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Virtual
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A Welcome from Library Director Jeff Scott



Welcome to another digital edition of the Washoe County Library Explorer. As we wrap up summer and move into fall, we hope you join us in celebrating Banned Books Week, Library Card Sign-up Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

In June and July, we began offering book return and limited hold pickup at eight Washoe County Library locations. We expanded virtual and telephone reference, and offered our first 100% virtual Summer Reading Adventure, Imagine Your Story.

We know many of you miss the opportunity to browse our shelves, and we are developing more virtual displays to help you discover new favorites to read. Our staff are working both to support virtual events and services, and to continue to welcome you safely to our facilities for hold pickup service.

The latest information about our safe reopening will always be available at www.washoecountylibrary.us/reopen. You can find our archived virtual events and register for upcoming events at www.washoecountylibrary.us/events.

Be sure to sign up for our newsletter and follow us on social media for the latest updates on our safe reopening and virtual services. Whether online or in our branches, we look forward to seeing you!



Libraries are Wonderful!



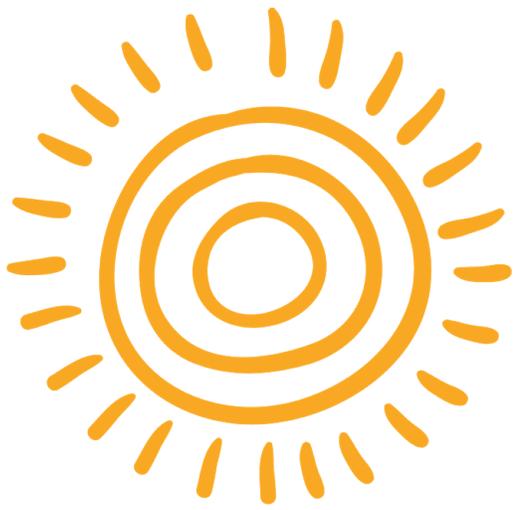
September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

In response to COVID-19, Washoe County Library System is introducing a new Instant Digital Card so that Washoe County residents can take advantage of the library's digital collection.

This new card will work as soon as you register and will remain active until the libraries reopen, when you will be able to convert it to a permanent account.



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LIBRARY SYSTEM
www.washoecountylibrary.us



NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

¡Mes de la Herencia Hispana!



Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month, from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



Cada año, los estadounidenses observan el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre, al celebrar las historias, culturas y contribuciones de ciudadanos estadounidenses cuyos antepasados vinieron de España, México, el Caribe y América Central y del Sur.



Virtual Bilingual Story Time
Cuentos Bilingües Virtuales
Tuesdays at 11 am, September 15-October 15

Join the Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time Facebook group to view all our online story time content.

Únase al grupo de Facebook de Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time para ver todo nuestro contenido de cuentos en línea.



First Chapter Friday
Fridays at Noon, October 9 and 16

Our First Chapter Friday readings on October 9 and 16 will feature stories with Hispanic and Latinx authors and characters. Visit our online First Chapter Friday archive today!

Nuestras lecturas del First Chapter Friday del 9 y 16 de octubre presentarán historias con autores y personajes hispanos y latinos. Visite nuestro archivo en línea del First Chapter Friday hoy!

RECURSOS PARA HISPANOHABLANTES

www.washoecountylibrary.us/espanol

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Washoe County Library System is here to support you virtually during this trying time.

The library, community, and greater world offer plenty of opportunities to keep you reading, engaged, learning, and entertained. Many of our resources, as well as those outside the library, are listed below. Need a virtual library card? We've got you covered! See page 3 for details.

Ebooks, Audiobooks, and Magazines



[Libby and OverDrive](#)

[TumbleBooks](#)

[New York Times](#)

[RBdigital](#)

COVID-19 Community Information



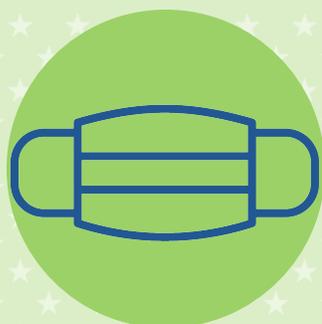
[Washoe County Health District](#)

[Talking to Children About the Coronavirus](#)

[Centers for Disease Control Coronavirus Page](#)

[Taking Care of Your Mental Health](#)

Face Coverings



Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19.

