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COMMUNITIES

Dear Steve,

The Knight Foundation team had an exciting, productive summer, and we want to share some highlights:

- In June, we traveled with Charlotte library leaders to the [Next Library Conference](#) in Denmark, where we learned how libraries around the world are innovating for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- Later that month, we took a cohort of leaders from the Historic West End, local government, and philanthropy sector to the inaugural Knight Public Spaces Forum in Philadelphia. We learned about the role of public space in fostering equity, inclusion and promoting democracy (*watch highlights from the event [here](#)*).



*Charlotte colleagues attend the Knight Public Spaces Forum (left) and the NEXT Library Conference (right).*

Though saying goodbye to summer is always bittersweet, we're excited to

share these upcoming fall events focused on advancing equitable development in the Queen City.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Sept. 12:** Join the Charlotte Journalism Collaborative and WCNC Charlotte for a viewing party of: “I Can’t Afford To Live Here: Solutions to Charlotte’s Affordable Housing Crisis.” [Click here to RSVP and get more info.](#)
- **Sept. 17:** Are you a tree enthusiast? Sign up now for a [TreeMaster/TreeAmbassador Training](#) with TreesCharlotte.
- **Sept. 26:** [Equitable Communities](#) is hosting a discussion at First Baptist Church West on the 2040 Plan, with a presentation by Taiwo Jaiyeoba, Charlotte Assistant City Manager.
- **BOOM 2020** (April 17 – 19, 2020): Applications are now [OPEN](#) to participate in the fifth-annual BOOM festival, Charlotte’s annual showcase of contemporary and experimental art created on the fringes of popular culture.

Thanks for staying connected with Knight Foundation. We look forward to meeting with you at events across Charlotte and continuing to work together to ignite positive change in our city.

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