**ONE DISCUSSION ~ ONE COMMUNITY**

**The Primary Title**

When fourteen-year-old Carlotta Walls walked up the stairs of Little Rock Central High School on September 25, 1957, she and eight other black students only wanted to make it to class. But the journey of the “Little Rock Nine,” as they came to be known, would lead the nation on an even longer and much more turbulent path, one that would challenge prevailing attitudes, break down barriers, and forever change the landscape of America.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ONE BOOK PROJECT KICKOFF EVENT**

Mon. Sept. 12 @ 3-4pm • Bakersfield College

**AN EVENING WITH CARLOTA WALLS LANIER**

Thurs. Oct. 27 @ 7pm • CSUB Icardo Center

**NON-FICTION**

A Mighty Long Way: My Journey at Little Rock Central High School by Carlotta Walls Lanier

**2022 Themes**

Civil Rights
Racial Discrimination
Tolerance
Diversity
Courage

**ONE COMPANION BOOK TITLES** for all genres & ages

**NON-FICTION**

- The History of the Civil Rights Movement: A History Book for New Readers by Shadae Mallory
- Ain’t Burned All The Bright by Jason Reynolds
- Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson
- March: Book Three (1940-2020) by John Lewis

**POETRY**

**TEEN**

**GRAPHIC NOVEL**

**PICTURE BOOK**

- All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

A Mighty Long Way & One Book titles available for checkout in print, eBook, eAudiobook, & book on CD from the Kern County Library. Also available for purchase from Russo’s Books and Barnes & Noble.

**The One Book Project** is sponsored by Kern County Library and California State University, Bakersfield.
READ THE BOOKS. JOIN THE CONVERSATION.

The Kern County community is invited to share experiences related to a single book’s themes through discussions, educational programming, and entertainment. Join the conversation by signing up with Beanstack and reading A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School or any of the recommended titles for this year’s One Book Project. Win digital badges, prizes, and let your community know you’ve joined the conversation! For more information, visit KCLonebook.org

Join the One Book Project Reading Challenge!

Beanstack

Sign up for One Book Project Reading Challenge through Beanstack. Record reading sessions and manage family accounts to earn digital badges and prizes!

PREMIER EVENTS

ONE BOOK PROJECT KICKOFF EVENT
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 3-4pm

Breaking Barriers: The Trials and Triumph of Being a Trailblazer
Local leaders will share their stories of struggle and victory in becoming the first; they will be in conversation with BC students who share similar feelings of isolation and marginalization. Join us at the #OneBookProject’s kickoff event!

Levan Center, Bakersfield College, 1801 Panorama Drive, Bakersfield. 661.395.4011

Moderator: Paula L. Parks, Ph.D. Featuring Panelists: Jeanie Hill, First African American Miss Kern County, and Robert Reader, Founder of MLK Center and Second African American Counselor at Bakersfield College.

The Making of the News Observer with Editor James Luckey
Tue. | Oct. 4 | 4:30-5:30pm

Editor James Luckey will share his family history owning The News Observer, a newspaper published in Kern and LA Counties, and discuss how content is created.

Beale Memorial Library Auditorium, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.668.0701

An Evening with Carlotta Walls LaNier
Thurs. | Oct. 27 | 7pm

Join us at the #OneBookProject’s culminating book signing event featuring A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School author Carlotta Walls LaNier. Author will present an evening of conversation, discussing her life in Little Rock, Arkansas while attending Little Rock Central High School during desegregation.

Presented to you by the CSUB Office of the Provost, CSUB AIMs Program, Kern Council of Teachers of English, CSUB Department of English, and Sigma Tau Delta.

