



Next meeting:

Gaming Demonstration

March 25, 2008
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Alameda Free Library
1550 Oak Street

Get your game on!
Learn some helpful hints
and tips to starting a
gaming program at your
library.

ALA Reports:

- Brian (Oakland): YALSA Intellectual Freedom Committee. Their discussion focused on Censorship versus Selection. They also discussed serving youth in urban populations.
- Amy (Burlingame): Partnerships advocating for Teens. Discussed the relationship between school and public libraries. A suggestion was to create official school-library liaisons.
- In response to Amy's working with the school librarians:
 - Nancy- San Ramon has invited all of the school librarians in the school district and presented what the libraries could offer to the schools especially concerning technology.
 - Marie- Mountain View has copies of all of the core collection of the both the middle school and the high school in the Teen Zone. They check back with the schools every year to make sure that texts are current. The books are tagged but not catalogued so the students can use them in house. Marie has also created a spreadsheet of the list of books with the title of the book, the grade and what is on the cover as easy reference.
- Rachel (SF Main): She was on Best DVDs= Fabulous Films for Teens Committee
There were 57 films total from last year that equaled 30 hours. The committee watches the first 10 minutes and they vote to continue. They watch another 10 minutes and vote and after that they vote but the results must be unanimous to continue. They base a lot of the DVD voting on production quality. All of the viewing must happen during ALA. They have to do a lot of work soliciting for the films. The winner was "The Grace Lee Project," a quest for self-identity. <http://www.gracelee.net>
- Betsy (SF Main) is on the Alex Committee. These are books of all genres that have been written for adults, which have huge teen appeal. Publishers have really "gotten on the bandwagon" with the teen market. There are so many books out there it is really hard to say how many the committee reads. Once you get so far and realize there is no teen appeal it is really hard to put the book down!

Book Tips:

- How to Build a House ~ Dana Reinhardt
- December's VOYA mentioned a book on the 60's which it gave great reviews. Don't buy it! There are many mistakes that Penny Peck found.

- Alex Award Winner: Essex County Volume One ~ Jeff Lemire
- Spellman Files ~ Lisa Lutz
- The Killer's Tears ~ Ann-Laure Bondoux (about the death penalty, translated from French)
- Life as We Knew It ~ Susan Beth Pfeffer (The sequel, The Dead and the Gone, will be out in June.)
- Stealing Heaven ~ Elizabeth Scott

Round Robin: Teen Tech Week

- Brandi Bette (Benicia): We applied for the Teen Tech Week Mini Grant. One of her former teen volunteers is a student at NYU in film School. Together they came up with an idea for a "music video" highlighting the technology the BPL has to offer its teens, at the Library and at home.
- Karen (Alameda): Teen Writing Group. Done by a former teen with a degree in creative writing once a month. The teens write at home and then bring it back to share.
- Rachel: 5 of the 10 best selling novels in Japan are offered as cell phone novels, keitai shosetsu. Check out Library Journal online for the article about this. <http://www.libraryjournal.com/blog/770000077/post/1250017325.html> (I am unclear about this but SF may be doing a contest for the first chapter of a keitai shosetsu?)
- Kelly (San Leandro) wanted to know where and how to get a Wii. Marie said that you can get software that allows you to see when Amazon or another site has it in stock. The tool is called A-Z Grabber: <http://www.azgrabber.com/>.
- Rob (Hayward- Weekes): They project video games on the wall (not on a fancy screen) for tournaments or game days. He also uses it for movies.
- Amy: Promotes video games like Wii bowling and Guitar Hero to seniors. These are very physically active games. Video games are no longer just for the young!

Round Robin: Teen Advisory Groups- How often do you meet, are they helpful, etc.?

- Marie: Group meets once a week if there is something specific they are planning or twice a month. They have put on programs for the kids in their library (The True Story of the Three Little Pigs).
- SFPL: The groups in the City are very formal. Some are as big as 25 people and others are quite small. It depends on the individual library's community.
- Marie: Mountain View has a Manga-Anime related teen advisory group. The teens have input into what they buy for the library. This helps them understand what goes into collection development. The teens nominate books and series. They have to give a plot summary and tell what they like about the book. The group meets about 6 times a year. In order to vote they have to have attended a certain amount of meetings. This is a great way for Marie to find out what the teens really want. Marie also takes a group of teens on a field trip to the local bookstore and they get to spend \$ for the collection. The book store offers them 40% off for this visit.
- Susie: Fieldtrips for teens:
 - Viz Media field trip: VM does tours of up to 12 teens
 - Cherry Blossom Festival
 - WonderCon with the Anime Club (the library pays for entry and for BART, 13-16 years only)

Summer Reading Programs:

- About High Strung (the band): They are expensive and no teens came to the event. (I think this was at Palo Alto.) Harry & the Potters is a much better choice for teens.
- Penny: If you want to find out about local high school bands just ask the teens. They will know who's hot and who's not.
- Rob: Go to the Hayward Area Recreation Department web site: www.haywardrec.org. They have Battle of the Bands, which will have a list of local bands.
- Mary Ann: Metamorphosis: They will be doing papier-mâché sculptures of bugs.
- Brandi Bette: Transformation: They will be combining all events to the theme. Book Club will be "From Page to Screen," books made into movies. Other events will focus on different types of transformation: Latin Dancing; Inside Out ~ Yoga & Healthy Snacks; Green Teens.
- Laurie (Palo Alto): Youth Services Center- Volunteering. They will be doing "Change Your World." Events: Selling on Ebay, Turning junk into treasures & movie nights after hours.
- Penny: Will be playing newly released movies like High School Musical after hours.
- Nancy: Will be playing movies over winter and spring breaks.
- Dana: Metamorphosis= turning "Phone Books into Furniture," "Change Your Space" (meaning the teen space at the library), and weaving paper wrappers into other stuff!
- Rachel wants to do origami and is looking for an instructor.
- Nancy: Metamorphosis= Make-up artist (using cheap make-up to "morph")
- Amy: In the past, weekly drawings were popular but no one finished the whole program. What do other libraries do about this? Responses: Parties with food, gaming stations, raffles, watermelon eating contest, invitation only party for the readers and teen volunteers at the end of summer, musical chairs (yes, teens do want to do this!), raffle off books during parties, ice cream peddler, BINGO game and prizes for things having to do with teens in the library- not just reading for pages or time but reading to a child, reading magazine or newspaper articles, making a suggestion for the Teen Zone or TAB, attending a teen event, etc. If all else fail ask the teens what they want!
- Marie: TSRP is not so popular because the teens have to sign up at the children's desk since there is not always a librarian at the teen desk.
- Manga Drawing Contest: professional artists judge the competition and manga is given away as prizes.
- Elsie (CCC): Free to Read= the teens pledge to read so many novels and keep track.
- Penny: Virtual Summer Reading
- Amy: Good Reads- the teens submit reviews of the books they are reading
 - If you are interested in program software, Califa has a discount for Evanced. It is a great program that keeps track of all of the SRP info online. It can be used for all programming that has mandatory registration
- Manga or Cartoons
 - Cartoon Art Museum: will do a workshop at your library for \$150. <http://www.cartoonart.org>
 - Oliver Chin: his price depends on the workshop and the number of teens. http://www.immedium.com/authors/chin_o.html