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North Georgia Technical College

Banned Books Read at NGTC

The North Georgia Technical College Libraries celebrated Banned Books Week Sept. 24 – Oct. 1. Each campus held a read-out during the week where students, faculty, and staff were encouraged to read a brief selection from a banned book. Attendees were entered to win door prizes with the theme “I’m with the Banned.” Door prizes at the Currahee Campus read-out were copies of various banned classics. The Blairsville Campus librarian paired up with an English class and had the best turnout of the three libraries in terms of students. The Clarkesville Campus event was well attended by College faculty and staff.

Each of the three campus libraries displayed banned books available for check-out. A handout, available in each of the campus libraries and online, listed the 60+ banned books available through the NGTC Libraries. “Join the Banned” and “I’m with the Banned” mini-buttons and bookmarks were given away to spark interest and increase word-of-mouth advertising. Yellow “Do Not Enter” tape, borrowed from Campus Police, was wrapped around the Clarkesville and Currahee Campus book displays. Signs which pictured barbed wire and read “Do Not Read” in bold letters completed the end caps. Pictures of the displays are on the library’s Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ngtclibraries. The displays led library patrons to ask about their purpose, which gave library staff the opportunity to explain the reasons for Banned Books Week and to create awareness of the libraries planned events.

Plans for next year’s Banned Books Week include pairing with a particular class/department to include attendance and partnering with the college’s Photography Department to take pictures of faculty, students, and staff with their favorite banned book in a mug shot-style photograph, an idea borrowed from other libraries.

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