



York County  
**Library**  
YOUR COMMUNITY LINK

**NEWS & EVENTS**  
October–December 2019

# TAKE THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE!

The 2nd Annual **Totally Cool Winter Reading Challenge** is Back!

Shake off the winter chills while improving family literacy and encouraging good reading habits during the winter months. York County Library’s online **Winter Reading Challenge** will be available from December 16, 2019, to January 31, 2020. All ages are welcome to participate. Register at any YCL branch, the Bookmobile, or [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org), starting December 5.

Log in to your existing Beanstack account through [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) or create one at [yclibrary.beanstack.org](http://yclibrary.beanstack.org). Just keep track of the time you read or listen to an audiobook. Once you have logged 5 hours through Beanstack, stop by any York County Library by January 31 to pick up a prize from local sponsors, while supplies last. For every 5 hours

logged, readers will be entered to win a Totally Cool Grand Prize. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

As an added bonus when you sign up, you’ll automatically be entered in a special community program offered through Beanstack and Penguin Random House. To celebrate the new year, we challenge York County to read 1 million minutes from December 16 – January 31. Participating schools and libraries throughout the country that meet their goals will be eligible to win books and author visits from Penguin Random House.

So, beat those winter doldrums by reading more books and helping



us meet our goal. It’s easy — just sign up at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) or local YCL branch, and follow the challenge via **#WinterRead2020** on social media.



## Elves in the Shelves!

Holiday fun takes center stage at the library with the annual **Elves in the Shelves** celebration at the Main Library in Rock Hill. This event will take place on Thursday, Dec. 5, from 4–6 p.m. and is part of **ChristmasVille**, Old Town Rock Hill’s holiday festival.

The library will roll out a batch of holiday cheer with seasonal music by Ed Wielunski, letters to Santa, children’s holiday crafts provided by community partners, face-painting by Rock Hill High School

Teacher Cadets, and a visit from our famous library Elf on the Shelf. Parents are invited to bring their camera to take family pictures with our life-size elf. Warm up with hot chocolate and cookies on the library’s front porch, and then check out some of our festive holiday books and materials. All ages are welcome, and no registration is required.

For more information, call the Children’s Department at 803-981-5888, visit [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org), or view a complete schedule of ChristmasVille events at [ChristmasVilleRockHill.com](http://ChristmasVilleRockHill.com).

# YOU'RE MORE CREATIVE THAN YOU THINK!

This holiday season, make something for the loved ones in your life! Visit [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) for Creativebug, our free online arts and crafts tutorial service! Creativebug has thousands of classes covering a wide variety of arts and crafts skills taught by renowned artists and creative experts, all free for YCL cardholders. New users must create an account.

Want to join YCL's crafting groups and programs? There's something for all ages and all branches of artists and crafters. Check out [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) for these programs and more:

## **Tis the season to get crafty!**

Learn the basics of needle felting by creating a handmade winter ornament for you or your loved ones at our annual ChristmasVille craft! Register at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org), starting Friday, Nov. 22.

*Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m., Main Library*

Get a head start by checking out Rad Megan's *Intro to Needle Felting* on Creativebug.

## **Get Crafty to Give Back!**

The Good Yarn Stitching Club welcomes all crafters to get together, work on personal



projects, and help each other through tough spots and knots.

*Mondays, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18, and Dec. 2 & 16, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Main Library*

Throughout December, the club will be busy making and donating hats, gloves, and scarves for York County residents in need. A limited number of "Take, Make, and Donate" kits will be available to provide yarn for donated creations. Check the events calendar in December for more. Want to knit or crochet something to donate? Check out Carla Scott's *How to Crochet* and *How to Knit* Creativebug classes to learn the skills you need to create simple scarves.

## Technology Tutoring at YCL

York County Library provides one-on-one tutoring on numerous technology topics. Do you need help using your computer, tablet, or cell phone? Do you have questions about building your resume or using Microsoft Office?

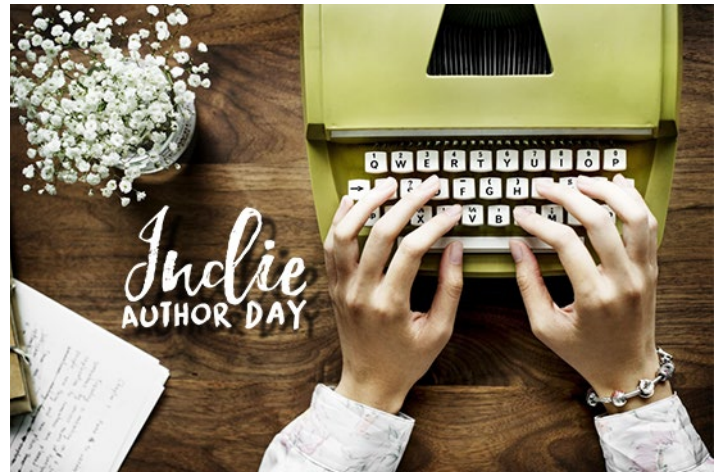
Topics include device help and the basics on PCs, the Internet, email, and Microsoft Office. Visit our Technology Services page at [yclibrary.org/technology-services](http://yclibrary.org/technology-services) for more information and registration details.



