

# The **Big** Read in Charlotte



A **five month-long series of free events** designed to inform, engage and promote literacy within our community.

## 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

#### February 3 • 11:00 am

Charlotte's Lost Slavery History Walking Tour & Discussion

Start at Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

#### February 6 • 6:00 pm

DIBS Book Club  
Cabarrus County Public Library - Concord

#### February 7 - March 1

Wednesdays & Fridays • 10:50 am  
Book Club

E. E. Waddell High School

**(This event is not open to the public)**

#### February 21 • 12:05 pm

Affirming Identity: Loving The Skin I'm In  
Charlotte Country Day School

#### February 23 • 6:30 pm

Kickoff Celebration Featuring  
KanKouran West African Dance Company  
Wells Fargo Auditorium located in Knight Theater

#### February 24 • 11:00 am

The Males Place: Connecting Our Roots  
Interactive Oratorical Program  
Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

#### February 28 • 6:00 pm

Legacy of Charlotte's Civil Rights Panel  
University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte's Halton Reading Room

### MARCH

#### March 7 • 6:30 pm

Discussion & Activity  
My Sister's House

**(This event is not open to the public)**

#### March 12 • 4:00 pm

Bookends Book Club  
Cabarrus County Library - Kannapolis Branch

#### March 16 • 10:00 am

Building Your Human Museum Workshop Featuring  
North Carolina Poet Laureate Jaki Shelton Green  
Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

#### March 20 • 12:05 pm

Affirming Identity: Loving The Woman I Am  
Charlotte Country Day School

#### March 20 • 4:00 pm

Student Discussion About Home  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte's  
Halton Reading Room

#### March 27 • 6:30 pm

Wednesday Night Live: Playwright Ruth Sloane,  
"Ghana: Photographic & Poetic Reflections"  
Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

### APRIL

#### April 6 • 11:00 am

Family First: Power of the Pen Poetry Writing Workshop  
Featuring Rock Hill, SC Poet Laureate Angelo Geter  
Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

#### April 10 • 10:30 am

Drama & Dance Performance & Poetry Slam  
Northwest School of the Arts

**(This event is not open to the public)**

#### April 17 • 12:05 pm

Affirming Identity: Expressing Who I Am In Word  
Charlotte Country Day School

#### April 24 • 6:30 pm

The 1619 Project Documentary & Discussion  
Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture

#### April 25 • 6:00 pm

Campus Book Discussion  
University of North Carolina at  
Charlotte's Halton Reading Room

### MAY

#### May 6 • 6:00 pm

Book Club Discussion  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library -  
North County Regional Branch

#### May 9 • 5:30 pm

Homegoing Gallery Walk  
West Charlotte High School

#### May 15 • 6:00 pm

Book Club Discussion & Art Display  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library -  
Myers Park Branch

#### May 19 • 3:00 pm

Book Club Discussion  
Black Butterflies Book Club - Charlotte, NC

**(This event is not open to the public)**

### JUNE

#### June 18 • 3:00 pm

Teen Book Club Discussion  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library -  
West Blvd. Branch

#### June 26 • 6:30 pm

Book Club Discussion  
Charlotte Mecklenburg Library -  
South County Regional Branch

#### June 27 • 6:30 pm

The Big Read Closing Ceremony  
Featuring *Homegoing* Author Yaa Gyasi  
Wells Fargo Auditorium located in Knight Theater



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## 2024 EVENT LOCATIONS

### **Cabarrus Public Library**

27 Union St N.  
Concord, NC 28025

### **Cabarrus Public Library**

850 Mountain St.  
Kannapolis, NC 28081

### **Charlotte Country Day School**

1440 Carmel Road  
Charlotte, NC 28226

### **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

#### **North County Regional**

16500 Holly Crest Lane  
Huntersville, NC 28078

#### **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Myers Park**

1361 Queens Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207

### **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

#### **South County Regional**

5801 Rea Road  
Charlotte, NC 28277

### **Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

2157 West Blvd.  
Charlotte NC 28208

### **E. E. Waddell High School**

7030 Nations Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28217

### **Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture**

551 S. Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

### **My Sister's House**

3239 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216

### **Northwest School of the Arts**

1415 Beatties Ford Road  
Charlotte, NC 28216

### **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

#### **J. Murrey Atkins Library – Halton Reading Room**

9201 University City Boulevard  
Charlotte, NC 28223

#### **Wells Fargo Auditorium at the Knight Theatre**

430 South Tryon Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

### **West Charlotte High School**

2219 Senior Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28216

## PARTNERS

Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture (Lead Organization)

Black Butterflies Book Club

Cabarrus Public Library (2 locations)

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (4 locations)

Charlotte Country Day School

E. E. Waddell High School

My Sister's House

Northwest School of the Arts

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, J. Murrey Atkins Library

The Males Place

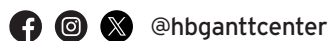
West Charlotte High School



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