Icardo Center, CSUB, 9001 Stockdale Hwy. 661.654.3172
FAMILY STORYTIMES

ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY
201 Campus Drive, Arvin. 661.854.5934
Wed. | Sept. 7 | 4:30pm
Wed. | Sept. 14 | 4:30pm

BAKER BRANCH LIBRARY
1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390
Tue. | Oct. 4 | 11am
Tue. | Oct. 18 | 11am

BEALE BRANCH LIBRARY
701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield. 661.868.0701
Thu. | Sept. 1 | 11am
Tue. | Sept. 20 | 11am

BORON BRANCH LIBRARY
26687 Twenty Mule Team Rd., Boron. 760.762.5606
Fri. | Sept. 16 | 11:30am
Fri. | Oct. 14 | 11:30am

BUTTONWILLOW LIBRARY
101 N. Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337
Thu. | Sept. 15 | 4pm
Thu. | Sept. 22 | 4pm

CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY
9507 California City Blvd., California City. 760.373.4757
Thu. | Sept. 15 | 11:30am
Thu. | Oct. 13 | 11:30am

DELANO BRANCH LIBRARY
925 Tenth Ave., Delano. 661.725.1078
Wed. | Sept. 14 | 4:30pm
Wed. | Oct. 12 | 4:30pm

FRAZIER PARK LIBRARY
3732 Park Drive, Frazier Park. 661.245.1267
Thu. | Sept. 22 | 12pm
Thu. | Oct. 20 | 12pm

HOLLOWAY–GONZALES LIBRARY
506 E. Brundage Lane, Bakersfield. 661.861.2083
Thu. | Sept. 15 | 12pm
Fri. | Sept. 23 | 12pm
Thu. | Oct. 13 | 12pm

KERN RIVER VALLEY LIBRARY
7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella. 760.549.2083
Wed. | Sept. 14 | 3:30pm
Wed. | Oct. 12 | 3:30pm

LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY
8304 Segreue Rd., Lamont. 661.845.3471
Fri. | Sept. 16 | 4pm
Fri. | Sept. 23 | 4pm

MCFARLAND BRANCH LIBRARY
500 W. Kern Ave., McFarland. 661.792.2318
Wed. | Sept. 21 | 4pm
Wed. | Oct. 19 | 4pm

MOJAVE BRANCH LIBRARY
15555 O Street, Mojave. 661.824.2243
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 11:30am
Mon. | Oct. 10 | 11:30am

NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY
2671 Osweil St., Suite B, Bakersfield. 661.871.9017
Thu. | Oct. 6 | 11am
Thu. | Oct. 20 | 11am

RATHBUN BRANCH LIBRARY
200 W. China Grade Loop, Bakersfield. 661.393.6431
Tue. | Sept. 13 | 11:30am
Tue. | Oct. 11 | 11:30am

RIDGECREST BRANCH LIBRARY
131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870
Thu. | Sept. 15 | 10:30am
Thu. | Oct. 13 | 10:30am
Thu. | Nov. 10 | 10:30am

ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY
3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond. 661.256.3236
Tue. | Sept. 27 | 4pm
Wed. | Oct. 12 | 4pm

SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY
8301 Ming Ave., Bakersfield. 661.664.7716
Tue. | Sept. 13 | 4pm
Tue. | Oct. 11 | 4pm

TAFT BRANCH LIBRARY
27 Cougar Court, Taft. 661.763.3294
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 4pm
Mon. | Sept. 19 | 4pm

TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY
212 Green St., Tehachapi. 661.822.4938
Thu. | Sept. 22 | 11am
Thu. | Nov. 17 | 11am

WASCO BRANCH LIBRARY
1102 7th Street, Wasco. 661.758.2114
Tue. | Sept. 27 | 3:30pm
Tue. | Oct. 18 | 3:30pm

WILSON BRANCH LIBRARY
1901 Wilson Road, Bakersfield. 661.834.4044
Fri. | Oct. 14 | 4pm
Fri. | Oct. 28 | 4pm

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB

KERN READS
Virtual Book Club
Read the selected book title and participate with Library staff in a live virtual discussion.