# 2019 INDIE AUTHOR DAY: OCTOBER 12

Each year, libraries and organizations around the world welcome local indie authors, writers, and their communities in for a day of education, networking, mingling, writing, open mics, panels, and so much more! For more on Indie Author Day, visit [indieauthorday.com](http://indieauthorday.com), and celebrate at YCL with these special events:

- **Author Discussion Panel:** Connect with local authors Anita Hart, Mark Lemberger, Sandra Ludwa, and Donna Wylie as they answer your questions about the writing and publishing process. After the discussion, authors will be available for individual questions and selling copies of their books. Register at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org).  
*Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.–12 p.m., Main Library*
- **Lunch & Learn:** Bring a bag lunch and join your fellow writers in watching and reflecting on these Indie Author Day workshop videos: *How to Pro-*



*duce a Professional Book, How to Market Your Book, The Costs of Self Publishing, and The Importance of a Quality Book Cover.* Register at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org).  
*Saturday, Oct. 12, 12:30–2 p.m., Main Library*

## A HISTORY OF SERVING OUR NATION: HISPANIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**Sonia Sotomayor** is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. **Ruben Salazar** was a field reporter for the Los Angeles Times. **Roberto Clemente** was a sports trailblazer. **Albert Baez** helped invent the x-ray microscope.

Throughout the history of the U.S., whether from the scientific community, a sports arena, or government buildings, Hispanic Americans' service to our nation has been vast and greatly appreciated.

Many Hispanic Americans have contributed to our nations' history and culture through their service, which is why we take time every year to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**. President Johnson first approved Hispanic Heritage

Week in 1968, and in 1988 President Reagan expanded the celebration to a month, every September 15 – October 15.

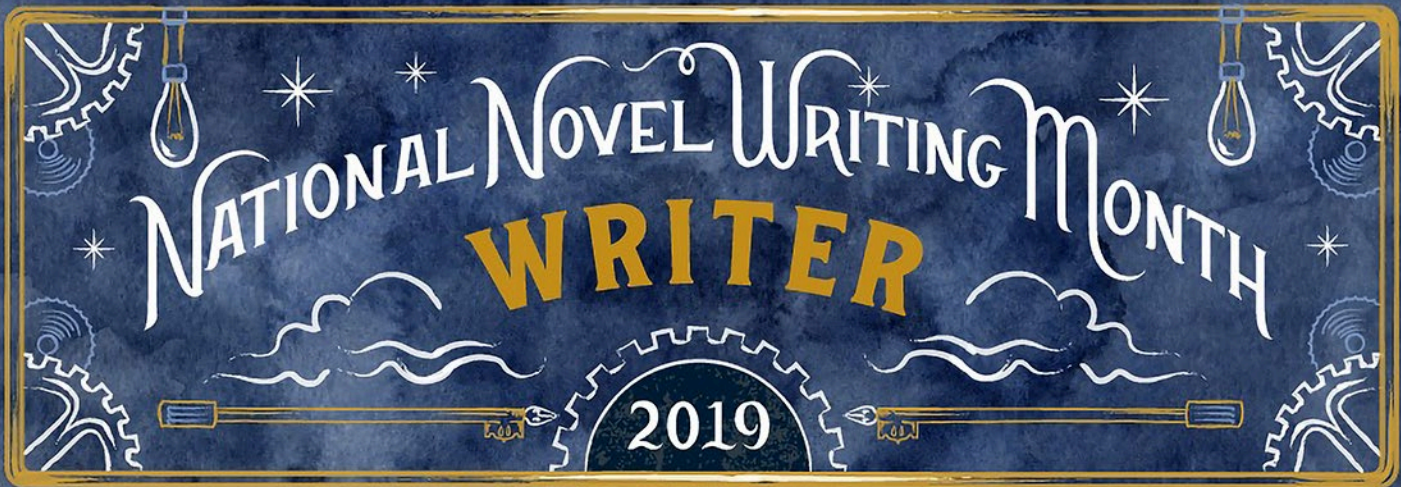
York County Library would like to invite its patrons to check out the books on display highlighting these Hispanic Americans' contributions. The Main Library in Rock Hill has fiction, biographies, and cookbooks, as well as Spanish materials, all of which can be checked out.

