, and clean up after the program. Friends could run such a program under the auspices of the library. For example, design a musical bingo game to take out with small prizes to the assisted living facilities. This would enable you to actively involve more members.

I hope many of you are participating in your library's adult summer reading program. We must remember that we, too, are library patrons and by participating we are helping their statistics.

Our FONCPL newsletter editor, Kathy Lambe, would love to receive articles and pictures from your FOL. Material is due by the 25th of each month. Mark your calendars!

Have a nice summer and stay cool!

Judy Hills, FONCPL President

Friends of Stanly County Public Library looks like they have lots of fun!

Honored their Library Staff with a luncheon.



A Cute Tshirt for sale!



Booksale!



We have recently helped purchase some doors to make 2 small meeting rooms that the public can reserve to use for zoom calls, quiet study or tutoring.

Hey Friends! This is important!!

Please take a moment & read!

Legal status of NC Friends of the Library groups

In June the Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries (FONCPL) took our list of 196 known or suspected list of Friends of the Library groups in North Carolina and updated the information we had on them regarding their incorporation status with the state. We also researched their Charitable Solicitation License (or Exemption) status. In addition to that we researched the IRS charitable nonprofit registry site to determine which ones had 501(c)(3) status as well as when they last filed the required 990. (CAVEAT: we had to trust that the information posted online was correct—that may or may not be the case which is why we recommend you do your own research. Due to the different ways that the organization's name may appear—some might have been missed.) Here is a summary of those findings:

1. 83% of Friends are incorporated in the state. To protect the Board, every Friends group should be incorporated with the state. Check your status online with the NC Secretary of State [Corporations Search](#).
2. 22% of Friends have or have had a Charitable Solicitation License or Exemption and of those 28% are showing as lapsed and one had theirs cancelled. Every Friends group should either have the license or the exemption. Your group must re-apply yearly for this status. The law changed recently so it is easier than ever to obtain the exemption for those with assets of under \$50,000. **DO NOT RECYCLE OLD CSL FORMS!!!** There are new forms. Check the [online CSL registry](#) to see if your Friends are in compliance.
3. 38% of Friends have IRS 501(c)(3) designations that are current on their 990 forms. 27% have as their last 990 filing 2014 to 2022, making them at risk of revocation. 6% of Friends currently have their IRS nonprofit designation revoked and a number that are currently in compliance have had their designations revoked in the past. IRS 990 forms **MUST** be filed yearly. Not filing for three consecutive years is cause for revocation of this designation. [Click here](#) to check your Friends' IRS status on the Tax Exempt Organization Search page.

What the above points out is that Board members are not fulfilling their fiduciary responsibilities and it may indicate a Treasurer who lacks knowledge of legal requirements. FONCPL strongly recommends that every Friends group existing in NC should: 1) Be incorporated as a nonprofit in the state of NC; 2) have and keep current the group's Charitable Solicitation License or Exemption; and 3) have and keep current the group's 501(c)(3) designation.

Of the 196 known or suspected Friends of the Library groups in NC, only 33% (66) are members of FONCPL. [Click here](#) to see if your group is a member. [Click here](#) to see the benefits of group membership. We hope your group will join if not currently a member.

Friends of North Carolina Public Libraries

<https://foncpl.org/>



NC Friend of the Year

Do you want to do something special for that Friend member that contributes so much?

Please send us the name of your Friend, a photo and a concise paragraph on why your Friend is outstanding. How have they contributed to your Group? When did they join your group? Send us all the fun facts no later than September 30th of the current year! Email entry to Tess Thais at tessthais88@gmail.com

The Friends of the North Carolina Public Library awards
Challenge Grants of up to **\$250!!**

Deadline for Applications: September 15, 2024
Grants Awarded: by October 31, 2024

- - Looking for innovative and creative project - -

Please complete the Challenge Grant application form and email copy of application, cover letter and any supporting documentation as an attachment to: Tess Thais at tessthais88@gmail.com

