Bristol Library celebrates Banned Books Week

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BRISTOL — Celebrate your freedom to read, and to watch, books that have been banned and the movies based on them at the Bristol Library this week.

The Bristol Library marks Banned Books Weeks by showing a series of movies based on some favorite books that have been banned or challenged over the years.

We welcome people to borrow our copies of the books and read is needed. them too but some of the movies were considered a little contentious when they were made as well," said Lynn Gardner, reference librarian.

"In some cases the films were considered more troublesome because now it's not just your imagination, it's something you're seeing on the screen," she said.

The "Scandalous Cinema!" movie series is as follows:

Tuesday, Sept. 24: "Precious," based on the book "Push" by Sapphire.

Wednesday, Sept. 25: "To Kill a Mockingbird," based on the book by Harper Lee.

Thursday, Sept. 26: "The Kite Runner," based on the book by Khaled Hosseini.

Saturday, Sept. 28: "The Great Gatsby," based on the book by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

All showings will be at 2 p.m. provided. There is no charge for



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"The Great Gatsby" was banned for language and sexual references, though now it's required reading in many high schools in the country.

Gardner said the library organizes something like this every few years, because it's often the same books that get challenged or banned over and over again.

"They're mostly challenged in

IF YOU GO

What: Banned book movies Where: The library's Meeting Room 1, at 5 High St. When: Every day this week through Saturday at 2 p.m.

schools for inappropriate reading level or because their content is considered questionable," she said.

"I'm a librarian, so I'm a little biased," she said. "We like the idea that there are many books and everyone should read whatever they wish to.

Banned Books Week is a in the library's Meeting Room national campaign organized by 1, at 5 High St. Snacks will be the American Library Association. "They list explanations for what this program and no registration books are most frequently chal-

lenged or banned," Gardner said.

Some, like "Push and "The Kite Runner," are fairly new, while "The Grapes of Wrath and "To Kill a Mockingbird" are considered classics now, but they're still considered contentious, she said.

'We have a display upstairs in Adult Fiction of classic novels that have been banned or challenged, and we also have upstairs in front of the computer lab a display of banned and challenged non-fiction, things like 'The Autobiography of Malcolm X' and 'Kaffir Boy' [by Mark Mathabane]," she said.

The library will also have a quiz, which has already begun, where library patrons who can correctly guess the banned books based on the given clues. Correct entries will be entered in a drawing for a "banned books" tote, and a \$15 Starbucks gift card, donated by the Friends of the Library.

"We will have three books wrapped in brown paper on display, with the clues attached to them. You just take your best guess for one of them, then write your name and phone number on a little piece of paper and put it in the box," she said.

Gardner said the display will be by the circulation, right by where patrons walk in, starting Monday, Sept. 23. The drawing will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1.

For more information, visit www.ala.org/bbooks.

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From left, Eva Wickwire, assistant vice president and chief development officer for Bristol Hospital, Joyce Chase, sales specialist at Beekley Corp. and 11-year breast cancer survivor, Ayn S. LaPlant, CEO of The Beekley Family Foundation nd Ronald Goodin, senior project manager at Fletcher Thompson Architecture

Breast health center slated for Oct. 1 opening

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something Mason Beekley was very passionate about. His wife and youngest daughter are both breast cancer survivors."

Mason Beekley is the founder of Beekley Corp., a medical products company dedicated to creating innovative solutions to improve diagnostic communication.

Beekley Corp. introduced the first-ever professional skin marker for diagnostic imaging, developed the "marking for meaning" shape system for mammography and is a leader in a variety of areas of medical technology.

Beekley Corp. and Bristol Hospital have been partners in supporting the fight against breast cancer for many years.

"This is one of our finest accomplishments and after years in the making, I can't believe it's here," LaPlant said.

LaPlant along with Joyce Chase, sales specialist at Beekley Corp. and an 11-year breast cancer survivor, peeked into each of the unfinished rooms admiring the warm tones of the wooden floors and the soft colors on the walls.

"This is gorgeous," said LaPlant about the walls. "The color and pattern remind me of a waterfall.

Light fixtures resembling white calla lilies adorn the walls of the corridor, a skillful ruse used by the designer to widen the look of the hallway.

There is also a fireplace surrounded by tile in soft blue hues.

"We plan on placing nice cushy chairs right here," said Eva Wickwire, assistant vice president and chief development officer for Bristol Hospital, as she stood near the fireplace.

The dressing rooms were almost complete with the exception of the stained glass that will embellish the doors.

"This is where we will keep the warm robes," said Wickwire.

That's a small touch breast cancer survivor Chase said will really make a difference with the center's patients.

"Patients really do notice all the little things," she said. "With all the scary treatments and diagnoses, being in a spa-like, soothing environment makes a difference in how you feel."

The center is scheduled to open

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Fla. man caught with pot, stolen bike

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SOUTHINGTON — A Florida man was held on \$25,000 bond following his arraignment on charges he was in possession of a stolen motorcycle and marijuana when officers found him, police said.

John Lindsey, 60, of Aventura, Fla., was taken into custody at the

TA Travel Center truck stop Sept. they could give him some cash.

John Lindsey

13 after someone in Florida tipped local police off that he would be

there to collect money from friends, Sgt. Jeffrey Dobratz said.

The officers went to the truck stop, which is right off the highway, earlier in the day and didn't see Lindsey who allegedly was calling former friends from Meriden and

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But during a second pass through the truck stop later in the day officers spotted Lindsey with a 2012 Harley Davidson motorcycle valued at \$10,000 which had been reported stolen out of Aventura, Fla. They also found a bag of marijuana in one of the saddlebags, police said.

Lindsey was charged with firstdegree larceny and possession of marijuana.

He was held on \$25,000 bond following his arraignment in Bristol Superior Court.