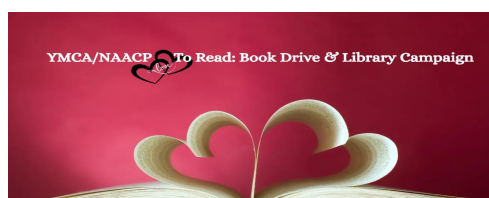


**"Once you learn to read you will forever be free."  
Frederick Douglass**

**Reading is the great equalizer. Reading not only opens doors, it  
opens minds and hearts.**

**As we recognize and celebrate Juneteenth as the day of  
Emancipation, Freedom Day those words remain true.**

**We are proud to announce the first event of our  
"Celebrate 365 - Community, Culture, History" campaign is in  
collaboration with the Oscar Lasko YMCA and the Chester  
County Library,**



**The book drive will begin on  
Juneteenth and end on September 19th.**

**The books collected are to enhance the educational materials in  
the childcare and early learning classrooms at the Oscar Lasko  
YMCA in West Chester.**

**In this initial phase of the book drive we are requesting NEW  
book(s), for children ages Pre-K through 10, that depict the  
diverse cultures and languages that reflect the rich tapestry of  
our communities. Every story has beauty and value. In the eyes  
of the reader representation truly matters.**

**Donations will be accepted at the Charles A. Melton Arts  
& Education Center and at the Lionville, Oscar Lasko, and  
West Chester Airport Road branches of the YMCA. Donations  
will be accepted at Milestone Events for those attending the  
Juneteenth Celebration Meal event, on Juneteenth.**

**We are also working to increase the awareness and promote  
the tremendous benefits available when you have a Chester  
County Library card.**

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.  
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