Join us LIVE at 5pm via Zoom!
Register on Facebook

10/4/22

www.facebook.com/groups/kernreads
FAMOUS FIRSTS OF BLACK AMERICANS

Shirley Chisholm
First African American woman elected to Congress in 1968

Booker T. Washington
First African American to be on a U.S. Postage Stamp

Madame C.J. Walker
First African American millionaire by inventing black hair care products

James Meredith
First African American to attend the University of Mississippi

INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

Visit your local library branch September through November and participate in a community interactive activity!

I Belong Tree
Holloway-Gonzales Library
506 E. Brandage Lane, Bakersfield. 661.861.2083
Rathbun Branch Library
200 W. China Grade Loop, Bakersfield. 661.393.6431

Fingerprint Art Quilt
Ridgecrest Branch Library
131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870

The Color of Us
Frazier Park Branch Library
3732 Park Drive, Frazier Park. 661.245.1267
Mcfarland Branch Library
500 W. Kern Ave., Mcfarland. 661.792.2318

I Have a Dream... Board
Baker Branch Library
1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390
Boron Branch Library
26867
Twenty Mule Team Rd, Boron. 760.762.5606
Buttonwillow Branch Library
101 N. Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337
California City Branch Library
9507 California City Blvd., California City. 760.373.4757
Delano Branch Library
925 Tenth Ave., Delano. 661.725.1078
Mojave Branch Library
15555 O Street, Mojave. 661.824.2243

Northeast Branch Library
2671 Oswell St., Suite B, Bakersfield. 661.871.9017
Rosamond Branch Library
3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond. 661.256.3236
Taft Branch Library
27 Cougar Court, Taft. 661.763.3294
Tehachapi Branch Library
212 Green Street, Tehachapi. 661.822.4938
Wasco Branch Library
1102 7th Street, Wasco. 661.758.2114
Wilson Branch Library
1901 Wilson Road, Bakersfield. 661.834.4044

Different But The Same Collage
Southwest Branch Library
8301 Ming Ave., Bakersfield. 661.664.7716
TEEN ACTIVITIES

BLACK OUT POETRY
Thu. | Sept. 15 | 4pm Lamont Branch Library, 8304 Segue Rd., Lamont. 661.845.3471
Tue. | Sept. 20 | 4pm Arvin Branch Library, 201 Campus Drive, Arvin. 661.854.5934
Wed. | Oct. 12 | 4pm Rosamond Branch Library, 3611 Rosamond Blvd., Rosamond. 661.256.3236

CRAFTY TEENS
Thur. | Sept. 1 | 3:30pm Ridgecrest Branch Library, 131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 4pm Mojave Branch Library, 15555 O Street, Mojave. 661.824.2243
Thu. | Sept. 15 | 4pm California City Branch Library, 9507 California City Blvd., California City. 760.373.4757
Fri. | Sept. 23 | 4pm Boron Branch Library, 26867 Twenty Mule Team Rd., Boron. 760.762.5606
Tue. | Oct. 4 | 12pm Rathbun Branch Library, 200 W. China Grade Loop, Bakersfield. 661.393.6431
Thu. | Oct. 6 | 12pm Holloway-Gonzales Branch Library, 506 E. Brundage Lane, Bakersfield. 661.861.2083
Thu. | Oct. 6 | 3:30pm Ridgecrest Branch Library, 131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870
Fri. | Oct. 7 | 4pm McFarland Branch Library, 500 W. Kern Ave., McFarland. 661.792.2318
Thur. | Nov. 3 | 3:30pm Ridgecrest Branch Library, 131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870

ART PROJECTS
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 4pm Delano Branch Library, 925 Tenth Ave., Delano. 661.725.1078
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 4pm Wasco Branch Library, 1102 7th Street, Wasco. 661.758.2114
Thur. | Oct. 20 | 4pm Wilson Branch Library, 1901 Wilson Road, Bakersfield. 661.834.4044

CIVIL RIGHTS TRIVIA
Fri. | Oct. 7 | 4pm Buttonwillow Branch Library, 101 N. Main St., Buttonwillow. 661.764.5337
Tue. | Oct. 11 | 5pm Taft Branch Library, 27 Cougar Court, Taft. 661.763.3294

MAYA ANGELOU READINGS
Mon. | Oct. 10 | 3pm Baker Branch Library, 1400 Baker St., Bakersfield. 661.861.2390
Thu. | Oct. 13 | 3pm Northeast Branch Library, 2671 Oswell St., Suite B, Bakersfield. 661.871.9017

SELF-CARE WORKSHOP
Fri. | Sept. 23 | 4pm Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.868.0701

FILM SCREENINGS
FREE Flix. View and join the discussion.