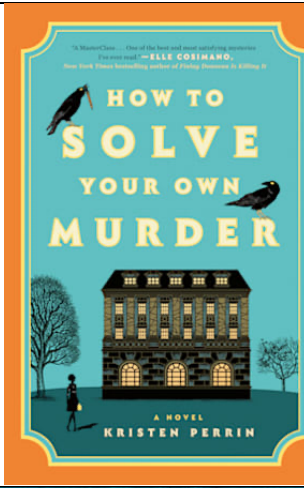




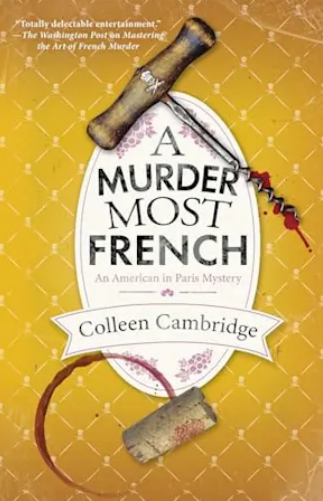


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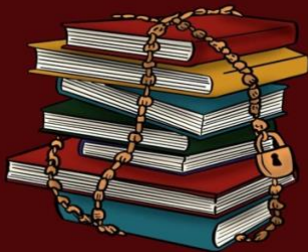
[Challenge Grant Application rev May 2024 fillable pdf](#)

BookBub's New Books You Won't Be Able to Put Down 5/31/24

	<p>When Frances Perkins arrives in New York City, filled with ideas of changing the world and solving social injustice, she immediately finds herself at odds with confident young lawyer Franklin Delano Roosevelt. However, over the course of 20 years, their initial antagonism will turn into a rock-solid political partnership.</p>		<p>In this book on the US Civil War, he focuses on the months between Abraham Lincoln's election and the Battle of Fort Sumter — the engagement that marked the official beginning of the war. Larson admirably brings Lincoln and several other key players to vivid life, exploring the disastrous decisions, mistakes, and betrayals that defined that tumultuous era.</p>
	<p>Silvia and her mother move to the Morningside luxury tower, where Silvia's Aunt Ena works as the superintendent. Many mysteries exist about Silvia's life, like why their city is halfway underwater, and why her mother never talks about their past. Will Silvia be able to find the answers from Ena and the mysterious old woman who lives in the penthouse of the building?</p>		<p>After Penn Cage's daughter Annie is almost hurt in a shooting at a Mississippi rap festival, Penn watches as a billionaire-backed Southern war hero rises to political prominence — clashing violently with a local Black radical group. Determined to expose the fraud for what he truly is, Penn teams up with his daughter and a former Black Panther to stop a dangerous man.</p>
	<p>In 1960s North Carolina, Lorraine Delford leads a picture-perfect life and has big dreams for her future. But those hopes are dashed when she becomes pregnant. Ashamed, Lorraine's parents send her to a maternity home for girls, where she must fight to secure a future for herself and her baby.</p>		<p>After his wife leaves, Michael takes long walks in the English countryside just to avoid his empty house. Marnie, however, can't seem to leave her London flat at all since her ex-husband wrecked her life. And when one mutual friend puts them together, Marnie and Michael face an awe-inspiring 10-day hike that fosters more than one revelation.</p>
	<p>On the heels of losing both her career and her marriage, Sara Marsala is further devastated when her great-aunt dies. Sara is left with a trip to Italy, the deed to some Italian property, and a family mystery involving the death of her great-grandmother Serafina. The more Sara learns about Serafina's life, the deeper the connection proves to be between the two women</p>		<p>In the 1960s, historian Doris Kearns Goodwin and her husband had front-row seats to some of the biggest movements of the time. Doris was a White House Fellow who worked with Lyndon B. Johnson and later helped with his memoir; her husband, Richard, also worked with Johnson and served as a speechwriter for Robert F. Kennedy. Before Richard's death, the couple opened up boxes full of 50 years' worth of letters and other memorabilia.</p>

