



Contra Costa County Library

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July 29, 2008

**Next meeting:**

**Manga Talk**

September 23  
9 a.m.– 12 p.m.  
Berkeley Public Library  
2090 Kittredge Street  
Berkeley, CA

Join us for a quick history  
lesson on the origin of  
Manga provided by two  
experts from the world of  
Manga.

**Teen Readers Advisory Workshop:**

*Handout distributed.*

Thursday, October 23, 2008 from 9:30- 12:30 PM

After a vote of the BAYA members, we decided to have a pre-registration fee of \$20 to get a head count for the food and some money before the actual event. If you register at the door, it will be \$25.

Sarah, Annemarie and Penny will work on the flyer to send out to potential attendees. Here is a list of possible ways to target attendees: ACL, CYLS, YALSA Book, CYAS  
Itinerary of workshop.

Registration, coffee and treats

We will have BAYA membership registration, too.

Elsie will introduce Joni.

Brian will give the President's speech.

Joni

Break

Panel

Questions for the panel will be *pre-written*.

We would like to have handouts for everyone attending. If you have tips on how you do readers advisory, please send them to K

**Recent or Upcoming Teen Programming:**

Sarah LaTorra, Redwood City Library:

Neil Gaiman at the Library.

Duct tape art: She used designs she found online.

Kelly Keefer, San Leandro: How I See It: My Place- digital media storytelling

Artists' reception: August 23, 4-6 PM

Grant from "California Council of the Humanities" supplies 5 cameras [http://www.calhum.org/programs/HISl\\_libraries\\_myPlace.htm](http://www.calhum.org/programs/HISl_libraries_myPlace.htm)

The purpose of this grant is to empower teens in the community to discover the area within ¼ mile around the Library. There was one meeting/ week for 10 weeks. Each meeting focused on a specific concept. The teens pick a theme. This creates ownership for the teens in their community.

Brandi Bette Smead, Benicia Public Library:

Green Teens and Tie Dye

The high school Eco Club (ecology club) partnered with the Library to present a skit featuring a Green Teen and an Eco-Idiot. Then, we tie-dyed something we brought from home. (And the guy who instructed us only charged us \$20!!)

ALA: This was my first one! It was great networking with people I work with now and seeing old colleagues from Ohio! The sessions were wonderful, especially the ones on Intellectual Freedom (with David Levithan) and pop culture (with Holly Black, Barry Lyga and Kazu Kibuishi).

Marie Richardson, Mountain View Public Library:

Community Reads- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Theme: books that have been made into movies. Ex. Hellboy, Sisterhood and Persepolis. With Persepolis they had an Iranian discussion.

Jewelry Making: Chelsea Robinson: [chelseeamour@yahoo.com](mailto:chelseeamour@yahoo.com), 510.388.7991

She charged \$200 for 2 hours. There is a limit to 25 people (but she brings enough stuff for 30, just in case). Marie had 30 people register and 20 who attended.

Penny Peck, San Leandro Public Library: Article- Who decides that a book will be YA? "I'm YA and I'm Ok" by Margo Rabb, New York Times.

URL: [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/20/books/review/Rabb-t.html?\\_r=1&ref=books&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/20/books/review/Rabb-t.html?_r=1&ref=books&oref=slogin)

Nancy, Contra Costa County Library:

Make-up Program. Heather Watson did makeovers for 16 teens and had plenty of give-aways for them to take home.

Breaking Dawn Brunch: She got a publisher kit full of buttons, tattoos, etc.

Brian Boies, Oakland Public Library:

Construction on the Oakland Main's Teen Zone has started.

Teen Slam Jam: featuring poetry slams by Youth Speaks and live music by young BUMP

Records artists. Press Release: <http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/pr072308slamjam.htm>

#### BOOKS:

- o Genesis Alpha by Rune Michaels  
Ginee Seo Books (May 22, 2007)  
ISBN-10: 1416918868  
Keywords: very creepy, eugenics, online world, quick read
- o Little Brother by Cory Doctorow  
Tor Teen (April 29, 2008)  
ISBN-10: 0765319853  
Keywords: San Francisco, terrorist attack, Bay Bridge, fast read
- o Adoration of Jenna Fox by Mary E. Parsons  
Henry Holt and Co. (BYR) (April 29, 2008)  
ISBN-10: 0805076689  
Keywords: technology, cells, regeneration
- o The Dreamhunter by Elizabeth Knox  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR); 1st edition (February 21, 2006)  
ISBN-10: 0374318530
- o Boy Toy by Barry Lyga  
Delacorte Books for Young Readers (February 12, 2008)  
ISBN-10: 0618723935

Great!

