

Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out

DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT
READ A BANNED BOOK

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Introduction

In 2015, Windward Community College (WCC) participated in the American Library Association Banned Books Read-Out for the first time. An English instructor created the course English 271: Intro to Literature: Banned Books and coordinated with the presenter to hold the read-out. Based on the positive feedback in 2015, the read-out was held again in 2016.

Purpose

- Promote intellectual freedom and the First Amendment
- Collaborate with and support instructors
- Provide patrons with library programming

Promotion

- Library Facebook event
- WCC faculty-staff and student listserv announcements
- Official Banned Books Week online calendar
- Posters and flyers distributed throughout campus
- Library display cases stocked with banned books
- Bookmarks at circulation desk
- 2015 WCC student newspaper article

Collaboration

Media

- Microphone & speaker
- Video camera
- Videographer (2015 only)
- Video files

English

- Maintaining speaker sign-up sheet
- Encouraging sign-ups

Circulation

- Event set-up
- Offering quiet areas during event and posting notices
- Taking pictures
- Video editing (2015 only)

The Bluest Eye



Read-Out



Coordinators



Results

Year	2015	2016
Attendees	85	35
Readings	25	15
YouTube Videos	16	11



2016 Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out
WCC Library Reference
WCC BBW 2016 Virtual Read-Out: Event Introduction & Harry Potter
WCC BBW 2016 Virtual Read-Out: The Lorax
[View full playlist \(11 videos\)](#)



2015 Banned Books Week Virtual Read-Out
WCC Library Reference
WCC BBW 2015 Virtual Read-Out: The Bluest Eye Team 1
WCC BBW 2015 Virtual Read-Out: The Bluest Eye Team 2
[View full playlist \(16 videos\)](#)

Discussion

2015 challenge: Slow turnaround for YouTube videos.
Solution: Presenter recorded and edited videos in 2016.

2016 challenge: Decreased attendance (ENG 271 not offered).
Potential solution: More outreach and advertising in 2017.

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