	<p>It's been 20 years since Nayan Olak opened himself up to emotions — he's thrown his whole self into his labor union, which he now plans to lead. But when a woman from his past, Helen Fletcher, moves in down the street, and a newcomer to the union threatens his victory, he'll have to reckon with secrets long buried.</p>			<p>Breanna's new boyfriend, Ty, has planned the ultimate romantic getaway to New York City. But their idyllic weekend takes a deadly turn when Bree finds the body of a stranger in the foyer of their rented luxury rowhouse in Jersey City. What's worse, Ty has vanished — and the police are asking questions Bree can't answer. As she sets out to find Ty and protect her own secrets, Bree turns to her former best friend for help.</p>
	<p>a civil servant is offered a new position: assisting the newly-formed Ministry of Time in bringing people from the past into the present. Her role involves living with Commander Graham Gore, who supposedly died in 1847 on an expedition to the Arctic, and helping him adjust to modern life. Gore, who finds most of modern life perplexing and disturbing (especially the fate of the British Empire), soon becomes more than just a job.</p>			<p>In the later years of the 20th century, the people of Peru endured terrorism and economic crisis at the hands of the Maoist Shining Path communist party. From students to security agents and guerrillas, from journalists to teachers, this novel explores many of the lives affected by these real events. "Deeply nightmarish at times, this riveting novel is like a dream you do not want to wake up from," says author Jamaluddin Aram.</p>
	<p>Free-spirited artist Anna Green and esteemed Stanford professor Liam Weston arrange a marriage of convenience purely for the economic benefits. When his grandfather passes away, Liam discovers that a stipulation in his will means that Liam won't receive his 100-million-dollar inheritance until he's been married happily for five years.</p>			<p>As granddaughters of Queen Victoria and some of the most stunning of Europe's princesses, Alix and Ella end up falling for two Romanovs — against their grandmother's wishes. But the marriages are not as gleeful as they first appear, and soon consequences spread to the entire population of Russia...</p>
	<p>On an idyllic island surrounded by a deadly fog, three scientists oversee the lives of 122 villagers — until one of the scientists is murdered and the security system protecting the island from the fog is lowered. Now everyone on the island has lost their memory of the night before and they have just 107 hours to solve the murder... or everyone dies.</p>			<p>The Shah family moves to a gated community in Pacific Hills, California, their new home a symbol of the Indian American family's years of achievement, ambition, and assimilation. But when 12-year-old Ajay is arrested following a run-in with law enforcement, each family member has a drastically different reaction to the incident.</p>

	<p>In 1965, a fortune-teller predicts Frances Adams will be murdered — and almost 60 years later, the prediction comes true. Now Frances's great-niece, Annie Adams, arrives in the small English village of Castle Knoll, determined to catch the killer... without becoming the next victim.</p>		<p>After Anna Hartley's mild-mannered artist husband, Henry, calls her to confess to murder, he turns up dead. Anna can't believe the gentle man she married could have been a killer, so she checks in at a run-down motel where Henry rented an art studio, hoping to find answers. What she learns will make her question everything she thought she knew about her husband.</p>
	<p>In Victorian London, spirited apothecary Lucinda Peterson turns to stoic private investigator Jonathan Thorne for help after her perfected remedy goes missing. As they delve into the investigation, Lucy's warmth starts to break down Thorne's defenses, sparking an unexpected concoction of romance and intrigue!</p>		<p>After the death of her best friend, Elizabeth Smith hires a personal assistant to help her get her life together and stop obsessing over her friend's mysterious death. Brianna is everything Elizabeth needs in an assistant — but Brianna has her own obsession: She needs to find out why the police killed her young Black son. Now, Elizabeth and Brianna are entangled in a dangerous search for a truth that could cost them everything.</p>
	<p>As teenagers Giselle Chin, Jackie Ong, and Ellen Ng were united by the alienation they feel in their community, as well as their creative dreams. Now adults, the three women face changed dreams and new visions of life, success, and friendship.</p>		<p>In the years following World War II, aspiring chef Tabitha Knight thrives in her studies at the Cordon Bleu cooking school with her good friend Julia Child. When one of their classmates falls dead by drinking from a bottle of vintage wine that had been poisoned, Tabitha and Julia decide to join forces to investigate.</p>
	<p>Hero Tojoso arrives in Prague for the bachelorette party of an old friend, Sofie, but bizarre things begin to happen. The book she's carrying around keeps changing, strange and mysterious people keep joining the festivities... and Hero and Sofie are having a hard time knowing what is true and what is in their imagination.</p>		<p>the enormous underground library that serves as a kind of collective memory for the world, housing infinite knowledge even as it twists time and space itself. In this exciting sequel, Evar — who grew up in the library — and Livira fight to find their way back to each other, while caught in a conflict between those who see the library as vital and those who see it as a continuation of our original sin: knowledge, and all the evils it brings.</p>