- o Prey by Lurlene McDaniel  
Delacorte Books for Young Readers (February 12, 2008)  
ISBN-10: 0385734530  
DON'T read this! This turns the victim into the cause of the problem.
- o Mercy Thompson Series by Patricia Briggs  
Ace (January 31, 2006)  
ISBN-10: 0441013813  
Keywords: Another vampire series
- o Grayson by Lynne Cox  
Harvest Books (February 4, 2008) (paperback)  
ISBN-10: 0156034670  
Written for adults but teens will love it!

### **ANATOMY OF A FAILURE:**

Marie: Each week of a program was a different theme: jewelry, henna, etc. Only 2 people attended. The failure was in promoting the program to the right audience. How do you find the right audience?

Sarah: "Spring break Extravaganza" Everyone was on vacation so there was very low attendance. It was a very low budget program. Each day they had something different: card games, art drawing, poetry.

Marla: A colleague great success with a spring break program.

Maybe in the future more people will be staying home on vacations due to the high cost of flights and gas.

Rob, Weekes Branch- Hayward Library: The dynamic of a community will change over time. Programming that was once successful on Saturdays no longer works for him. Take a look at how the community is changing and what else is offered during the same time frame.

Penny Peck, San Leandro Public Library: Weekend programs have a very low attendance with children's and family programs. Festivals and big community events always happen on the weekends.

Marie had a program and checked with all of the public schools and the city but the local private school had an annual carnival, which the whole town attended.

Sarah: Redwood had a SRP program on Wednesdays for years but the City decided to do a program on the same nights. It took all of their attendance. Sarah suggested they change nights... her library *might* take that into consideration for next year.

Elsie Tep, CCC Library: There are no teens who attend their movie nights. Her suggestion would be to incorporate the teens into the selection of the movies, perhaps during the teen advisory meetings.

Novato had a henna program. Their registration was full and not very many came.

Penny: Do a reminder call. She has her teen volunteers make the call before the event.

Charge a minor fee: people are more likely to show up if they have to pay.  
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Some programs are great for all ages but most programs are geared toward one of two groups: middle school or high school. Focus on whichever group you want to target and if teens from

the other group show up, great!

Book Club: target the teachers at the beginning of the school year. Most teachers will know which kids will commit. Target the gifted and talented kids. They are more likely to follow through.

Tutors: Marie: Mountain View hires high school students (and pays them), one junior and one senior, to do the after school tutoring @ the library. There is an official application and no one signed up this year.

Does anyone else have paid tutors at their library?

Sarah: Homeschoolers help with their homework center.

Penny: They also pay their tutors.

Annamarie Meyer, Alameda Free Library: They give community service hours to their tutors.

The continuing question: How do we get more teens at our events?

Always serve food. Try to balance between healthy and junk food.

Nancy, CCC: Serve good food, but they can only serve water. (hot dogs or pasta in a crock pot)

Some teens only want juice. Capri Sun is a good option.

Ask all the volunteers or the teen advisory group what they would want if they came.

Marie: Chess Club- Marie had a contact at the high school who was going to take responsibility for this. He seemed totally committed and then flaked out.

Brandi Bette: We have our teen volunteers head our Sunday games. We offer Scrabble and chess as well as tea and a snack. This is open to all ages. The volunteers are the only ones who come regularly. We are thinking about changing this to Thursday nights.

BB also had a focus group that wanted to have an after-hours movie at the library.

We are going to try it out for Day of the Dead, from 8:30 to 10:30 on November 1.

Elsie finds that there is lots of enthusiasm and interest in the beginning but then the teens don't follow through.

Marla: Idea for a program- They are going to have Tommy, a ghost hunter from the San Francisco Ghost Society, do a haunted house investigation. <http://www.sfghostsociety.org/>