



# 2018 SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE



This summer, rock and roll to York County Library! Sign up for the Summer Learning Challenge, June 4 through July 27.

**CHILDREN'S SUMMER LEARNING:  
HOW THE CHALLENGE WORKS**

- This year children ages 3 or 11 can choose which challenge they want to participate in and can register at any YCL branch, the Bookmobile, or online, starting May 7. Visit [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) to use our fun, interactive Beanstack service.
- Pick up a reading record and add a sticker for every 12 minutes you read or listen to an audiobook for a required total of 10 hours. You may also track progress online using your Beanstack account.
- Log all hours online or return the completed record by July 27 to receive a summer learning challenge medal, a certificate, a kazoo, and rock star sunglasses.
- Each time you complete the challenge, you'll be entered in the Grand Prize Drawing at the end of the program. One randomly-selected winner from each branch library receives a \$50 Books-A-Mil-

lion gift card, an inflatable guitar, a tambourine, a drawstring book bag, and additional incentives from our sponsors. Receive an extra entry each time the 10-hour reading requirement is completed.

**TINY TOTS EARLY LITERACY:  
HOW THE CHALLENGE WORKS**

- Register and participate in the Tiny Tots Challenge with your baby, age 3 or under, at any branch library, the Bookmobile, or online at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) using the Beanstack service.
- Track your progress as you complete the required 20 literacy activities together by July 27 and your baby will receive a board book, a certificate, and a bath toy.
- Each time you complete the challenge, you'll be entered in our Grand Prize Drawing at the end of the program. One randomly-selected winner from each library will receive a \$50 Books-A-Million gift card, a coupon for free admis-

**NEW THIS YEAR FOR  
SUMMER LEARNING**

- Registration starts May 7, which gives everyone plenty of time to get signed up before the challenge begins.
- Children age 11 can choose if they want to participate in the Children's or Teen Summer Learning Challenge.
- Earn online activity badges when you complete learning challenges, like writing a book review or attending a library program.
- Submit a book review to share with other readers.

sion to the Culture and Heritage Museums, a wooden puzzle, a collapsible bowl, and maracas.

# TEEN SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

Students ages 11–18 are encouraged to participate in “Libraries Rock,” York County Library’s Teen Summer Learning Challenge. Students can register for the challenge online at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org), at any YCL location, or the Bookmobile. Beginning June 4, pick up a reading record to record your hours of reading or track your progress online.

Log the required 15 hours of reading online or turn in your reading record by July 27 to receive a \$5 gift card to a local business and be entered in the grand prize drawing. One randomly selected winner from each library location receives a choice of a \$100 gift card to either Books-A-Million or Best Buy! Enter again to increase your odds!



Special free events are also planned this summer, including lock-ins, glow parties, ukulele jams, and much, much more! So mark your calendars and don’t miss out on the fun!

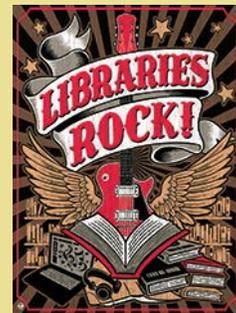
For a complete listing of all teen summer events, visit [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org). The 2018 Teen Summer Learning Challenge is sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library, Rock Hill Police Department, and Woody’s Music.



Best Things South Carolina voted York County Library as one of its Top 10 Best Libraries in South Carolina! Visit [bestthingsc.com/libraries](http://bestthingsc.com/libraries) to see why!

## Adult Summer Learning Challenge

Get ready for York County Library’s 12th annual Adult Summer Learning Challenge, June 4 – July 27. Adults ages 18 and up can register and participate in the Summer Learning Challenge at any YCL branch, the Bookmobile, or online.



Visit [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) to use Beanstack, our fun, interactive service for all ages, and get digital badges, incentives, and even optional book recommendations by email!

Pick up an entry form or go online and track your progress as you complete the required 20 hours of reading (including books, eBooks, audiobooks, newspapers, magazines, or reading to children) by July 27. You’ll receive a prize and a chance to win a new tablet! Read up to 100 hours!