Our Monthly Censorship Update

by Karen Robbins,
President, Friends of the Library Rourk Branch
FONCPL Board Member

THE CHALLENGE OF BOOK CHALLENGES

How can Friends of the Library help their local library be prepared for possible book challenges? How can the FOL support and advocate for their library during a censorship challenge? The best way is to be educated about what book challenges are, how they happen, how frequently they happen, and what other library groups are doing to help prevent or successfully counter a challenge.

Know The Terminology

Challenge: A challenge is when someone raises an objection to library material or a program or service; effort to remove or restrict access to books, materials, programs or digital information.

Reconsideration: A formal reconsideration request is a written document that identifies the specific resource that is of concern and the reasons for reconsidering its inclusion in the library's collection; the formal process libraries go through to determine whether a book meets the library selection criteria.

Ban: <britannica.com> Book banning, “the practice of prohibiting or restricting the reading of certain books by the general public or by members of a local [community](#) or religious group. Books can be banned by means of their removal from publicly accessible locations (e.g., libraries), by their destruction (including the burning of printed books), or by making their authorship or distribution a punishable act.

PEN America’s Freedom to Read - “action taken against a book based on its content that leads to a previously accessible book being completely removed from availability.”

The American Library Association - “removal of a title from a library because someone considers it harmful or dangerous.”

Why Some Attempt Censorship

- Fear of the unknown
- Desire to protect
- Preserve societal norms
- Control the narrative
- Avoid mental discomfort
- Prevent perceived harm

But while understanding the complex reasons people attempt to censor literature, the FOL must always advocate for the freedom to read.

Read the Library Bill of Rights
<<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations>>

Know The Statistics

76% of censorship attempts target books and graphic novels

54% of challenges occur at public libraries

39% of challenges occur at school libraries

Higher education, programs and films account for a very small percentage of challenges.

Number of unique titles challenged by year:

390 in 2004

183 in 2014

1858 in 2021

4,240 in 2023

Who initiates censorship attempts?

28% Patrons

24% Parents

21% Pressure groups

*In 2021, just 11 people filed 60% of challenges

NORTH CAROLINA

As of December 2023, NC is among censorship leaders with 58 book bans reported between July 2022 and June 2023.

North Carolina Book Censorship News

1. Last fall, during Banned Books Week, the Chapel Hill Library made postcards with stats about book banning. Patrons were asked to send them to legislators, school boards, and library boards.
2. Last fall, Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools told principals to ban all “Banned Books Week” events, but after journalists uncovered the story, the district reversed its decision and said it was not violation of the NC Parents Bill of Rights (SB 49.)
3. Neighbor South Carolina’s legislature adopted, according to The State, “a senate proposal to require county libraries certify they are not offering any books or materials that appeal to sexual interest of children under the age of 17 in children’s youth or teen sections of libraries.”

EveryLibrary Institute and Book Riot researchers surveyed 1,527 parents and guardians with children under 18 in two surveys during October and November 2023.

Check out the FONCPL Advocacy Kit <https://foncpl.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/FONCPL-Advocacy-Kit.pdf>

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Here is a by-the-numbers look at what parents and guardians told researchers about public libraries:

92 % of parents, grandparents, and guardians said they **trust librarians** to curate appropriate books and materials

90% report being comfortable allowing their **child to select** their own materials

