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LIBRARY & LITERACY UPDATE

OCTOBER 2025

LIBRARY INFO & DATES

- October is **Filipino American History Month**, **LGBTQ+ History Month**, **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, **Hindu History Month**, **National Anti-bullying Month**, **National Book Month** and TeenTober Month (YALSA & ALA)
- Latinx/Hispanic Heritage Month** continues through 10/15
- Yom Kippur, Oct. 1-2th
 - Yom Kippur holiest day of the year
- World Teacher's Day, Oct. 5th
- Banned Books Week**, 10/5-10/11
 - Let Freedom Read Day-10/11
- World Mental Health Day, Oct. 10th
- Library & Literacy Day** at VCOE-10/15
- Indigenous People's Day, Oct. 14th
 - Unlearning Columbus Day Myths: Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Digital Citizenship Week, Oct. 13-17th
 - Celebrate Digital Citizenship Week
- Media Literacy Week**- 10/27-10/31
- Ojai Storytelling Festival- 10/23-10/26
- Halloween**, Oct. 31st
- Day of the Dead** (Día de Muertos) Nov. 1-2nd



FREE WEBINARS

Follett: Building a District-Wide AI Policy: Insights from K-12 Leaders- 10/14;

Leading the Charge: Navigating Change in Edtech Leadership- 10/15

Booklist: Macmillan Children's Publishing Group Winter 2026 Preview Event-10/2;

Fall in Love with Series Nonfiction- 10/7; Fall and Winter Picture Books - 10/14

Mackin: Katherine Applegate Virtual Classroom Visit With Student Q&A



RESOURCES

Filipino American History Month

- San Diego County Office of Educator Guide for Filipino American History Month
- FANHS- Filipino American National Historical Society: Ideas for classroom activities
- Booklists: Filipino American and Filipino Children's Books and Young Adult, Middle Grade, and Children's Books by Filipino American Authors

LGBTQ+ History Month

- TeachingBooks.net has curated LGBTQ+ booklists for both elementary students and secondary students.
- GLSEN resources include podcasts, student resources, and educator tools.

Hindu History Month

- Education Resources

National Anti-Bullying Month

- Children's and Young Adult Literature with Discussion Guides



Mabuhay!

DON'T MISS LIBRARY & LITERACY DAY- 10/15/2025!

Library & Literacy Day at VCOE is shaping up to be an incredible day of learning and fun. We have so many incredible speakers and presentations lined up (Kelly Yang is coming- SQUEAL!!!), a photo booth, a CSLA meetup, FOOD, BOOKS, and the most incredible door prizes yet!! You do not want to miss out on the book magic this October!



[Register here](#)



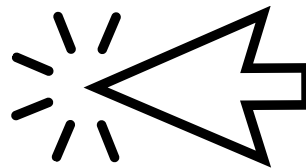
BANNED BOOKS WEEK RESOURCES

Banned Books Week is an annual event that celebrates the freedom to read and highlights the value of open access to information. At its heart, Banned Books Week isn't just about books—it's about protecting the right to think, question, and explore ideas freely.

Check out the resources below for more information or ways to support intellectual freedom:

- Celebrate **Let Freedom Read Day** by taking at least one action. Click here for [ideas](#).
- Host a [Right to Read](#) night
- Check out data on ALA [Banned & Challenged Books](#) Website
- Check out the [Unite Against Book Bans](#) toolkit

DIGITAL & MEDIA LITERACY WEEK



Celebrate Digital Citizenship Week and join teachers worldwide to promote a healthy, positive approach to media and tech. Check out [VCOE's Media Literacy](#) website- an excellent, curated resource.

A few standouts can be found below:

- [NAMLE: Media Literacy Week](#)
- [News Literacy Project](#)- lessons, printables, and a fantastic newsletter called "The Sift"
- [Commonsense Media](#)- lessons, resources, and more



Here's to highlighting the power of media literacy and its essential role in education!