



Berkeley Main Library

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March 27, 2007

Next meeting:

May 22, 2007
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Milpitas Library
40 N. Milpitas Blvd.
408.262.1171

Urban Literature:

Miranda Doyle will provide background information on the development of urban literature and its role in libraries.

Second Life Demonstration

For his Second Life demonstration, Antonio Lopez designed a BAYA avatar and toured Infoisland, Infoisland II and the library. He also explained the fundamentals of navigating and provided a few youtube videos illustrating the culture of Second Life

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCFHhfoj788> and how to create a machinima at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dPLzKur06Vo> .

Treasurer's Report and BAYA BUSINESS

BAYA took in \$135 last month and the BAYA balance is \$5,020. The form for paying dues is available online at http://baya.org/membership_form.pdf and you can mail the form to Vicky Chen

Asian Branch
Oakland Public Library
388 9th Street, Suite 190
Oakland, Ca 94607

Christy Thomas (cthomas@oaklandlibrary.org) is replacing Debbie Carlton as the BAYA Book Review Editor.

PLA

Brandi Bette Smead attended PLA and found the Refresh, Recreate, Redesign, Remodel, Retail workshop very helpful for ideas on the current remodel at Benicia. Handouts and pod casts for the presentation are available at <http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaevents/2007plaspringsymposium/2007plaspringsymp.htm#Refresh>

Book Reviews

Elsie Tep enjoyed Thwonk by Joan Bauer a good read about cupid assisting a teenager with unrequited love, Very highly recommended.

Antonio Lopez suggested *Haters* by Alisa Valdes-Rodriguez as an O.C. like book for reluctant readers.

Vi Dyas found the narrative voice very authentic and well done in *Tyrell* by Coe Booth.

Teri Titus suggested several books including:

Night Song by Michael Cadnum, an adaptation of Ovid's *Metamorphosis* in an easy novelization.

Rules of Survival by Nancy Werlin, a gritty but hopeful book about a bipolar mother and her children.

The Night My Sister Went Missing by Carol Plum-Ucci, a good mystery themed book for the teen summer reading club and also excellent for reluctant readers.

Marie Richardson suggested *New Moon* by Stephenie Meyer, the sequel to *Twilight* which nails the broken-hearted feeling of a teenage girl, the book clearly leads to a third novel and *Trigger* by Susan Vaught, an intriguing book about an amnesiac boy living in a rehab center after an attempted suicide trying to solve the mystery of why he did it. Unsatisfying, though as a mystery.

Jennifer Collins liked:

Baby Girl by Lenora Adams about an African-American girl writing from a shelter. The voice felt very authentic but the book is a bit difficult because it jumps around in chronology.

The Amazing True Story of a Teenage Single Mom by Katherine Arnoldi, a graphic novel which led to a riveting booktalk that really caught the teens attention. EXCELLENT for reluctant readers.

Tough Love by Abby Denson, a graphic novel with a very touching gay love story. Art style alludes to manga.

Other Business

Vy Dyas announced that Francisca Goldsmith is asking for recommendations on adult books for High School Students for School Library Journal. Send any recommendations to goldson@pacbell.net.

Ygnacio Valley Library had a successful "How to Write an A Paper" Learn about Library Databases. They used a portable classroom computer technology that worked very well for the 2 sessions.

Oakland Main Library's Teen Zone hosted a "Tag and Tear Down Party" where volunteers took down posters and were allowed to tag the walls with washable markers before the renovation.

BAYA Website Comments

As a part of strengthening elements of the web page BAYA is incorporating website comments. Those librarians that are responsible for a program can create a blurb to

attract attention to the program at your site. Send comments to Annemarie Meyer at annemarielmeyer@gmail.com.

Summer Reading

At Benicia, the teen advisors board is working to revamp the summer reading BINGO card where the number of squares determines the level of prizes.

Jennifer Collins of the SF Library expressed a concern about cheap plastic toys used for summer reading club prizes for ethical and practical reasons.

Oakland Library gave passports for museums and local events for reading club prizes.

Mountain View gave books away and coupons for local businesses

Teen Advisory Group

Antonio Lopez led a panel discussion featuring teens from the Berkeley Library Teen Advisory Group:

Aldo

Christopher

Erica

Rebecca

Highlights of the discussion:

Are Teen Groups Necessary?

New views to old issues

Teen librarians aren't teens

Important to have an opinion from teens

Keeps teens out of trouble, gives them food and drink and allows them to air their views.

If things were better for teens then the group would not be necessary.

How do you advertise a teen group?

Word of mouth

Advertising in the library

In Oakland, relationships were built through programs such as regular movie nights, etc.

MySpace is a tool to alert teens to TAG.

What is a good way to get teens involved?

One teen answered: Why are you having teen advisors?

To make the library more welcoming to teens.

Help teens develop leadership skills.

Value input from teens on programs.

Have lots of snacks and a wide variety of drinks.

Teens in the group stated there was a tremendous difference between middle and high school students in their interests. Middle school students have more restrictions on their time and want to be like high school students.

This particular group of students had worked on creating a better teen space at their library. They organized by creating specific action items that both the teens and the librarian could accomplish. They felt some frustration at not being able to accomplish everything they set out to do.

Organization

They estimated that 5-7 teens come to a meeting and that the meetings usually last an hour to an hour and a half. They do not have officers, they have rotating chair for meetings, loose agenda, they communicate frequently by email.

They had a sign up sheet for each meeting. The teens emphasized the need to keep email addresses updated as these frequently change.

The teens felt they had unofficial input into collection development but not formally.

How to reach non-library users?

Food and drinks

Making group a part of the school announcements.

TAG members passing out flyers at school.

What events have TAG members been included in?

Summer Reading Club

Sisters in Crime mystery writers program.

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