96% said they feel their **children are safe** within the library

83% agree **librarians know** what books children love

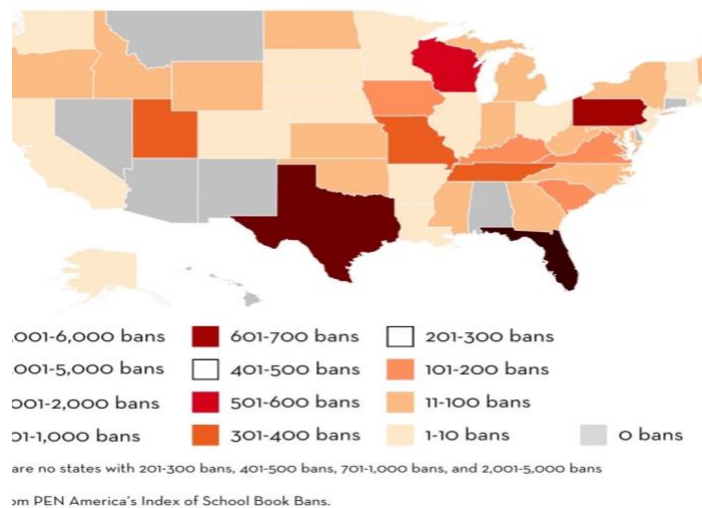
35% think **public librarians have** a political agenda, and **believe they should**

9% **do not** believe librarians have a political agenda, but **think they should**

44% **don't** think librarians have a political agenda, and **should not**

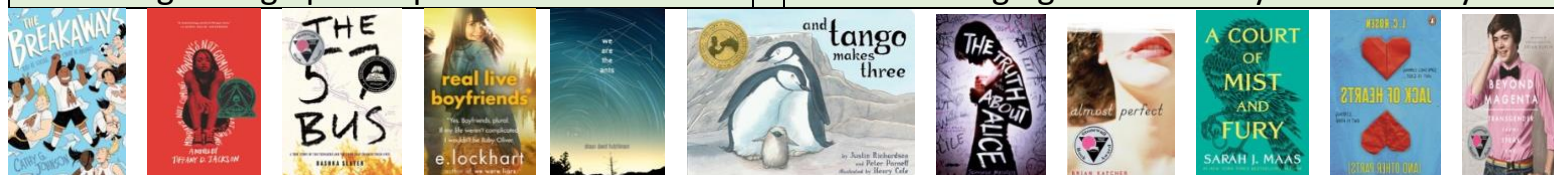
85% report being **satisfied or very satisfied** with librarians.

Cited from NC Newsline BY: GREG CHILDRESS - DECEMBER 4, 2023



THE 50 MOST BANNED BOOKS IN AMERICA by CBS News 2021-2022

50. And Tango Makes Three – 2 male penguins given a chick	49. Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You – portrayals of racism
48. The Infinite Moment of Us – love & sex among teens	47. Two Boys Kissing – 2 boys kiss for 32 hours
46. How to Be an Antiracist – Memoir on racism & ethnicity	45. I Am Jazz – Jazz born male now trans
44. We Are the Ants – Henry's boyfriend died by suicide	43. Killing Mr. Griffin – teenagers kidnap & murder their strict teacher
42. Lucky – author's memoir of her rape	41. The Truth about Alice – slut shaming
40. Real Live Boyfriends – slut shaming/sex	39. Almost Perfect – crush on trans teen
38. Being Jazz – Followup to I Am Jazz	37. Speak – Raped girl ostracized
36. Dear Martin – student writes MLK Jr	35. The 57 Bus – White Trans & Black ride bus
34. Sold – sexual slavery in Nepal	33. A Court of Mist & Fury – sexual content
32. Monday's Not Coming – black teen goes missing & never investigated	31. It's Perfectly Normal – book on puberty & sex
30. Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close – death, trauma & grief after 9/11	29. More Happy Than Not – LGBTQ themes
28. Tricks – 5 teens/drugs & sex	27. The Perks of Being a Wallflower – sex/drugs
26. All American Boys – 2 black boys & police brutality	25. Nineteen Minutes – school shooting
24. The Breakaways – girls' soccer team	23. Fun Home – author coming out as lesbian
22. The Handmaid's Tale – dystopian future	21. Jack of Hearts – Queer teen writes column
20. Flamer – growing up gay Catholic boy	19. Drama: A Graphic Novel – same-sex crush
18. This One Summer – 2 teen girls	17. Beloved – violent scenes fleeing slavery
16. Beyond Magenta – 6 trans teen stories	15. Looking for Alaska – profanity & sex
14. Melissa – 4 th grade girl trans/Charlotte's Web	13. This Book is Gay – gay/lesbian/trans/bi/queer
12. I8r, g8r – sexual content & profanity	11. The Kite Runner – brutal rape scene
10. Crank – crystal meth addiction	9. Thirteen Reasons – suicide victim leaves tapes
8. Me and Earl and the Dying Girl – depictions of death, drug use, and sexual content	7. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian – poverty, sex, bullying, alcohol, profanity
6. The Hate U Give – black girl attending white elite private school	5. The Lawn Boy – boy facing hardship, same sex encounter
4. The Bluest Eye – black girl dealing with molestation, sex, drunkenness, incest	3. Out of Darkness – Mexican-American girl and Black boy in the 1930s – sex, violence
2. All Boys Aren't Blue – author's experience of growing up as a queer Black kid in NJ	1. Gender Queer – author's memoir of journey through gender identity and sexuality