POV Documentary: The Song of the Butterflies
Directed by Núria Frijole Torrent
A documentary that addresses the importance of collective memory, the legacy of trauma and the family relationships that fuel and shape us even more than we understand. The rubber massacre and its aftermath, which spans generations, can not be ignored or forgotten.
Fri. | Sept. 9 | 4pm Kern River Valley Library, 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella. 760.549.2083

Discover it on NETFLIX
White Hot: The Rise & Fall of Abercrombie & Fitch
Directed by Alison Klayman
Featuring interviews with dozens of former employees, executives, and models, WHITE HOT: THE RISE & FALL OF ABERCROMBIE & FITCH unravels the complex history of the iconic brand that influenced an entire generation.
Wed. | Sept. 14 | 6pm December Reading Room, Walter Stern Library, CSUB. 9001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, CA. 661.654.3172

Remember the Titans
Directed by Boaz Yakin
The true story of a newly appointed African-American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit.
Fri. | Oct. 14 | 3:30pm Delano Branch Library, 925 Tenth Avenue, Delano, CA. 661.725.1078

FILM TALK
Film Talk! Let’s discuss Jordan Peele’s films Get Out, Us, and Nope!
Thu. | Oct. 20 | 3pm Northeast Branch Library, 2671 Oswell Street, Suite B, Bakersfield, CA. 661.871.9017
Tue. | Oct. 25 | 3pm Baker Branch Library, 1400 Baker Street, Bakersfield, CA. 661.861.2390
ADULTS GET CRAFTY
Thur. | Sept. 22 | 3pm Lamont Branch Library, 8304 Segree Rd, Lamont. 661.845.3471
Thur. | Sept. 22 | 4pm California City Branch Library, 9507 California City Blvd, California City. 760.373.4257
Fri. | Sept. 23 | 4pm Boron Branch Library, 26867 Twenty Mule Team Rd, Boron. 760.762.9506
Tue. | Sept. 27 | 4pm Arvin Branch Library, 201 Campus Drive, Arvin. 661.854.5934
Mon. | Oct. 3 | 4pm Mojave Branch Library, 15555 O Street, Mojave. 661.824.2243
Wed. | Oct. 5 | 12pm Rathbun Branch Library, 200 W. China Grade Loop, Bakersfield. 661.393.2083
Fri. | Oct. 7 | 12pm Holloway-Gonzales Branch Library, 506 E. Brundage Lane, Bakersfield. 661.861.2083
Thur. | Oct. 6 | 4pm Wilson Branch Library, 1901 Wilson Road, Bakersfield. 661.834.4044

POETRY COLLAGE
Thur. | Oct. 27 | 5pm Kern River Valley Branch Library, 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella. 760.545.2083

ONE BOOK PROJECT BOOK CLUB
Mon. | Sept. 26 | 4pm Wasco Branch Library, 1102 7th St, Wasco. 661.758.2114
Thur. | Sept. 29 | 5pm Buttonwillow Branch Library, 101 N. Main St, Buttonwillow. 661.764.5332
Thur. | Sept. 29 | 5pm Southwest Branch Library, 8301 Ming Ave., Bakersfield. 661.664.7716
Wed. | Oct. 12 | 4:30pm Frazier Park Branch Library, 3732 Park Drive, Frazier Park. 661.245.1267
Tue. | Oct. 25 | 5pm Taft Branch Library, 27 Cougar Court, Taft. 661.763.3294
Wed. | Oct. 26 | 5pm Rosamond Branch Library, 3611 Rosamond Blvd, Rosamond. 661.256.3236
Thur. | Nov. 17 | 12:30pm Ridgecrest Branch Library, 131 E. Las Flores Ave., Ridgecrest. 760.384.5870
Thur. | Nov. 17 | 5pm Tehachapi Branch Library, 212 Green St, Tehachapi. 661.822.4938