We also have updated information on the U.S. citizenship test, with sample questions and required forms, and at the [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) online Virtual Library, resources such as Mango Languages and Learning Express Library for learning languages and test-taking strategies.



**Sonia Sotomayor**  
Associate Justice  
of the Supreme Court

For further questions or assistance finding Hispanic materials, please contact a YCL staff member.



## NaNoWriMo: 50,000 Words. One Month.

**National Novel Writing Month**, or **NaNoWriMo**, is a yearly challenge to write a brand new 50,000-word novel in the 30 days of November. Begun in 1999, NaNoWriMo is also the name of the non-profit organization that hosts this challenge.

Check out [NaNoWriMo.org](http://NaNoWriMo.org) for information, inspiration, and writing tips. Register to track your word count, connect with local writers, and find events, including our **"Come Write In"** sessions. See below for more, and check out our **Indie Author Day 2019** events for October 12 in this newsletter and online at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org):

- **Fort Mill Writers' Group**

A safe, welcoming place to hone your writing. We focus primarily on fiction and critique two submissions a month from members. We do NaNoWriMo. Contact [jef.tobias@yclibrary.org](mailto:jef.tobias@yclibrary.org) for more information.  
*Saturdays, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, & Dec. 14, 3-5 p.m., Fort Mill Library*

- **Come Write In**

Tackling NaNoWriMo? Bring your laptops, paper, and pens, and enjoy the company of fellow writers for the NaNoWriMo 50,000-word challenge or other writing goal. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as plenty of

outlets for your devices. Register at [yclibrary.org](http://yclibrary.org) or contact [sarah.metts@yclibrary.org](mailto:sarah.metts@yclibrary.org) for more information.

*Tuesdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19, & 26, 5-7 p.m., Main Library*

### Writing Tips

Want motivation to tackle NaNoWriMo? Or don't feel like you can make the 50,000-word challenge? Set a writing goal for November that fits your schedule. Take on a smaller challenge — set a word limit, page, or paragraph goal that is manageable but challenging. Make it fit your writing style and preferences. Here are some more writing tips to help you get through any writing goal!

- **Schedule It:** Dedicate a time and place for writing that works for you. You may be an early bird or night owl, enjoy background music, or prefer total silence. Make a date to write and pick a place that inspires you.
- **Gather Inspiration on the Go:** Keep a journal or note-keeping app to track ideas as they come to mind. That little idea could be the seed for something bigger. Learn how to make your own journal with **Creativebug**, our free online arts and crafts tutorial service!

- **Silence the Inner Critic:** When trying to meet a large word count, it is not the time to edit grammar and spelling. Push those worries aside as you work on your first draft. Worry about the fine details afterwards.

- **From Big to Small:** A large word-count goal can be intimidating. Break your big goal into daily goals, each an individual step of your long (and rewarding) journey.

- **Treat Yourself:** Meet your goal today? Having trouble feeling motivated? Promise yourself a treat when you reach your daily goal, as simple as a walk outside, browsing the Internet, or a sweet treat.

### Check it Out

YCL has what you need:

- Check out the **808 section** of nonfiction to find instructional books on writing! Don't forget to look at new nonfiction as well.
- Visit [yclibrary.org/downloads](http://yclibrary.org/downloads) for our digital services! **Hoopla** has books and audiobooks about writing, and **RBdigital** offers **Writer's Digest** magazine.
- Don't see a title in our catalog or digital content? Contact your local YCL branch to use our **Interlibrary Loan** service, and see if we can get you a copy!

# YCL ONLINE: NEW FREE RESOURCES

Several new online resources have been added for your use by Discus (Digital Information for South Carolina Users), administered by the S.C. State Library. Discus provides free access to an electronic library at any time. Visit [yclibrary.org/all-resources](http://yclibrary.org/all-resources) for these and more Discus resources, as well as many others available from York County Library:

**World Almanac for Kids Elementary** contains short articles, videos, games, and information on all subjects aimed at students in grades 2-5 and their parents.

**World Almanac for Kids Intermediate** contains articles, videos, games, and reference guides on all subjects aimed at students in grades 6-9 and their parents.

**Writer's Reference**, for middle school students through adults,

includes step-by-step guides to writing good essays, reports, and business documents. It also contains a reference shelf of works including a dictionary, a thesaurus, lists of proverbs and clichés, and a rhyming dictionary.

Another available resource, although not brand new, is the **Career Transitions** database, aimed at middle school students through adults. It includes a career assessment tool for those exploring career options, a guided resume and cover letter system, and an interview simulation tool, as well as the option for job seekers to search for jobs on Indeed.com.