Some Cool Decorating for July!!



FREEDOM



Christmas in July

Spamming and Phishing

By Judy Hills, FONCL President

We hope that by now your Friends' Board members are skilled at recognizing spamming and phishing. Spam is unsolicited email, instant messages or social media messages. These can cause damage if you open or respond to the message or if you open the attachment. Some look very legitimate, but generally one of two things are dead giveaways that the message is spam: 1) the email address of the sender and 2) the wording of the message.

Phishing is an email sent from an internet criminal disguised as an email from the legitimate, trustworthy source. Phishers may have collected your name and the names of other Board members from your website, making the communication look legitimate. Beware! Clues to help you discern phishing:

1. Requests for your username and/or password – credible institutions and organizations will not request personal information via email
2. Time sensitive threats (e.g., your account will be closed if you do not respond immediately)
3. Spelling and grammar mistakes
4. Vague or missing information in the "from" field or email signature
5. "To" field contains multiple random email addresses or is alphabetized
6. Impersonal or awkward greetings, such as "Dear Mr. account holder"
7. Unexpected files or downloads
8. Links that don't refer to the sender or sender's organization
9. Emails about accounts that you don't have, such as eBay or PayPal, or banks that you don't have accounts with
10. Emails "from" celebrities
11. Asks you to reply in order to "opt out" of a service or
12. Plays on human emotions to evoke sympathy, kindness, fear, worry, anxiety, or excitement.

One scheme that I have encountered both email and mail related to the FONCPL web domain name. If your Friends have a website, it is doubtful you'll remember the name of the company that registered your domain name. The email version is from cpanel and it will say that your domain has reached your disk quota (invokes fear that your domain name is compromised). The mail version—Domain Listings--just sends you what looks like a legitimate invoice. One word of caution: if you don't keep current on your payment for your domain name—the provider will sell it. I have seen a situation where two different nonprofit groups lost their domain names and they were picked up by sexually-oriented enterprises.

And this also brings up the issue of posting online the names and contact information for Board members. There is a plus and minus to this. Groups appear friendlier if they post the info but the information can be used for spamming and phishing. Your group needs to weight the pros and cons.

If your group has had an experience with spamming or phishing, please share the information. Email it to newsletter [editor Kathy Lambe](#).

Solar Eclipse Soiree in Brunswick County

The Brunswick County Library's Margaret & James Harper, Jr. Library in Southport hosted a Solar Eclipse Soiree. The event, organized by Youth Service Specialist Shannon Allison, featured free pizza, an informational slideshow, face painting, and a telescopic eclipse view.

Attendees also enjoyed a live stream of NASA's coverage of the eclipse.

Shannon shared a fun craft with soiree-goers that she learned during the SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) workshop and how to view the eclipse safely. Patrons loved the gathering and expressed wishes for more events like this.



**2024
Summer
Olympics**



**Games of the
XXXIII Olympiad**

Friday July 26, 2024 – Sunday August 11, 2024

Opening Ceremony: Friday July 26, 2024 at 12pm ET (airing again at 7:30 pm on NBC)

Instead of being held in a traditional stadium, the Opening Ceremony will take the form of a four-mile-long floating procession down the Seine River. Athletes and performers will ride through the heart of Paris in approximately 160 boats. The Opening Ceremony will conclude with a final show as the Eiffel Tower lights up the night.