The Center for Disease Control offers basic [instructions for sew and no-sew face coverings.](#)



Events for Adults

AUGUST

Bomb Shelter Tour

Thursday, August 6, 5 pm

Did you know the Downtown Reno Library has a bomb shelter from the Cold War era? Come virtually tour the darkened tunnels that are beneath the library, while discovering Civil Defense relics that have been long forgotten.

Virtual Book Club: *November Road*

Thursday, August 20, 2 pm

Inclined to Read Book Club: *American Dirt*

Tuesday, August 25, 10:30 am

SEPTEMBER

Maker Lab: Upcycled Envelopes

Wednesday, September 9, 3 pm

Virtual Book Club: *The Dry*

Thursday, September 17, 2 pm

Inclined to Read Book Club: *Nomadland*

Tuesday, September 29, 10:30 am

Family Estate Planning Series

Wednesdays, September 16, 23, 30
10:30 am & 1:30 pm

Attend this eight-week series via Zoom and learn how to take charge of your own money and estate.

BACK TO WORK NEVADA



*Get back to work,
learn something
new, find your
path . . .*

Lynda.com

Premier online learning resources for business, software, technology, and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals.

Job Now

A revolutionary service for job seekers that features expert resume assistance, live interview preparation and career coaching, test preparation, and a writing lab.

Learning Express

Tutorials, practice tests, & ebooks for computer skills, job search, workplace skills, career certification & licensure exam prep, college and grad school entrance prep, GED test prep, and more.

Nevada Career Explorer

Self-assessment modules, financial literacy tools, information on over 900 occupations, and personalized pathway recommendations.

Glassdoor

Job seekers can search nationwide listings, read company reviews, and explore salary information and interview insights. Find a job and a company you'll love.

#BackTo WorkNevada

Find all of these resources, plus unemployment & small business ownership resources sorted by topic on our newly created [web page](#).

Start with our website for free access to these and many more valuable resources: washoecountylibrary.us/resources/employment

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

100th Anniversary

★1920–2020★

In August 2020, the United States recognizes the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. The passage of the 19th Amendment ended nearly 100 years of protest by guaranteeing women the right to vote:

“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridge by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”

However, the 19th Amendment did not grant all women the right to vote. Women of color were mostly excluded from the rights and protections of the 19th amendment. In the Jim Crow South, both African American women and men were prevented from voting due to the passage of racist laws that targeted people of color. In addition, other women of color such as Native American and Asian American women, were prevented from voting as they were denied the right to citizenship. These injustices were not addressed until 1965 with the passage of the Voting Rights Act.

-adapted from freedomcenter.org



2020 GENERAL ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

General election information is subject to change. Please check with the Nevada Secretary of State or the Washoe County Registrar of Voters for the latest information.

Register to vote:

By mail: Postmarked by October 6, 2020

Online: By October 29, 2020

In person: By October 6, 2020

Same-day registration available during early voting and on election day.

Early voting: October 17—30

Absentee ballot:

Postmarked by November 3, 2020

General Election: November 3, 2020



Events for Kids

AUGUST

Virtual Story Time
Every day at 11 am and 4 pm

First Chapter Friday
Fridays, noon

Wags & Smiles with Paws 4 Love
Friday, August 7 at 2 pm
See your favorite Paws 2 Read dogs
in this virtual program!

Summer Chess & 3D Printing Camp
August 3–6, 2 pm
Using ChessKid.com and Zoom, learn
the basics of chess, improve strategies,
and play matches against your peers.
Monday to Thursday.

SEPTEMBER

Virtual Story Time
Every day at 11 am

Special themes:
Talk Like a Pirate Day!
Friday, September 18
Bilingual
Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29

First Chapter Friday
Fridays, noon

Campfire Fun
Thursday, September 3, 4 pm

Maker Lab: Upcycled Envelopes
Wednesday, September 9, 3 pm

Mindful Movement
Tuesday, September 22, 4 pm
Stories focused on early literacy, social
& emotional learning, and movement.