Also, thanks to the positive feedback we received from our recent trial of **Value Line**, York County Library now offers YCL cardholders regular access to this amazing product. Investment



clubs and single investors alike will benefit from Value Line's information and advice on over 6,000 stocks, 18,000 mutual funds, 200,000 options, and other securities.

Finally, **Fold3.com**, the premier source for U.S. military records, is a newly-available product of Ancestry.com. The website offers exclusive military content from the Revolutionary War through the present, including pension records, compiled service records, correspondence, and reports. No genealogist should ignore military records in their research, and now York County Library is pleased to offer this free resource to help you learn more about your heritage.

## Food for Fines December 1-31

Pay off overdue library fines with nonperishable food! For each donated item, \$1 will be credited to overdue fines. Donations go toward overdue fines only and do not cover the cost of lost or damaged materials. All donations will benefit local area charities. Items can be dropped off at all York County Library locations. No bottled water, ramen noodles, clothing, household items, or toiletries can be accepted. Acceptable donations include:

- Canned fruit/soup/vegetables
- Canned meats (tuna/chicken)
- Pasta/rice/mashed potatoes
  - Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Breakfast cereal & baby food

No fines? Donate clothing for our Mitten Trees and area shelters! During December, drop off new gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens for children and adults at all YCL locations.





**York County Main Library**  
138 East Black Street, Rock Hill  
803-981-5858

**Clover Public Library**  
107 Knox Street  
803-222-3474

**Fort Mill Public Library**  
1818 Second Baxter Crossing  
803-547-4114

**Lake Wylie Public Library**  
185 Blucher Circle  
803-831-7774

**York Public Library**  
21 East Liberty Street  
803-684-3751

**Bookmobile**  
Serving over 50 locations.  
803-981-5842

[www.yclibrary.org](http://www.yclibrary.org)  
Search the catalog, renew books, place holds, and more.

## Closing Notices

**Staff Development Day:**  
Closed November 11

**Thanksgiving:** Closing at 5 p.m.  
November 27; Closed November 28 – December 1

**Christmas:** Closing at 5 p.m.  
December 23; Closed December 24–25

**New Year's:** Closing at 5 p.m.  
December 31; Closed January 1

## Connect with Us

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# NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

Oct. 20-26, 2019



[www.ala.org/united/friendsweek](http://www.ala.org/united/friendsweek)



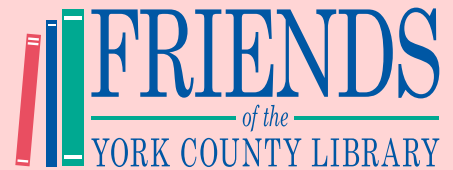
York County Library will celebrate its Friends of the Library group as part of the 14th annual **National Friends of Libraries Week**, October 20–26. The Friends of the York County Library began in 1975 to support the YCL system through advocacy and financial support. This year, they celebrate 44 years of service to YCL.

Through memberships, book sales, and special fundraising activities, the non-profit organization provides funding for non-budgeted library projects, programs, and other needs, such as the Summer Learning/ Winter Reading Challenges, Patchwork Tales Storytelling Festival, and more.

Currently over 300 community members contribute annually to the Friends and nearly 50 actively volunteer to assist with fundraising efforts, including branch sales and specialty sales at their book store, **Friends Books on Main**.

The store, open to the public Thursdays – Saturdays, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 206 E. Main Street in Rock Hill, features thousands of donated books, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs at great prices.

Support the Friends by joining today! Visit [friends.yclibrary.org](http://friends.yclibrary.org) or call 803-272-8303 for more information. Don't forget to follow the Friends on Facebook and Instagram, and check out these upcoming Friends Sales:



### Fiction Book Sale

Choose from a large selection of hardcover and paperback fiction for adults and children's books, priced from \$1–\$3.

- *Thursday & Friday, Oct. 3–4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., & Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Clover Public Library*
- *Thursday & Friday, Oct. 24–25, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., & Saturday, Oct. 26, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., York Public Library*

And look for other special sales as they are announced — including an **\$8 Paperback Bag Sale** and a **Buy 1, Get 1 Free Cookbook Sale** during Old Town Rock Hill's "Shop Small Saturdays" in October and November!

### Books on Main Holiday Sale

Shop Friends Books on Main for gift-quality books for children and adults, coffee table books, fiction and nonfiction, holiday books, and CDs. Proceeds benefit all York County Libraries.

- *Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*
- *Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.*
- *Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.*
- *Sunday, Dec. 8, 12–5 p.m.*

### Holiday Closings

Friends Books on Main will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, for Thanksgiving and Thursday, Dec. 26, for Christmas.