Hosted in Paris – Paris previously hosted the Olympics in 1900 and 1924

Some of the most iconic, historic destinations in the City of Lights will be used as competition venues, including:

Beach volleyball at the Eiffel Tower Stadium

Equestrian at the Palace of Versailles

Tennis at Roland-Garros

Fencing and taekwondo at the Grand Palais des Champs-Élysées

Just Some Facts....

4 new sports: breaking (breakdancing), surfing, skateboarding, and sport climbing

32 sports

329 medal events

350,000 hours of TV broadcast

35 venues

10,500 athletes

45,000 volunteers

600,000+ meals served at the Athletes' Village every day

19 Days of Competition

To see a schedule: <https://olympics.com/en/news/olympic-games-paris-2024-full-schedule-and-day-by-day-competitions>

OR

<https://www.nbcolympics.com/full-schedule>

The US Olympic Uniforms 2024



Join Us

August 3, 2024

for a regional Friends of the
Library Meeting

**Registration &
Breakfast**

9:30 AM

Sessions start
at 10:00 AM

Lunch

(on your own)

Sessions
conclude at
3:00 PM

Stanly Co. Public Library

133 E. Main St. Albemarle,
NC 28001

Sessions include:

- Grant Writing
- Fundraising
- Library Projects
- Round Table discussions



Register with this QR Code

Please RSVP by July 26th

stanlylibraryfriends@gmail.com

THE PROPER RULES AND ETIQUETTE FOR FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG

By Rebecca Deczynski and Caroline Picard

Brush up on your flag etiquette by learning how to fly the Stars and Stripes the right way.

There's a right and a wrong way to hang the flag vertically.

Don't hang your flag backwards, upside down, or in another inappropriate fashion. If you're hanging your flag vertically, the Union portion with the stars should go on the observer's left.

Avoid letting the flag touch the ground.

Know the difference between half-staff and half-mast.

Half-mast refers to a flag flown on a ship's mast while half-staff describes flags flown on land.

Fly your flag on half-staff at the right times.

The flag is flown at half-staff when the nation is in mourning, such as for the death of government official or for remembrance.

Only fly a flag at night if it is illuminated.

Custom dictates that you should display flags only from sunrise to sunset, but you can keep the stars and stripes flying 24 hours a day if it is properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Don't fly the flag when it rains.

Always fly the American flag above other flags.

That includes state and city flags.

Dispose of an old flag in a respectful manner.

The Federal Flag Code says that unserviceable flags should be burned in a respectful, ceremonial manner, but do so discreetly so people don't misinterpret your intentions.

Fold your flag before storing it.

(See next page.)

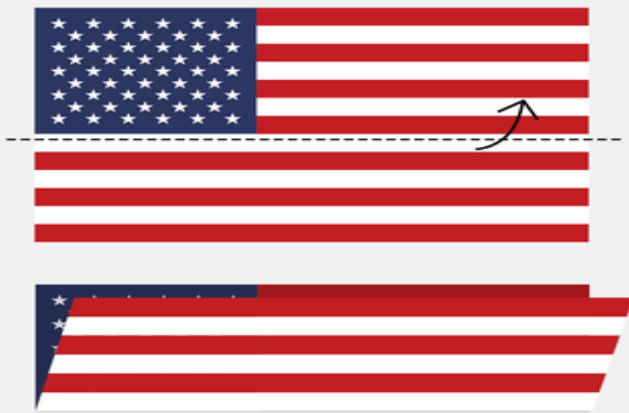
Skip clothing and objects with flags on them.

Guidelines in the Flag Code advise against using the flag on clothing, costumes, athletic uniforms, bedding, cushions, handkerchiefs, etc.

Avoid these common flag mistakes, too.

