



# YA ROUND-UP



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## **Get Ready for Teen Tech Week:** **March 4-10, 2007**

“The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce Teen Tech Week, a new YALSA celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there, such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, electronic games and more. Teen Tech Week will be celebrated for the first time March 4-10, 2007. “

For program ideas and other resources, be sure to visit <http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teentechweek/ttw.htm>

### **What are Missouri Librarians doing to celebrate?**

Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services at Kansas City Public Library, reports that they are planning to work with teens in each branch to create videos. Each teen group at each branch will create a short (3-4 minute) video about their library. They will premiere these videos at a central location during Teen Tech Week, put the videos on their web site, and add them to the mix at youtube.

Springfield-Greene County Library will use TTW to launch their second annual TeenTakes contest. The contest invites teens 13-18 to create a video of 15 seconds to 2 minutes in length that promotes books, reading, the Library or librarians. They had 10 entries last year, but hope by promoting it earlier this year they will have many more. The Midtown Branch will host a program featuring a local news photographer who will teach teens about shooting and editing video film.

## **Teen Summer Reading 2008: Metamorphosis @ Your Library**

To the outside world it might seem early to talk about summer reading, but we know it's just around the corner. What great programs are you planning? What about ideas for school visits? If you run into a great idea and like to share, be sure to send an email to the YASIG listserv: [YASIG-L@MLNCLIST.MLNC.ORG](mailto:YASIG-L@MLNCLIST.MLNC.ORG)

Jeanie Meyer at Kirkwood Public Library is planning a teen Animation & Game creation program as well as letting the teens transform boring wooden stools in the teen section with paint.

Kathy Seufert at St. Joseph Public Library plans to schedule a Yoga class and invite someone from the local Beauty University to offer make-over tips.

## Teen Read Week 2007: How Did You Celebrate?

The theme this year was LOL @ Your Library and teens read and laughed all week long. How did Missouri libraries celebrate this special week?

Kathy Seufert reported that the downtown branch of the St. Joseph Public Library kicked off Teen Read Week by showing the movie "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" and enjoyed NASCAR cake and PowerAde. Another evening offered teens a Cartooning/Anime workshop. As an ongoing challenge, the library offered cartoon trivia questions throughout the week. At the end of the week, library staff drew the name of a teen who had answered a trivia question correctly and the teen won a \$10.00 gift certificate to Borders Book Store.

Next year's theme is: Books with Bite @ Your Library, Oct. 12-18, 2008. The 2008 TRW web site will launch on Support Teen Literature Day April 17, 2008. For more about TRW, check on the YALSA wiki at: [http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen\\_Read\\_Week](http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Read_Week)

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## Teen Squared: Books that are Twice as Good 2007

Compiled by members of the Missouri Library Association's Young Adult Services Interest Group, these titles were chosen based on their popularity with young adults and on the advice of librarians who recommend them to their teen patrons and use them for booktalks. These are the final selections for YASIG's picks to represent the most engaging young adult literature in 2007.

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne  
*Waves* by Sharon Dogar  
*St. Iggy* by K.L. Going  
*Evil Genius* by Catherine Jinks  
*Standing Against the Wind* by Traci L. Jones  
*The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl* by Barry Lyga  
*Harlem Summer* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Terrier (Bekka Cooper)* by Tamora Pierce  
*Endymion Spring* by Matthew Skelton  
*The Red Thread* by Roderick Townley  
*Seven Days at the Hot Corner* by Terry Trueman  
*The Rules of Survival* by Nancy Werlin

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