



YA ROUND-UP



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Teen Tech Week 2009

YALSA's third annual Teen Tech Week is March 8–14! Press Play @ Your Library is the theme, and program ideas can be found at the Teen Tech Wiki:

http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Teen_Tech_Week

Here's a sampling of tech events at Missouri libraries:

Scratch Animation and Game Design Workshops

Learn how to make animation, video games, and comic strips from *Scratch*, an easy to use (and free!) program online.

Digital Photo Editing Workshop

Learn how to edit digital photos online to make your own collages, posters, or just for fun!

Video Game Tournament

Get your game on for our Teen Video Game Tournament! Test your skills at Guitar Hero, Super Smash Bros, or Wii Bowling. Fabulous prizes are in store for the winner of each game.

So You Think You Can Text? Tournament

When it comes to texting, how fast are you? Phones will be provided for this texting competition. A moderator will say a phrase and the first to get their text received, moves on to the next level. Put your skills to the test and see if you have what it takes to be crowned Champion of Text Messaging.

It's a Morph Thing

Have fun morphing your face with your favorite celebrities, musicians, and friends with Morphthing.com. Participants will need to bring a photo of themselves or friends that can be uploaded to the website (saved on a flash drive or CD).

Internet Scavenger Hunt

Hey teens, just pick up one of our four weekly quizzes at the circulation desk, do your thing on the internet, answer the questions and give us the URL where you found the answer. Every correct answer with URL will give you a chance at a weekly drawing for a \$10.00 Pizza Hut e-Gift Card.

Young Adult Literature Symposium

The first annual YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium, was held November 7-9, 2008 in Nashville. Below are some useful resources recommended in various sessions:

Printz award winner Gene Luen Yang praised Buffalo Public Library's graphic novel project: <http://getgraphic.org/> and recommended author/illustrator Mark Crilley's YouTube videos on how to draw. Links at <http://www.markcrilley.com/>

Linda Braun's technology session "Reading: It's Not Just About Books Anymore" highlighted these web tools:

Voicethread.com – a step up from Power Point – you can imbed video, record your voice, doodle on the slides, and others can comment.

Twitter.com/manyvoices – a teacher started this collaborative story, which was written by over 100 elementary and middle school students in six different countries using Twitter.com.

Wordia.com – a video dictionary that anyone can contribute to – look up "tantamount" and "ameliorate" for amusing examples

Wordle.net – paste any text into this web site and create a word cloud; useful for logos, decoration, vocabulary lists, concrete poetry, and alternative book reports.

Techcrunch.com – one of the best technology blogs

"Fandom, Fan Life, and Participatory Culture" librarians Liz Burns and Carlie Webber recommended:

Fanfiction.net: largest fanfic site on the Internet.

FictionAlley: a Harry Potter fanfic archive. Largest HP-only fan site on the web.

Twilighted: Twilight fanfic. Sponsoring an original fiction contest.

Mediaminer.org: anime-focused fan art and fanfic.

Missed out on the symposium? You can view speakers' power point slides and read attendees' Twitter notes at the YALSA Symposium wiki and listen to podcasts of some sessions at the YALSA Podcast page.

YALSA's next Symposium will be held in Albuquerque in November 2010.

Be on the lookout for:

Teen Spaces, 2nd edition by Kimberly Bolan. It features several Missouri libraries' teen space.

Next issue:

- Summer Reading Club survival tips
- Teen Tech Week re-cap
- Get to know Missouri Youth/Teen Services Librarians. We'll profile one librarian in each issue of the YA Round-Up. If interested, please e-mail swindau@slcl.org .

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