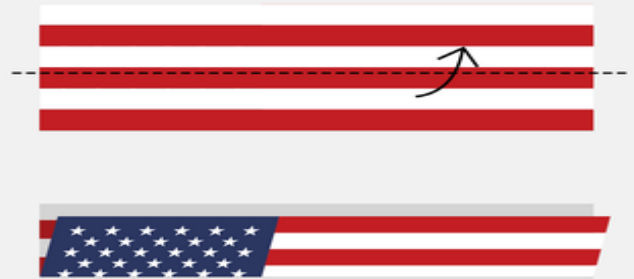
A flag should never touch anything beneath it while it's flying, it should never be used as a covering for a ceiling, and you should never place anything on the flag.

HOW TO PROPERLY FOLD AN *American Flag*



①

Fold the lower, striped section of the flag over the blue field.



②

Fold over the folded bottom edge to meet the top edge.



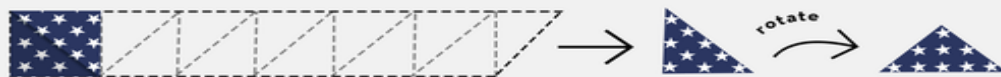
③

Begin a triangular fold by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the top edge.



④

Turn the outer point inward, parallel with the top edge, to form a second triangle.



⑤

Continue until the final folds ensure that only the Union (the blue portion with white stars) is showing and the open edges are folded in.



Summer Reading Guide 2024

DISCOVER

The 2023 FONCPL Annual Report is out! [Click here to read](#)

Here's a thorough article from CNN on book banning....a five minute read!
<https://www.cnn.com/2024/06/04/us/states-fight-book-bans-reaj/index.html>

What a fun idea!! JACKSON COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOKSTORE
Find a Golden Ticket hidden in a book and the book is FREE!!

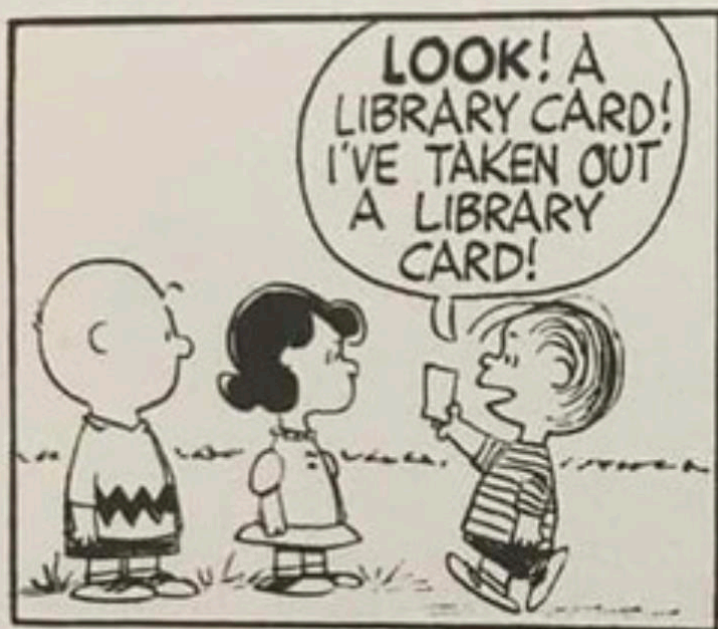


On June 15th
they had their
first winner!!



Carolina Shores, NC. From June 3 - July 13, 2024, Brunswick County Library's Southwest Brunswick Branch is hosting the Smithsonian traveling exhibition "Voices and Votes: Democracy in America". The exhibition examines the nearly 250-year-old American experiment of a government "of, by and for the people," and how each generation since continues to question how to form "a more perfect union."

"Voices and Votes" explores the action, reaction, vision, and revision that democracy demands as Americans continue to question how to shape the country. From the revolution and suffrage, to civil rights and casting ballots, everyone in every community is part of this ever-evolving story—the story of democracy in America. Exhibition sections explore the origins of American democracy, the struggles to obtain and keep the vote, the machinery of democracy, the right to petition and protest beyond the ballot and the rights and responsibilities of citizens. "Voices and Votes" features historical and contemporary photos; educational and archival video; engaging multimedia interactives with short games; and historical objects like campaign souvenirs, voter memorabilia, and protest material.



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