## YCL GOT GAME!

York County Library is excited to announce we now have video games to borrow! Teen Advisory Board members have been researching the benefits of gaming, which include improved problem-solving skills and creativity. Gaming events have been very popular at the Library, and this is a way for patrons to take the fun home!

The collection can be found in the Young Adult Department at the Main Library in Rock Hill and includes games for the Nintendo Switch, PS4, and Xbox One. New games will be added, as well as games for older consoles.

To find the games in our online catalog, choose “software and video games” as a format in a basic



search. The games can be checked out for 2 weeks, with a limit of 2 games per card.

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

## Embrace Leadership at Your Library

York County Library joins libraries nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs, and expertise they offer.

April 8–14 is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians, and library workers. Libraries are not just places to borrow books or study — they are also creative, engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

Libraries of all types have long been evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Diverse groups, including elected officials, small business owners, and students, depend upon libraries and the resources they offer.

Resources like eBooks and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, and programs for job seekers are just a few ways libraries and librarians are transforming to lead their communities. Community members can also develop their own leadership skills at the library, with endless opportunity to build skills and confidence through resources and programming.

As a special way to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of National Library Week, the YCL Board of Trustees announces Fine Amnesty Week. During National Library Week, anyone with a YCL card may have up to \$6 of fines waived. To have your fines waived, please visit your local YCL branch.

YCL is also celebrating with a host of exciting programs and events throughout the county. For more information, visit any YCL location or the library's website at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org).

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**  
is **APRIL 8-14, 2018**

"Discover your passions and achieve your goals at the library."  
— MISTY COPELAND  
National Library Week Honorary Chair

**LIBRARIES LEAD**



## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS AT YCL

### Sunday, April 1 – Monday, April 30

- NLW Scavenger Hunt, York Public Library

### Sunday, April 8 – Saturday, April 14

- Fine Amnesty Week, All York County Library locations

### Monday, April 9

- Raptors That Inspire\*, 4–6 p.m., Clover Public Library
- NLW Celebration, 4–6 p.m., Fort Mill Public Library

### Tuesday, April 10

- National Library Employee Appreciation Day
- Chinese Lion Dance Demonstration by The Peaceful Dragon\*, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill

### Thursday, April 12

- Bookmobile Open House, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill
- Come-See-Me Parade featuring the YCL Book Cart Drill Team, 6:30 p.m., Downtown Rock Hill

### Friday, April 13

- Library Lock-In\*, 7–10 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill
- Ms. Believable as Cat in the Hat, 4–5 p.m., Lake Wylie Public Library
- Colorful Candles Adult Craft\*, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill. This activity is part of the Come-See-Me Festival.

### Saturday, April 14

- Circus Days in York, 10–11 a.m., York Public Library
- The Jolly Lollies Family Concert, 3–3:45 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill



\*Registration required. To register, visit [events.yclibrary.org](http://events.yclibrary.org).

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



## Celebrate Your Library!

National Library Week is April 8–14, and this year is especially meaningful as it is the 60th anniversary of the annual celebration. YCL has a variety of special programs planned that week, but we also want to share a few ways you can celebrate your library even after the festivities conclude.

**Find the newest library residents!** Both the Lake Wylie Public Library and the Clover Public Library have new residents, and they love photo ops. Meet Carlton Bear at Lake Wylie or the (soon-to-be-named) reading owl at Clover. Tag YCL in the photo on Facebook and let everyone know you've met Carlton or the owl.

**Get ready for the Summer Learning Challenge!** Early registration for our annual summer program celebrating reading and learning starts May 7, and the challenge officially begins June 4. You can prepare now by working on a personal reading list, picking out your vacation reading, or adding a reading goal to your daily routine.

**Check out the newest award-winners!** The American Library Association recently announced its list of Youth Media Award-winning books. All of these titles are available from YCL.