Back to School will look a lot different this year, but we are here to help with resources to support both distance and traditional learning. Find links to these and many more resources on our website or click the "contact" link to reach us by email or phone for assistance.

Always Available

Content that can be accessed online any time without checkout or holds.

TumbleBooks Talking picture books, chapter books, read-alongs, and graphic novels for Pre-K through 5th grade.

Book Connections A collection of more than 177,000 resources about books for children and teens. Includes a readers' advisory tool, resources for homework help, author videos, and more.

RBDigital More than 120 digital magazines including over 30 just for kids.

College Prep

Learning Express Includes college entrance essay writing tutorials and test preparation for ACT®, SAT®, PSAT®, and other exams.

Brainfuse Help Now FAFSA Live Help: Get personal assistance completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Homework Help

Find accurate and up-to-date information on almost any topic including, primary source material, images, videos, and magazine articles in Explora, World Book, Biography Reference Center, ABC-CLIO, & more.

Brainfuse Help Now A collection of tools for student success, including live homework help from expert tutors, daily from 1–10 pm.

Mango Languages

An online language learning system that teaches conversational language skills with courses in 70 languages, plus English as a second language.

50 Books to Read Before Graduation

Find our list of 50 great books to get students ready for wherever their futures may take them here: <https://bit.ly/32QRiMB>

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Most of these resources require a library card and must be accessed through our website. If you do not already have a Washoe County Library card, you can sign up for a digital card by clicking [get a card](#).



