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## Palm Beach County Library System's Let Freedom Read Week 2023: A Celebration of Literary Freedom

One of the core principles of the modern Public Library is to provide access to a universe of ideas and open minds to a world of unlimited possibilities. When books are challenged or removed, readers are closed off to different people, places and perspectives.

The Palm Beach County Library System is celebrating the value of free and open access to information during Let Freedom Read Week, October 1st - October 7th, 2023. Prepare to embark on an illuminating journey as the Library hosts a spectacular array of events highlighting a curated selection of frequently-challenged literary works. Our events include a riveting author talk, tantalizing book tastings, enlightening discussions and free book giveaways. To view a full listing of our Let Freedom Read Week events, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/pbcls1frwall>.

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, the Wellington Branch takes center stage by inviting you to an engaging author talk featuring none other than Patricia McCormick. As a two-time National Book Award finalist, her acclaimed novel, "Sold," stands as a testament to literature's power, having faced numerous challenges throughout its journey. There is a limited number of spaces available for this talk, register today by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/pbcls1frw>.

Let Freedom Read Week is a jubilant celebration of the cherished freedom to read, casting a luminous spotlight on both contemporary and historical endeavors to censor literary treasures within the hallowed walls of libraries. For over four decades, this annual weeklong tribute has united a vast tapestry of literary enthusiasts. Together, they unwaveringly defending the right to explore and express ideas, even those perceived as unconventional or unpopular. By highlighting efforts nationwide aimed at erasing or constraining access to books, Let Freedom Read Week galvanizes the nation's collective consciousness, emphasizing the perils of censorship and championing the sanctity of intellectual freedom.

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