



News for the Stalled

Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week (BBW) is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. Held during the last week of September, BBW highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting banning of books across the United States.

The books featured during BBW have been targets of at-

tempted bannings. Though some books were banned or restricted, in a majority of cases the books were not banned,



thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, booksellers, and community members to keep the books in

the library collections. Imagine how many more books might be challenged—and possibly banned—if librarians, teachers, and booksellers across the country did not use BBW each year to teach the importance of First Amendment rights and the power of literature, and to draw attention to the danger that exists when restraints are imposed on the availability of information

First iRead event a success!

On September 29, the Vise Library held its first iRead event for the book *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*. The event featured a live video conference with Bich Minh Nguyen

(pronounced Bit Min Win), author of the book and professor at Purdue University. She spoke about what inspires her, the writing process, and why she talks about food

so much in the book! Over 150 people attended, and the library staff looks forward to the next event on October 26 (see "Dates to Remember for more information).

Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, October 21– Third Thursday Research Workshop at 12:30 and 5:30 in the library. The workshop will cover WorldCat and Google Scholar
- Wednesday, October 26– iRead Event at 12:30 in Baird Chapel. Dr. William Brinker, Professor of History at Tennessee Tech, will speak about the consequences of the US withdrawal on the Vietnamese in Vietnam.

Fall Break Hours:

- Sun., Oct. 17–
Closed
- Mon., Oct. 18–
8:00 am—4:30 pm
- Tues., Oct. 19–
8:00 am—10:00 pm