



YA ROUND-UP

Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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Resources available for library staff who work with Teens!

Listed below are various web sources that can serve as helping aids when needing new ideas for programming, outreach and collection development.

Young adult librarians' help/homepage page

<http://yahelp.suffolk.lib.ny.us/> This site has links to commonly referred review journals as well as info on publishers, web sites for teens, and links to professional organizations.

Favorite teenage angst books

<http://www.grouchy.com/angst>

"Book reviews are listed according to the broad, amorphous categories listed..." such as sex & love, fitting in and creativity.

Booklists for teens on the web:

<http://www.seemore.mi.org/booklists>

One of the most comprehensive sites available with a significant number of booklists linked to other libraries across the nation. Separated by subject area and divided by fiction & non-fiction, this site is helpful for patrons who want readalikes!

Core collection: an introduction

<http://www.connectingya.com/>

"One of the most popular features of the 1st edition of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries* was the "core collection" section. For a variety of reasons it was left out of the 2nd edition. Here it is on the web as a supplement" stated by Patrick Jones.

Teenreads: <http://www.teenreads.com>

Part of The Book Report Network, a group of web sites founded in 1996 that share thoughtful book reviews, compelling features, in-depth author profiles and interviews, excerpts of the hottest new releases, literary games and contests, and more with readers every week.

Need some ideas for Teens and programming during the winter? Here are some program ideas for those winter doldrums.

Driver's Ed Test Review: You want your driver's license. Are you ready for the test? Come to this fun-filled, informative program presented by the Missouri Highway Patrol. Take this opportunity to go over possible questions on the test. Learn how to be a safe and competent driver. From Mid-Continent Public Library

Duct Tape Creations: If you haven't heard, people are getting college scholarships for making their prom outfits out of duct tape. While you don't have to get that fancy, duct wallets and sandals are still cool. Here are some suggested titles for samples: *Ductigami: The Art of the Tape* by Joe Wilson & *Got Tape?: Roll Out the Fun With Duct Tape!* by Ellie Schiedermayer From of Johnson County Library, Jo. Co., KS

Teen Fright Night Movies:

After hours at the library, scary movies and popcorn. Perfect any time of year! From Kisker Road Library, St Charles City-County Library District

Successful Interviewing techniques for Teens:

Topics covered: Appearance, actions, common job interview mistakes, frequently asked job interview questions, and illegal job interview questions. What questions should you ask and questions not to ask during an interview. From Mid-Continent Public Library.

Extra, Extra, read all about it! News and notes for YASIG members.

• Interested in becoming a reader for the Gateway or Mark Twain award? If so please contact: www.maslonline.org or www.gatewayaward.missouri.org

• The holiday season is upon us, for your New Year's Resolution in 2004 how about trying to read a YA book a month. Here are some good suggestions:

THE BELL JAR by Sylvia Plath (recently released as a Hollywood film)

FAT KID RULES THE WORLD by K.L. Going

JINGLE BOY by Kieran Scott

A MANGO SHAPED SPACE by Wendy Mass

MONDAYS ARE RED by Nicola Morgan

COUNTING STARS by David Almond (non-fiction, short stories)

Answers to quiz:

1. Buffy, Willow, Xander, Anya, Dawn and Spike, all from TV's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*
2. Christina Aguilera or Britney Spears
3. The Gap
4. Ozy Osbourne
5. Bratz Dolls

Questions or comments about the YASIG newsletter *YA Round-up*? Or if you have something you want added. Please contact Kimberlee Ried or Shari Ellison.

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Pop Culture Quiz, test your Teen IQ!

1. Who are the members of the *Scooby Gang*?
2. Name the pop princess who got her start on the *Mickey Mouse Club*. Note: two possible answers.
3. What American based clothier is revamping its image and has consistently used multiculturalism in its ads?
4. Who is the Prince of &^%\$@*! Darkness?
5. This popular toy comes with fashion sense and plenty of attitude.

Serving this special population is difficult for anyone who works with teens, but more so for librarians. Library staff are already working against a built-in "uncool" stereotype. Pop culture is one of the ways librarians communicate with teens to get them in to the library. We'll never be "cool," but we don't have to be "dorky" and "lame". Does this mean you need to vegetate every Saturday night for three hours in front of MTV? Should be able to name all the "Homies"? No. Being aware of the popular teen culture touchstones doesn't require total immersion. But don't touch that radio dial when Pink starts singing an swinging the "badunkadunk". You'll need to know what it is when a youthful patron comes in asking for it.

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MLA Conference information. Get ready for MLA in St Louis in October 2004. Start brainstorming ideas for workshop proposals. Plan on attending!

Award winners. In January ALA and YALSA will announce the winners of the Margaret Edwards Award and the Michael Printz award. Two very well known Young Adult award categories. Plan on getting those award winning books for your library!

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