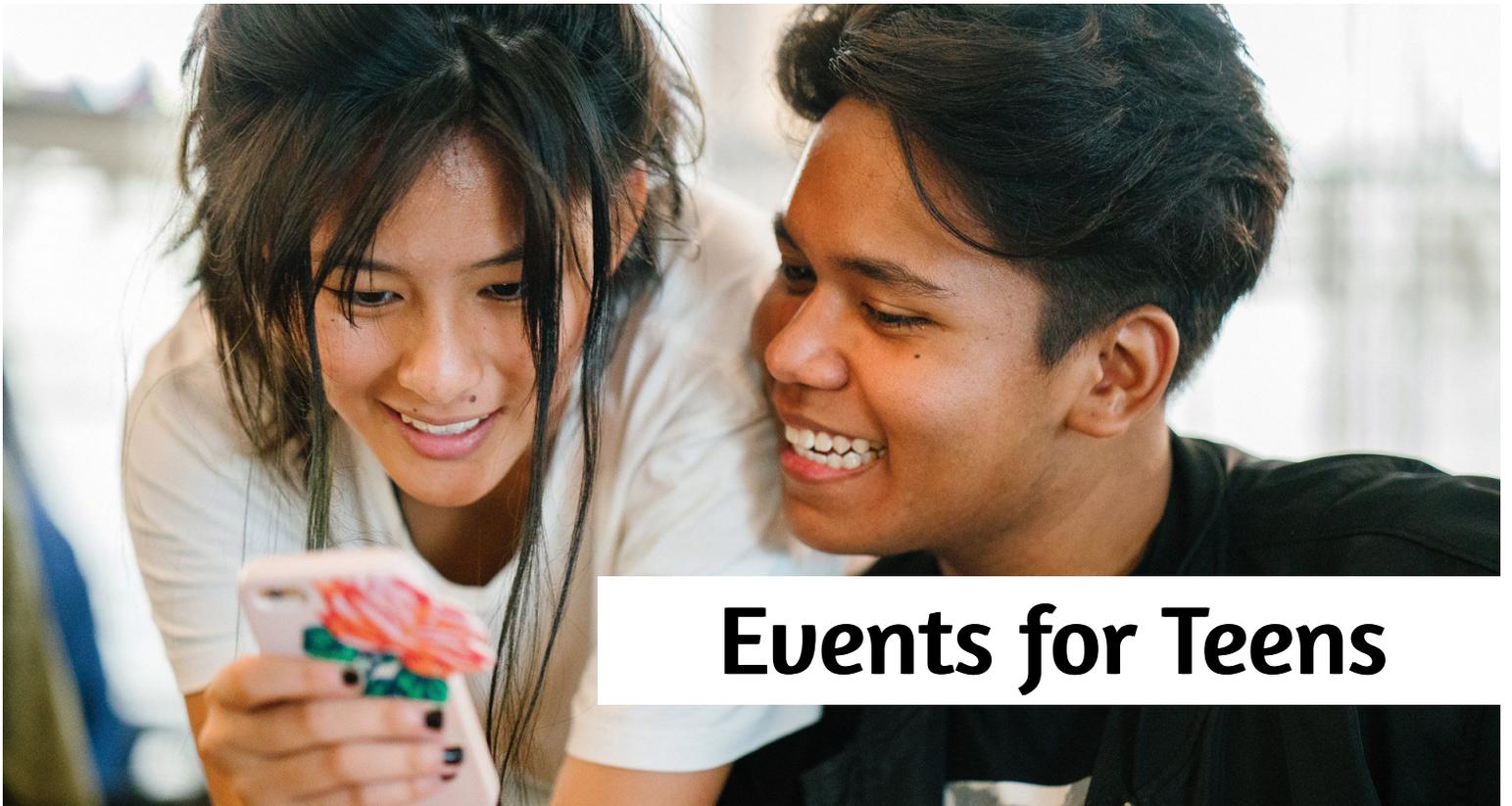
Virtual Story Time

Join us every day in August at 11 am and 4 pm for virtual story time featuring one of Washoe County Library's very own story time stars!

We'll keep the fun going with more virtual story times at 11 am in September.



Our story times are posted in the Washoe County Library Virtual Story Time group on Facebook. Join the group to view all our pre-recorded story times 24 hours a day!



Events for Teens

AUGUST

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Fridays, Noon

Summer Chess & 3D Printing Camp
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Using ChessKid.com and Zoom, learn the basics of chess, improve strategies, and play matches against your peers. Monday to Thursday. *Registration required.*

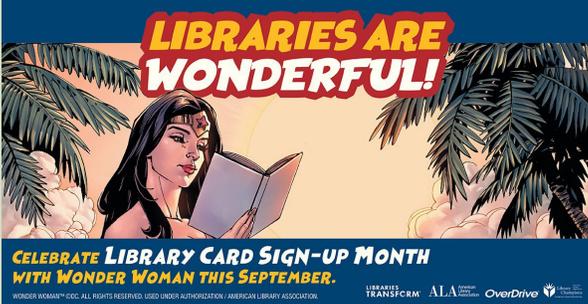
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Banned Books featured on September 11, 18, 25 & October 2

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OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH



WASHOE TALKS:
RACISM IN AMERICA
a community conversation
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 6:30 PM

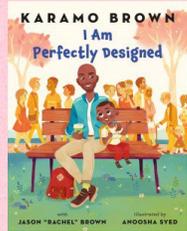
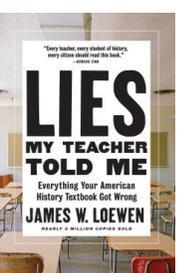
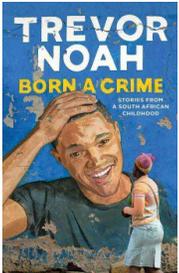
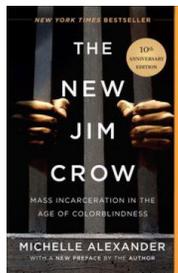
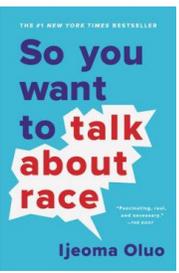
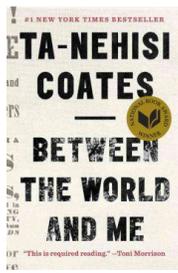


Did you miss the recent [Washoe Talks, Racism in America](#)? Our five-person panel of guest experts discussed racism, Black Lives Matter, and how we can all work to combat racism. Click the link to watch the archived recording.

