

Chattanooga

Book publisher Scholastic releases Read with Pride resource guide for teachers

<https://newschannel9.com/news/local/book-publisher-scholastic-releases-read-with-pride-resource-guide-for-teachers#>

Scholastic's "Read with Pride" resource guide aims to educate schoolteachers on LGBTQIA+ youth and literature, including a glossary of terms and book recommendations by age group. While advocates like Arnold Ruelas emphasize its importance for representation and support, critics like Tennessee Representative Todd Warner argue it should not be included in taxpayer-funded education, believing social issues should be addressed at home or in church. This release follows Scholastic's recent integration of diverse titles into school book fairs, reversing a previous decision that led to confusion and exclusion. Scholastic and the Department of Education have yet to comment on the guide's role in schools

Charleston

Park Circle Pride wraps up 4th year of celebration

<https://www.live5news.com/2024/06/09/park-circle-pride-wraps-up-4th-year-celebration/>

Park Circle Pride in North Charleston celebrated its fourth year with thousands of attendees and nearly 50 LGBTQ+ activities over five days, including drag brunches, a queer youth fest, and a feminist vendor market. Caitlyn McCrary from Free Mom Hugs emphasized the importance of representation and community support in South Carolina. Longtime attendees Chelsea Ostop and William McClary highlighted the event's significance amidst a divisive political climate, advocating for greater inclusion and support for the queer community. The final day featured the Feminist Magic Market with women-owned vendors, including Queer Haven Books. Organizers and participants expressed enthusiasm for the event's growth and future.

Atlanta

Some professionals say Georgia's film industry is on the decline

<https://www.wsbtv.com/news/local/atlanta/some-professionals-say-georgias-film-industry-is-decline/A6GUMBMAQ5DYBNGNAT24QMGAQ/>

Unfortunately, Georgia's film industry is taking a nasty downturn, with a very slow start to 2024. With the recent strikes of actors and writers, production has decreased by nearly 40% compared to last year. Many professionals in the industry, such as makeup artist Carla Vanessa Wallace, have faced significant financial hardships, with some losing their homes and cars. Location manager and producer David Luse noted that while many believe the strike is over, 60-70% of workers are still unemployed. However, there is some optimism that recovery appears to be better in Georgia than in New York or California.