



Alameda Free Library

www.baya.org

March 25, 2008

Next meeting:

May 27, 2008
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
San Leandro Library
300 Estudillo Avenue

Juvenile Hall Services

This program will be led by
Amy Cheney, Project
Director, Write to Read
Program from the Alameda
County Juvenile Hall Library
and Literacy Program.

BAYA Membership Discussion:

- Dues Policy: BAYA dues are for a full calendar year, January to December. So far for this year we only have a hand full of people who have turned in their dues. This is only one of two ways we get money for the organization. Sarah LaTora, Treasurer, will update our active member list and send out a reminder each year. If you have not paid for this year, please do!
- 2nd Life: Penny Peck says that she will add BAYA to second life since a lot of library students are a part of that. This might help boost our appeal to get more new members.
- We need to figure out what kind of organization we want to be. How do we want to look to outsiders? formal? informal? We need to offer great programs to make it worthwhile for new members.
- Kelly suggested that we contact members who no longer attend to find out why. Ask them what we can do differently to bring them back.
- We could try to market more to school libraries so that we could get their side of the public library- school library conflict!
- Kay suggested that we take a look at BAYLIS libraries and do a gross mailing to recruit new members and Brandi Bette said that we could form a letter inviting former members to come back.

Meeting Guidelines: Responsibilities of Libraries hosting the BAYA meeting

- To avoid any future misunderstandings of BAYA meetings we have decided to create a list of guidelines so you know, as hosting library, what your responsibilities for the meeting will be. Teresa will create a checklist for future meetings.
- Guidelines~ The host Library will be responsible for
 - Providing the meeting room space
 - Setting up the meeting room
 - Providing refreshments and supplies (including beverages, snacks and paper products)
 - Establishing the content of the meeting
- If you would like to host a meeting please take into consideration the access of your library to public transportation.

Book Reviews:

- More of us need to be doing 'timely' book reviews. (The book sale is the only real fundraiser for us each year.)
- The guidelines for the reviews are on the website at www.baya.org/guidelines.html.
- We now have a "clean slate." Don't worry about catching up with old reviews. They are now outdated and we would rather have you spend your time on newer books.
- If you are worried about the formality of the reviews, don't!! The best advice would be to write it as if you were talking to your colleagues. What would you want to know about a book? Keep it short and sweet, about 6-10 sentences- ½ summary and ½ analysis. Please keep in mind language considerations as well as if it is a graphic novel or special interest book.
- Due date: The reviews will always be due the last day of the month prior to the upcoming meeting. Example: May meeting reviews are due April 30. July meeting reviews are due June 30.
- Kelly suggested that "Priority Books" be kept in a separate area from other books. Maybe we should keep books together depending on publication date or when we receive them.
- The book review chair should send out updated letters to publishers soliciting for copies of the books for review.
- We revisited the idea of submitting reviews to Amazon with the BAYA slogan or "John Doe~ a BAYA reviewer." This could also link to our web site.
- Marie has volunteered to find out how to submit reviews to Amazon.

Zine Pilot Collection: (Dana from CCC)

- Dana's branch is going to pilot a zine collection for teens in the library.
- Salt Lake City Library has the oldest zine collection and Phoenix Public Library actually publishes its own zine.
- If you are interested in zines, take a look at~
 - *From A to Zine: Building a Winning Zine Collection in Your Library* by Julie Bartel 978-0838908860 List Price: \$35.00
 - *Stolen Sharpie Revolution: A DIY Zine Resource* by Alex Wrekk 978-0972696722 List Price: \$4.00
 - *Whatcha Mean, What's a Zine?* by Esther Pearl Watson 978-0618563159 List Price: \$12.99
- Local shops with zines you can buy:
 - Rock, Paper Scissors Collective:
www.rpscollective.com/new.php
2278 telegraph Ave., Oakland
510.238.9171
 - Needles and Pens:
www.needles-pens.com/home.html
3253 16th Street, San Francisco
415.255.1534
 - Comic Relief:
www.comicrelief.net
2026 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley
510.843.5002
- Another great resource: www.toondoo.com (how to publish a zine)

Other Teen Programming:

- Debbie (Downtown Berkeley):
 - Berkeley is continuing with its Film Retrospective with Ridley Scott Movies, Westerns and Classic Romances. (They have even done silent films.) In order to let all patrons know this is really a teen event no chairs are put out and discussion during the movies is encouraged!
 - For anyone wanting to do anim , licensing is FREE!!!
 - Teen Knitting: They train teen volunteers to knit and how to run the event and then everything is done by the teens!
 - Already Read It Book Club: teens today are too busy to read extra books. Why not have a book club where everyone has already read the book! (Themed snacks are always included.)
 - Chess Club: great attendance
- Elsie (CCC): They are doing a YouTube contest for films promoting the library.
- Sarah (Los Altos): Clothing Swap. The teens brought clothing they no longer wanted and swapped it out for someone else's hand-me-downs. A friend with a sewing machine came along so they could reconstruct some old t-shirts.
- Livermore: The Dunescape Event went great! They were able to use the library's laptops to have some Runescape competition.
- Kelly (San Leandro): Teen Job Fair. There was cover letter and resu  writing as well as mock interviewing.
 - Kaplan will come to your library to do free SAT/ACT workshops. Contact them through this URL: http://store.kaptest.com/common/feedback/ks_program.jhtml
- Brandi Bette (Benicia): Teen Focus Group. They met with almost 30 teens to find out why teens aren't coming to the events, what events would make them come and the best times for events. (Once she has compiled all of this, BB will post it on our Yahoo group.)
- Livermore: Driving Instruction- panel presentation. This event was for parents and the teens geared to help parents learn to teach their kids how to drive. Police officers and driving instructors took part in the panel.

Books to read:

Repossessed by A. M. Jenkins (Printz Honor)
Quaking by Kathryn Erskine
Notes from the Midnight Driver by Jordan Sonnenblick
Hurt Go Happy by Ginny Rorby (great for all ages)
Oran High School Host Club by Bisco Hatori (graphic novel)
Glass by Ellen Hopkins (sequel to *Crank*)

Gaming in the Library: Annemarie (Alameda)

- 6th to 12th graders are allowed to participate. (attendees: anywhere from 3 to 20+)
- Must sign an agreement, Rules of the Game (handout).
- Done once a week on their minimum day, Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30.
- Need to have their physical library card to enter. (The cards do not have to be in good standing for entry.) This makes the kids accountable for themselves.

- Hollywood Video will give you a deal if you want to start up. (Cost to set up ~\$1500)
- This sort of gaming is also great for seniors, i.e. Retirement Bowling League.
- If you have to 'pitch' the idea to your Library Board or City Council go with: "Active games for body and mind." There are no chairs. The kids are standing the whole time and really get into it.
- This takes almost no staff time since a teen volunteer runs the program.
- Annemarie has a letter for the Friends of the Library if anyone is interested in looking at it. (She received a one-time grant for this program.)
- The students may bring their own games if they are rated T or below.
- Each player is allowed 10 minutes. They tend to time themselves out.