RECOMMENDED TITLES ON RACISM AND ANTI-RACISM

Available on Overdrive & Libby

washoecounty.overdrive.com



Washoe County Library Celebrates Diversity with Ginger Devine!

This year, in honor of Northern Nevada Pride, we brought a little Drag Queen magic back to story time.

Click the link to watch special guest Ginger Devine reading *I Am Perfectly Designed*, a book about self acceptance by Karamo Brown and Jason "Rachel" Brown.

<https://washoecountylibrary.us/events/archive/devine.php>





CENSORSHIP IS A DEAD END.

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YOUR FREEDOM TO READ DURING BANNED BOOKS WEEK!

September 27 - October 3, 2020
bannedbooksweek.org



TOP 10 CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2019



The American Library Association tracked **377 challenges** to library, school, and university materials and services in 2019. Overall, 566 books were targeted. Here are the "Top 10 Most Challenged Books in 2019," along with the reasons cited for censoring the books:



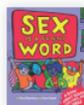
1 | *George* by Alex Gino
Challenged, banned, restricted, and hidden to avoid controversy; for LGBTQIA+ content and a transgender character; because schools and libraries should not "put books in a child's hand that require discussion"; for sexual references; and for conflicting with a religious viewpoint and "traditional family structure"



2 | *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin
Challenged for LGBTQIA+ content, for "its effect on any young people who would read it," and for concerns that it was sexually explicit and biased



3 | *A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo* by Jill Twiss, illustrated by EG Keller
Challenged and vandalized for LGBTQIA+ content and political viewpoints, for concerns that it is "designed to pollute the morals of its readers," and for not including a content warning



4 | *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg, illustrated by Fiona Smyth
Challenged, banned, and relocated for LGBTQIA+ content; for discussing gender identity and sex education; and for concerns that the title and illustrations were "inappropriate"



5 | *Prince & Knight* by Daniel Haack, illustrated by Stevie Lewis
Challenged and restricted for featuring a gay marriage and LGBTQIA+ content; for being "a deliberate attempt to indoctrinate young children" with the potential to cause confusion, curiosity, and gender dysphoria; and for conflicting with a religious viewpoint



6 | *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas
Challenged and relocated for LGBTQIA+ content, for a transgender character, and for confronting a topic that is "sensitive, controversial, and politically charged"



7 | *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
Banned and challenged for profanity and for "vulgarity and sexual overtones"



8 | *Drama* written and illustrated by Raina Telgemeier
Challenged for LGBTQIA+ content and for concerns that it goes against "family values/morals"



9 | *Harry Potter* series by J. K. Rowling
Banned and forbidden from discussion for referring to magic and witchcraft, for containing actual curses and spells, and for characters that use "nefarious means" to attain goals



10 | *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, illustrated by Henry Cole
Challenged and relocated for LGBTQIA+ content





Donations

Did you know that many of our events, services, and this publication are made possible through community support? If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact Andrea Tavener, Public Information & Development Officer, at atavener@washoecounty.us or (775) 327-8360.

The Friends of Washoe County Library helps to promote, advocate, and seek funding to support the services, programs, and collections of the Washoe County Library System. Please consider donating to the Friends, attending a bi-monthly book sale, or becoming a member today.

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Phone: (775) 324-5522

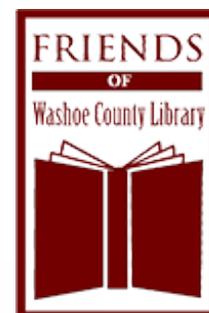
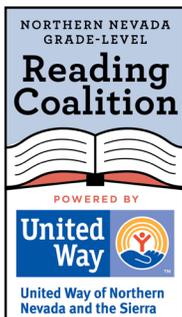
Jennifer & Gary Lee

"The library is a bedrock of our community. We are honored to help support it."



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Washoe County Library

Thank you to all of our supporters!



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Connect, Gather, Explore

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