



Alameda Free Library

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May 27, 2008

Next meeting:

Anatomy of a Failure

July 29, 2008
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Dougherty Station
17017 Bollinger
Canyon Road

Share dissection of our programming flops at our popular "Anatomy of a Failure" round robin discussion.

Book Review Discussion:

If you have taken a book and have had no time to do a review, please bring it back and give someone else a chance to review it.

Student/Teen Reviewers: if you have teens who are willing to read and review a book, add their review to yours as a supplement.

Question: Can we submit reviews of books that were not given to us by publishers? Answer: Yes! The main purpose of our reviews is to guide other librarians in collection development. If you are doing reviews of other books outside of BAYA, feel free to submit them to Debbie along with your BAYA reviews.

(We voted on this and it was unanimous; everyone agreed that submitting any reviews that we are working on would be a great asset to BAYA.)

Debbie Carton received 18 reviews for May! This is a tremendous success. We had more reviews submitted than "not submitted."

Marie Richardson on Amazon reviews: There can only be one user per password. Marie will create an account for BAYA as an organization and we will all be able to submit our reviews with the one account. The username will be something like "BAYA Reviewer" and we can put our name and library in the review part of the submission. We discussed having Debbie submit these since we would be sending all of them to her but it was decided that it would be too much work for her since we would only have a few to do but she could have a couple dozen.

MISC.

July's meeting will NOT be in San Francisco. We will resurrect the program "Anatomy of a Failure" and have it at the Dougherty Station Library branch of the Contra Costa County Library system.

Penny wondered what everyone thought of the Margaret Edwards Award controversy over the lifetime achievement for the young adult author, Orson Scott Card. People had different views but most were able to separate his personal politics from his work as an author.

Elsie from CCC went to a reader's advisory workshop by Duncan Smith. It was very inspiring. It focused on suggestions not recommendations and how to use Novelist effectively. Elsie thought that it would be a great idea for BAYA to host an event like this on a non-BAYA meeting day, for

anyone interested in young adult reader's advisory. Joni Bodart would be a great choice for this. We created a committee to make this happen: Penny Peck, Sarah La Torra and Elsie Tep. Since the meeting, Penny has spoken with Joni about this and she would love to do it. She is free on Thursday, October 23rd. The program would ideally run from 9am to 12pm opening with a presentation by Joni and then a panel presentation by BAYA members on practical readers advisory techniques and resources, both in print and online. She is willing to do it for either 1) lifetime BAYA membership, mileage and lunch or 2) \$500. Brian thinks we should offer both. We could open this up to anyone interested in the Bay Area and charge an entry fee of \$20. (That means we would recover the \$500 with just 25 people signing up for the workshop.) We would have plenty of time to advertise and market this great opportunity. We could try to market it to those who deal with teen reader's advisory who are not necessarily teen librarians themselves. Other ideas/comments:

Team up with ACL?

How do we reach the right people?

"Each one, bring one." Everyone should bring a coworker.

Websites that help with reader's advisory:

Database of Award Winning Children's Literature: www.dawcl.com

Book Adventure: www.BookAdventure.org

Recent or Upcoming Teen Programming:

Brandi Bette: 1) Chez Casa Buena: an evening of international food and entertainment, food from over 20 countries, teen volunteers prepared the food & brought friends, local restaurants donated food, over 60 people attended 2) 48-Hour Film Contest in June, for the Benicia Public Library building's 15th Birthday

Sarah: 1) sci-fi and animé films 2) henna parlor 3) duct tape art

Marie: 1) books that have been made into movies (Persepolis, Hellboy, Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants) 2) beaded jewelry 3) weekly chess program (Marie contacted the local high school's chess club to recruit members for her program) 4) One Book One Community~ Three Cups of Tea

Nancy: Breaking Dawn Brunch, the morning after the release of the book, including Twilight trivia as well as a poll to see whether Bella ends up with Edward or Jacob

Will: 1) Postcard writing game~ the teens send post cards to the library from all over the US or world during their summer break. This is a competition for the shortest, longest, farthest, etc. post cards 2) chess club

Debbie: continuing with their Friday Film Series~ Superheroes

Elsie: oral history project

Brian: Oakland has had a high loss rate. They are trying to overcome this by putting stickers that say Rep da Bay, hopefully encouraging the patrons to return instead of steal the items.

Santa Cruz: Traveling Pants Project~ the pants are currently in Australia. Once they return, they will travel around to all of the participating libraries again for a short time for them to display them and then they will return to Santa Cruz for permanent display.

Amy Cheney, Librarian ~ Alameda County Juvenile Hall

Amy started off her presentation by giving us an urban literature and slang test.

Urban Literature Examples

Most requested book in adult jails: Dictionary

Most requested book in juvenile hall: Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah

Who was a death-row inmate who was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize and what was the name of his book? Stanley Tookie Williams/ Life in Prison

Urban Vocabulary Examples

skeezer~ distrustful person

That book go.~ That book is good.

You're catta' on me. ~ You're letting me down.

This was meant for us to realize just how much (or little) we know about urban youth. It was a rude awakening for those of us who only knew the titles of a few books.

We got an overview of the California Juvenile Justice System so we could get to know the kinds of teens that she deals with. The most common crime youth commit is running away from foster homes because of abuse.

Former inmates come and talk to these teens to motivate them to change their own lives, to use their full potential. Devorah Major, the poet laureate of San Francisco, has also given writing workshops to demonstrate to them that anyone can write.

We got to see a video about the teens' perspective of the services the Library offers.

Go to <http://juvievrite2read.aclibrary.org/> to find out more about the program.