What’s New?

My Boyfriend Barfed in my Handbag ... and Other Things You Can’t Ask Martha, Jolie Kerr [648.5 K41m]
“Informative cleaning instructions delivered by a Martha for millennials ... All college freshmen should receive a copy of this book.” - Megan Fishmann, Bust

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik [347.73 C292n]
“The authors make this unassuming, studious woman come pulsing to life ... Notorious RBG may be a playful project, but it asks to be read seriously.” - The New York Times

How They Met and Other Stories, David Levithan [CUR L666h]
“Together, [these stories] have the feel of a bittersweet reality check — a very nice counterbalance to the usual candy hearts and chocolates.” - Los Angeles Times

The Freedom to Read

1982 was an important year for libraries and supporters of the First Amendment. That’s when Banned Books Week was created to support our right to read—even books that some think are inappropriate or dangerous. The week, celebrated each September in libraries, bookstores, and schools across the nation, highlights issues of censorship. Books are most frequently challenged due to questions of language, sexually explicit material, religious content, or stories deemed inappropriate for a particular age.

However, over the years many books that at one time were challenged have become beloved classics or gone on to receive significant awards like the Pulitzer Prize. See if you recognize any of these authors whose works have been challenged:


ALA’s Most Challenged Titles of 2015

1. Looking for Alaska by John Green
2. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
3. I am Jazz by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
4. Beyond Magenta by Susan Kuklin
5. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
6. The Holy Bible
7. Fun Home by Alison Bechdel
8. Habibi by Craig Thompson
9. Nasreen’s Secret School by Jeanette Winter
10. Two Boys Kissing by David Levitahan

Let us know if you’d like to get your hands on any of these banned books! We can help!

List Compiled by ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom

What is the Wolverine Reading?

This month, the Wolverine is reading Superman on the Couch [741.5 F497S]! You can find it — alongside all of our other graphic novels — in the stacks on the second floor!
Our Mission Statement
“The Robert H. Parker Library at Wesley College supports the academic and research success of our students, faculty, and staff, in the liberal arts tradition.”

Spotlight on the Staff

Penny Carney, Library Associate
What is your favorite thing about the Parker Library?
During my 19 years working in the Parker Library, I’ve seen many changes. However, what has remained constant is the pleasure of welcoming, encouraging, and helping students.
What’s your favorite book(s)?
Favorite book is the Holy Bible. Others include biographies, American history and Amish fiction.
Are you binge-watching anything right now?
No binge-watching — but my favorite shows are Dancing With The Stars, Jeopardy, Big Bang Theory and Price Is Right.
What are some of your hobbies and interests?
My hobbies and interests include reading, traveling near and far, attending plays at local venues, participating in activities for raising Breast Cancer Awareness, and going to the movies.
What’s your favorite word? What’s your least favorite word?
Being a “half-full” person, my favorite word is “love” and least favorite is “hate.”
Tell us two truths and a lie.
I flew over the skies of Delaware in a 1942 Bi-plane. I served on mission teams in Arizona among the Navajo people and in Nicaragua. I parachute jumped in tandem to celebrate my 65th birthday.
Anything else you want to share?
My faithful companion is a furry friend I adopted from the SPCA. My Shi Tzu named Cranberry [pictured to the right] welcomes me home every day with a wag and a toy to throw for her... but her favorite activity is sleeping on my lap!

Did You Know?
Parker Library has an exclusive board game collection that only Wesley cardholders can check out! Grab one today and play with some new friends.

People in the Library
“I find that the library is a place of focus. It’s a place I know I can get my work done. The people who work there are cool and helpful.”
- Nick McDaniels

“Like coming to the library because it’s a quiet environment — unlike my dorm!”
- Yuly Rodriguez

Let Us Know!
Be sure to pick up one of our new emoji bookmarks at the reference desk! Besides being a handy tool for keeping your place in a books, they also work as a way to give feedback! So circle the emoji that best matches how our library makes you feel, and leave a comment or two! Let us know how we can best help you!

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