Writing Circle
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 4:30pm Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.888.0701

PIECING ME TOGETHER READING
Mon. | Sept. 12 | 4pm McFarland Branch Library, 500 W. Kern Ave, McFarland. 661.792.2318

Book Talk BAKERSFIELD PODCAST
Wednesdays at 5:30pm
Join Library staff as they talk about each book selection below and discuss what everyone is reading, watching, and listening to.

- **A Mighty Long Way** - 9/14/22
- **Piecing Me Together** - 9/21/22
- **The Civil Rights Movement** - 9/28/22
- **What Mine Eyes Have Seen** - 10/5/22
- **Piecing Me Together** - 10/12/22
- **The Civil Rights Movement** - 10/19/22

Listen on Spotify, Apple Podcast, or watch on Facebook @KernCountyLibrary

Panel Conversations
Go Beyond the Book. Join the community discussion.

**Redistricting and Redlining Effects on BIPOC Communities**
Thur. | Oct. 20 | 4–6pm
Panel discussion with experts explaining the redistricting process, their research, the practice of redlining, and the affects on BIPOC communities in Kern County.
Beale Memorial Library Auditorium, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.868.0701

**The Sound of Something Better: A Legacy of Racial Injustice in Bakersfield**
Wed. | Oct. 26 | 4–5pm
Panel discussion with topics pertaining to racial inequalities, housing, and education discrimination in Bakersfield and surrounding communities.
Walter W. Stiem Library, Dezember Reading Room, CSUB, 9001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield. 661.654.3172

**Generational and Modern-Day Racial Trauma**
Thur. | Nov. 3 | 11:30am – 1pm
Panel discussion on the historical, generational, and modern-day racial traumas suffered by the black community and its members. Sponsored and co-hosted by Gridstone, Inc.
Moderator - Gerald L. Gridiron. Featuring panelists: Darius G. Riggens, Dr. Nakysha Gridiron-Cummings, Dr. Andre Ponder, Dr. Niesha Davis, and Channel Powe.
Beale Memorial Library Auditorium, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 661.868.0701

**Journey to CSUB: Stories of Racism, Discrimination, Courage, and the Civil Rights Movement**
Mon. | Nov. 7 | 6:30 – 8pm
Hosted by the Public History Institute and the Historical Research Center at CSUB.
Panel discussion highlighting personal experiences of racism, discrimination, and involvement in the Civil Rights Movement from CSUB faculty and staff.
Walter W. Stiem Library, Dezember Reading Room, CSUB, 9001 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield. 661.654.3172

**USED BOOK SALE**
WED–THURS | OCTOBER 12–13
11AM – 5:30PM
All genres of books, DVDs, CDs, and audiovisual materials for sale.
Juvenile materials will be available at a future book sale featuring only kid, tween, and teen titles and materials.
For more info call 661.366.0796

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661-817-4183
aankc2@gmail.com
www.aankc.org

Bakersfield Black Dollar Initiative
661-859-3833
info@bakersfieldblackdollarinitiative.com
www.bakersfieldblackdollarinitiative.com

Bakersfield News Observer
661-324-9466
observernews@gmail.com
www.ognsc.com

Buffalo Soldiers, 9th and 10th Cavalry
661-368-8388
buffalosoldiers@buffalo-soldiers.org
www.buffalo-soldiers.org

California Black Census and Redistricting Hub
323-735-9515
organize@calicalls.org
www.cacalls.org

Circle of Life Community Foundation (COLDF)
661-532-8417
mlkcommunityinitiative@gmail.com
www.coldf.org

Kern County Black Chamber of Commerce
661-376-2853
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www.kcbcc.co

ShePower Leadership Academy (SPLA)
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www.shepoweracademy.org

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