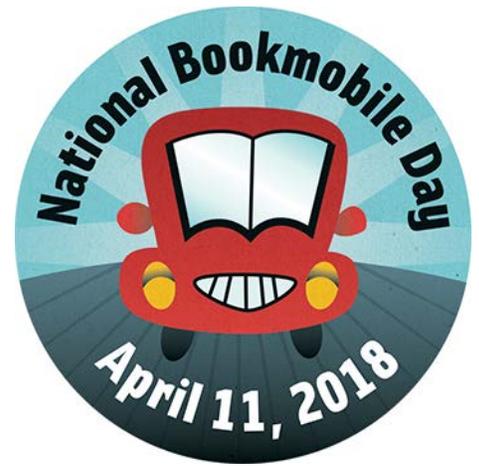
- *Hello, Universe*, written by Erin Entrada Kelly, won the Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature.
- *Wolf in the Snow*, illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell, won the Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children.
- *Piecing Me Together*, written by Renée Watson, won the Coretta Scott King Author Award recognizing African American authors of outstanding books for children and young adults.
- *We Are Okay*, written by Nina LaCour, won the Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults.

**Attend a library program!** YCL now offers more programs than ever for every age group. From comics to genealogy to crafting to book clubs, the range of topics is as varied and interesting as the books on our shelves. Take a look at our online events calendar or pick up a branch events calendar to see the full listing of available programs.

No matter how you choose to enjoy your free time, YCL is here as your community link, working every day to expand access to our resources. As an SCLENDS consortium member, we can now check out books for three weeks instead of two (giving you even more time to finish that novel on your vacation!). As we continue to grow our collection with new materials for all ages, we've also made library information even easier to find with our new website.

Next time you're itching for a brief getaway, even if only for a day, visit a YCL location to plan your perfect fall excursion. If you're up for the challenge, try visiting all five YCL branches while you explore York County!

–Jason Hyatt, Director



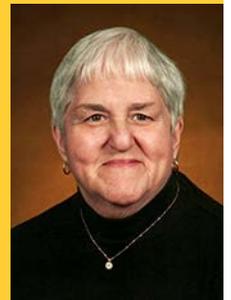
## TAKE A PEEK INSIDE THE YCL BOOKMOBILE!

Ever wondered what it's like on board the Bookmobile, but can't seem to catch it out on the road? Well, now is your chance! In honor of National Library Week, the Bookmobile will hold an open house Thursday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come say hello, have a snack, and pick up a take-and-make craft to build your very own bookmobile!

## IN MEMORIAM:

### Margie Smart, Clover Public Library

York County Library and the Clover Public Library staff are deeply saddened to share the passing of our dear friend and coworker, Margie Smart.



Everyone who knew and worked with Margie will remember her love of the Library, her kindness, her wonderful sense of humor, and her dedication to the community.

Please keep the YCL community and Margie's family in thoughts during this difficult time. She will be missed beyond measure.

## Thank You, Storytelling Fans!

York County Library would like to thank the community, storytellers, Friends of the Library, and Library staff who all helped to make the return of the Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival a success! Overall, 2,308 people attended the festival. Thank you all again, and watch [patchworktales.org](http://patchworktales.org) for future announcements!



Mobile Printing Available!



## Mobile Printing Comes to YCL

Need to print something but don't have access to a printer? York County Library has a solution for you!

You can now print to any YCL location from your mobile device or anywhere with internet access using our website, your email, or a mobile app. The cost is 15¢ per page for black and white or 25¢ for color. Printing through our website or by email does not require installation of any software.

To print by mobile app, download the PrinterOn app to your iOS or Android device through the Google Play or Apple App stores. For more details, visit [yclibrary.org/mobile-printing](http://yclibrary.org/mobile-printing) or call your local YCL location.

## Friends of the Library Book Sale: April 27–28

Support the Library at the Friends of the Library Book Sale! Choose from a large selection of books, bargain-priced from 50¢ to \$2! The sale will be held at the York Public Library on Friday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds benefit York County Libraries. For more information on book sales, visit [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org).

