



Next meeting:

November 18, 2008
9 a.m.– 12 p.m.
Alameda County Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd
Fremont, CA 94538

Annual Book Sale

Bring in your money! We'll be selling our review copies to pad your collection. We will also be setting programs and meeting locations for 2009.

Current events and programs at our libraries:

- Brian Boies, Oakland Public Library: The Teen Slam Jam featured poetry slams by Youth Speaks and live music by young BUMP Records artists in the courtyard at Oakland Main. (All performers were free and brought all of their equipment.) Youth Uprising catered the event for a very reasonable price. 0
- Elsie Tep, Contra Costa County Library: Free to Vote initiative: vote for your favorite literary character- kids/ vote for your favorite villain or hero- teens/ League of women Voters- adults.
- Debbie Carton, Berkeley Public Library: Teen Information Station: After the first day of school a group of teen volunteers 'manned' the station guiding teens to what the library has going on for them as well as gave out some freebies (pencils, etc.) leftover from other programs. Friday Films for Teens: Musicals like Meet Me in St. Louis. Debbie bought bean bags (teen bags) in part to deter the adults, but mostly just for the teens.
- Dana Aleshire, Contra Costa County- San Pablo: Dana was chosen to be part of the California State Library Statewide Reference Think Tank evaluating trends, imagining the future of reference and where libraries are headed and how we are getting our information. Here is a link to the California State Library's blog. http://blog.library.ca.gov/archive/2008/06/19/Statewide-Reference-Think-Tank-_2D00_-August-25_2D00_26_2C00_-2008-in-Pasadena.aspx
- Sarah La Torra, Redwood City Library Public Library: They opened a new branch with 10,000 items. 2000 people came on the opening day.
- Brandi Bette Smead, Benicia Public Library: 8th Annual Moonlight Film Festival, there were 260 attendees, 17 films and over 50 youth participants (and somehow it cost \$200 less than last year's). There were about 60 more than last year. Banned Books Week, the TAB group will be wearing "I read banned books" buttons and announcing banned books week in all of their classes. There will be about 1500 bookmarks randomly on the shelves that read "Some people consider books dangerous." Benicia just recently passed a daytime curfew from 8-2 to counter truancy in the schools.
- Karen Lundstrom, Alameda Free Library: Homework Coach Training, 37 teens in high school were trained to help K-5 students with homework. The teens earn community service hours for this.

- Jodi Mitchell, Oakland Public Library: Youth Leadership Council at ALA. Jodi did a presentation on youth advocacy. There is a pod cast through YALSA, #55.

Reader's Advisory Workshop on October 23:

30 people have already preregistered but only a few people from BAYA. Please register ahead of time if you are coming!

Assignments:

- Registration: Sarah, Debbie and Kelly- be there at 8:30 AM
- Handouts: Kelly Keefer. Send the resources you use for reader's advisory, print or online, or any tips to Kelly at kkeefer@san-leandro.ca.us. We will also add a copy of our most recent reviews, a membership form, an evaluation form (Brandi Bette will put this together with the help of Karen) and an agenda to the handouts. Penny will be running off all of the documents so make sure she has everything by Monday, October 20.
- Catering: Penny will give the caterer the final head count on Monday the 20th.
- Honorary Membership Certificate: Linda
- President's Speech: Brian won't be there so Elsie, VP, will do an introduction for the presentation followed by Penny, who will introduce Joni.

Manga Presentation:

Eva:

Manga is Japanese for comics. It can also mean whimsical or irresponsible pictures. Throughout history we can see many examples of 'sequential art', which is exactly what comics are. Ex. the Bayeux tapestry in France.

Manga has been around since the 6th or 7th centuries. Some of the earlier examples are Pictures of the Floating world, which are wood block prints bound into books.

Kamishibai is a great example of 'portable' comics. (Take a look at Allen Say's Kamishibai Man.)

Shonen: Manga for boys- action and humor

Shojo: Manga for girls- emotion and relationships

Some great examples of Manga are:

Astro Boy, 1952

Princess Knight, 1954

Buddha, 1973

Legend of Kamui, 1964

Golgo 13, 1968

Devilman, 1972

Rose of Versailles, 1972

Swan, 1976 (sports manga)

To Terra, 1980

Josei Manga: women's manga

Happy Mania, 1995

Paradise Kiss, 1999

Tramps Like Us, 2000

Yotsuba&! Is the best example of manga for all ages.

Unlike novels, manga was written to be read extremely fast. Some Japanese commuters will read a 300-page manga magazine in a day.

Todd: Trends in comics/ manga

Akira started a lot of the craze here in the US in 1988.

It has only been in the last 10-12 years that manga has really infiltrated our culture.

There are so many young girls who are reading manga now that the market for more mature manga will grow as they do. They will continue reading this format their entire lives.

#1 graphic novel in the US: Watchmen by Alan Moore

Other popular titles include:

Death Note by Tsugumi Ohba and Takeshi Obata

Mermaid Saga by Rumiko Takahashi

Manga publishers are not friendly to libraries. They are creating disposable books. All librarians know how they fall apart after a couple of circulations. (Email Brian at bboies@oaklandlibrary.org to find out more about manga binding.)