Voting for The Great American Read will remain open until Thursday, October 18, 2018. Six additional PBS programs will commence in September on Tuesdays at 8pm. The winner will be revealed on Tuesday, October 23rd, at 8pm, on your local PBS station. Will your favorite book be number one?

Now is the time to begin working with the schools to arrange the programs that your club will be sponsoring. Contact your high school guidance department about selecting a junior to be the Girls Career Institute Delegate(s) and a sophomore to be the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Delegate. Perhaps you can make this the first year that your club sponsors a local Spelling Bee. All directions are on the NJSFWC website. This too starts with contacting your local elementary school principal.

This year’s Banned Books Week is September 23-29. The 2018 theme, “Banning Books Silences Stories,” is a reminder that everyone needs to speak out against censorship. The 2017 top ten challenged and banned books, as submitted by librarians and teachers across the country, can be found at https://bannedbooks.org. It is interesting to note that The Kite Runner and To Kill a Mockingbird appear on the banned book list and the top 100 list for the Great American Read.