## NEW SPECIALIZED STORYTIMES

Many studies have been conducted explaining what all librarians across the country already know — everyone benefits from storytimes. From the very beginning of the York County Library system, librarians have held storytimes, reading well over thousands of books to children at all our locations. Our librarians have been so successful at this art form, those children are now coming back as adults to enjoy storytimes with their own children.

YCL is now expanding these offerings to include more specialized sessions, such as sensory and Spanish

bilingual language storytimes. Such storytimes are founded on the traditional ones we still offer, but with a little more. Just this year, we have served many of our children across the county with these specialized storytimes.

“Uno, dos, tres deditos ... One, two, three little fingers ...” has recently become a favorite amongst our Spanish bilingual participants. And, like the studies about storytimes, there are studies confirming the benefits of bilingualism that, again, all librarians already knew.



Come enjoy the two-fold benefits of a sensory or a bilingual storytime. Dates and times can be found on our website at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org).



**York County Main Library**  
138 East Black Street, Rock Hill  
803-981-5858

**Clover Public Library**  
107 Knox Street  
803-222-3474

**Fort Mill Public Library**  
1818 Second Baxter Crossing  
803-547-4114

**Lake Wylie Public Library**  
185 Blucher Circle  
803-831-7774

**York Public Library**  
21 East Liberty Street  
803-684-3751

**Bookmobile**  
Serving over 50 locations.  
803-981-5842

[www.yclibrary.org](http://www.yclibrary.org)  
Search the catalog, renew books, place holds, and more.

## Closing Notices

**Easter:** Sunday, April 1

**Staff Development Day:**  
Friday, May 18

**Memorial Day:** Saturday, May 26 – Monday, May 28

## Connect with Us

Published quarterly by York County Library. Email your questions or comments to [jamie.edwards@yclibrary.org](mailto:jamie.edwards@yclibrary.org).



# A LOOK INSIDE YCL: HUMAN RESOURCES

What is human resources? Human resources management is a division of a company that focuses on employee-related activities, including recruiting, hiring of new employees, training of current employees, and employee benefits and retention. Years ago, this department was called personnel.

As York County Library's Associate Director of Human Resources, I am responsible for hiring all staff in our branches, administration department, and Bookmobile. I identify hiring needs, develop job descriptions, create a recruitment plan, and participate in recruitment events and job fairs throughout North and South Carolina. I believe recruiting beyond the county and state borders ensures the Library gets the best talent and shows good faith efforts to broaden diversity and inclusion for our Library system.

At college, university, and job fair recruitment events, I look for the best Liberal Arts students available. Some positions with the Library require a master's degree in Library Science and/or Business. I am also open to master's degrees in Leadership and Development because with a diversity of degrees and education, we can provide a broad range of programs and services in our Library system.

When looking for potential applicants, I look for soft skills like adaptability, problem-solving, and critical observation, all the skills that makes for a well-rounded employee. I look for people with a passion for kids, education, and the arts, and a love of community; creative people who can be flexible and have outgoing personalities; people who work well with oth-

## Recipe: A Great Employee

- 1 tablespoon detail-oriented personality
- 1 tablespoon honesty
- ½ cup creativity
- ½ cup reliable, positive attitude
- 1 cup confidence
- 1 cup team spirit
- 1 cup self-motivation
- A dash of humility
- A dash of proactive attitude

Mix carefully and consistently; continue to move forward. Once that is done, you can end up with A Great Employee.

ers and can be innovative in their thinking; and people with a professional attitude and appearance.

I believe we should have people connecting to other people in our community. The library is in the business of providing programs and services that support educational growth and literacy in our community. It is important to me to have our Library as one of the best places to work in York County, as a premier employer that encourages innovation, creativity, collaboration, and flexibility.

I continue to look for new ways to connect with more colleges and universities, job fairs, and recruitment events to attain top-performing employees and will continue to do my part by hiring those who will help us in meeting the needs of our community. YCL is your community link — to employment, job training, and resume-building.

*– Anita Rookard, Associate Director of Human Resources*