



Orinda Library

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September 24, 2007

Next meeting:

November 27, 2007
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Mountain View Library
585 Franklin Street
650-903-6337

Anatomy of a Failure:

Share your Teen Program-
ming failures in a round
robin discussion with mem-
bers from all over the Bay
Area.

MySpace Demonstration

The Contra Costa Library showed many of the features and discussed its use of Myspace as a tool for their library system. The site is at <http://www.myspace.com/ourlibrary>

The discussion included
Slide Show features
Internet Safety documents accessible from the Myspace page
Instant Messaging Service

Nancy Kreiser and Kathy Middleton led the presentation

Treasurer's Report

21 members had paid dues.
Total Funds: \$4,700
Please Remember to pay your dues!!

Round Robin

Summer Reading Comments

Problem of teens coming to sign up but not participating in any other summer events at the library was discussed. There was a general sense that teens were overscheduled.

Benicia Library provided a skateboard deck as its grand prize. This prize has proven popular over the years there.

Mountain View Library runs very few Summer Programs and of the few most are scrapbooking and manga related.

San Francisco Main partnered with Books Inc for programs, books and raffles.

Some librarians had had success using the internet to reach out to teens at

<http://www.craigslist.org/>

<http://www.mugglenet.com/>

<http://www.meetup.com/>

Contra Costa noted it had over 2000 teens participate

- Getting word out to schools
- Temporary tattoos as prizes
- Sudoku Keychain <http://www.orientaltrading.com/>
- Volunteers ran programs and were participants as well

Expectation to participate was part of volunteer program

Recommended Reads

[The Absolutely True Story of a Part Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie

[Eclipse](#) by Stephenie Meyer

[Kiki Strike](#) by Kirsten Miller see the terrific website <http://www.kikistrike.com/>

Book Clubs Round Robin

List of the Top 20 Books of the 20th Century from the Seattle Public Library

http://www.spl.org/default.asp?pageID=audience_teens_readinglist&cid=1065650667328

CA Young Readers Medal selections was one way to build a short term book club for several months and have a natural end point. At Milpitas patrons voted on their favorite in both the regular and picture book categories.

Hosting book clubs at the school libraries during lunch period has worked well at several libraries.

At SF Library, teens read and review books. Not everyone reads the same book but all give input on the books read (often advance reader copies).

Several Book Clubs allowed members to pick the titles to read. Most libraries provided extra copies of the books being read.

Several Book Clubs had a strong start but then the members aged out and it was difficult to keep the book club going.

Many agreed that having a food component was an important part of Teen Book Clubs. There was some disagreement about whether snacks should be served during or after the main discussion. Strong arguments for both sides. For some libraries, allowing in library eating was one of the main draws. Some libraries served no snacks at all.

For book review, it is important to provide a form for teens to follow.

Posting review online and on site a very powerful tool to encourage involvement.

A couple of libraries had After Hours book clubs that were successful.