Food for Fines and Library Card Sign-Up Month in September

For nearly a decade Faith Chapel Christian Center has been a strong community partner with the nearby Wylam Branch Library. Leadership at Faith Chapel, which began in Wylam in April 1981 in the home of founder Pastor Michael D. Moore, feel it is a part of their “responsibility as a church to be an active partner in the Wylam community,” said Pastor Blaylock.

With the support and guidance of Constance Blaylock, community liaison, with Connie Tolbert and Selina Johnson, Faith Chapel and Wylam Library have collaborated on several projects, including the “Summer Push,” “Vittles for Vitality Programs,” “Painting at UAB,” and “BPL Reads Banned Books.”

Debra Blaylock, community liaison with Faith Chapel, said, “We love the way the library has supported the church, especially the Way Chapel Community Center in Wylam and the Children’s Ministry at the church. We are very appreciative of the library being so open to our ideas and the community’s ideas. We are glad to be a partner with the library in a place where both institutions can work together for the betterment of Wylam.”

Food for Fines

The library is participating in Food for Fines in conjunction with the annual National Library Card Sign-Up Month. In September cardholders can trade in their old card for a keychain card, receive a replacement for a worn out card, or replace a lost card without paying the $3.00 replacement fee.

As the national holiday of the month, Food for Fines is held in conjunction with the annual National Library Card Sign-Up Month. In September cardholders can trade in their old card for a keychain card, receive a replacement for a worn out card, or replace a lost card without paying the $3.00 replacement fee. Cardholders must present their card in order to participate in Food for Fines. Participating libraries are encouraged to also get involved in the annual National Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Library Card Sign-Up Month

Throughout the month of September, all public libraries in Jefferson County will be participating in a food drive that helps support local charities by replenishing food pantries in anticipation of the coming holiday season. The drive is also part of the annual Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Painting at UAB

Exhibit Opens at Central Library September 7

A free exhibit featuring paintings created by students of The University of Alabama at Birmingham, titled "Beyond the Basics of Painting at UAB," will be on display in the upper galleries of the Central Library through October 25, 2018. The exhibit is part of the Birmingham Public Library’s celebration of Banned Books Week, which runs from September 23 through September 29, 2018.

Painting at UAB is a free exhibit featuring collaborative artwork created by students of the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The exhibit includes nearly 100 paintings created by students in the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Department of Art and Art History painting studio under Chapman’s guidance. The exhibit will highlight the diverse work created in the UAB College of Arts and Sciences Department of Art and Art History.

The opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, September 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the gallery of the Central Library. This event was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to popular books in schools, bookstores, and libraries. The event is observed September cardholders can trade in their old card for a keychain card, receive a replacement for a worn out card, or replace a lost card without paying the $3.00 replacement fee.

Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community—librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, and readers. The 2018 theme, “Banning Books Silences Stories,” is a reminder that everyone needs to speak out against the tide of censorship.