



YA ROUND-UP



Young Adult Special Interest Group: A unit of MLA

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YASIG online: <http://molib.org/yasig/>

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2009 MLA Conference

Don't miss out on all the YASIG sponsored conference programs!

Wednesday, October 7th

Time: 2:15-3:00PM

Reach Them: Shares ideas and information on how to reach out to youth and enjoy it!

Room: Windsor I

Presenter: Pamela Trainer-Burrell, Teen Services Provider, St. Louis Public Library

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Title: YA Librarians Meet & Greet: YALSA Swag, Free Books, and Fun Times

Room: Sports Zone Bar

Thursday October 8th

Time: 7-8:30AM

YASIG Breakfast with Heather Brewer

Room: Windsor IV

Time: 8:45-9:30AM

Reaching the Reluctant Reader with Heather Brewer

Room: Windsor IV

Time: 8:45-10:45AM

Poster Sessions

Teen Summer Reading Video Camps and YouTube Contest: Presented by Sarah Windau,
St. Louis County Library

Youth Volunteers in the Library: Presented by Lynn Bosso, Kirkwood Public Library

Time: 9:45-10:45AM

Listening with Your Ears: Come find out about some of the hot audio book titles in the last couple of years with appeal to teens. Tips on providing readers advisory for audio books will be discussed along with the benefits of audio books

Room: Par III

Presenter: Jamie Mayo, Central Youth Services Manager, Kansas City Public Library,

Time: 10:30-11:30 AM

Title: Heather Brewer Book Signing

Room: Trade Show, MLA Conference Store

Time: 1:15-2PM

Table Talks: After School at the Library: Engaging and Serving Teens

Presenters: Anna Kwiatkowski and Sarah Windau, St. Louis County Library

Time: 2:15-3PM

YSD, CSRT, YASIG Joint Meeting

Room: Windsor I

Presenter: Chairs

Friday October 9th

Time: 9:15-10:15AM

Strengthen Ties to Your Community Through Author Visits: Learn to arrange author visits and build community partnerships in the process. St. Louis Public Library's Read it Forward Program will be highlighted.

Room: Windsor IV

Presenter: Carrie Dietz, Young Adult Librarian, St. Louis Public Library

Time: 10:30-11:30AM

Predicting the Future: Our picks for the Best of the Best in YA Books: Listen to booktalk predictions for winners of the year's nominations for annual award lists. Booktalking tips and instructions for making your booktalking sessions work for everyone.

Room: Windsor III

Presenter: Kimberly Patton, Teen Librarian, Kansas City Public Library

Spotlight on a Missouri YA Librarian: Sarah Bean Thompson

Check out Sarah's blog: <http://www.greenbeanteenqueen.com/>

What library do you work for, and what is your current title?

I work for The Library Center, which is part of the Springfield Greene County Library system as a teen associate (not technically a librarian yet, since I'm still working on my MLS!)

How long have you been a Teen & Tween Librarian?

I started working in the children's department with tweens three years ago. I moved over to the teen department a year later. I've been doing programming for both age groups, but I concentrate mostly on teens now, although I do team up with the children's department for tween/teen programs. I also try to keep up with tween lit just as much as I do teen lit, since our teens are grades 6-12.

How long have you been blogging about teen books, and how/why did you get started?

I started blogging because I started reviewing books for TeensReadToo.com and wanted a place to store my reviews for the site and also any other books I read. I had seen several books blogs and thought it'd be a great way to keep track of what I've been reading. I've been blogging for a year and a half.

What's the best thing about being a blogger?

The blogging community. It's great to meet other book lovers, especially in the YA blogging community, because you have a chance to connect with other readers of YA. These are people who are passionate about books and reading-some librarians, some not-but all booklovers. I love reading what other people have said about a book and having a conversation with them over what we're reading.

Any advice for someone who wants to start a book blog?

Don't worry about what it looks like or how it's formatted, just write what you think. Don't write for anyone but you. Use your blog as a record of what you've read and your thoughts and the rest will come. Too many people get caught up in the styles and backgrounds and designs, but if you write about something you're passionate about, you'll have a great blog. Also, don't worry if it's hard-it's really easy and there's always someone willing to help!

When is your favorite time to read?

I read all the time, so I don't know if I have a favorite time to read. I've always got a book with me! I guess reading before bed, because it's a great way to unwind from my day.

Last great teen book you've read?

I'm currently reading *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins and I'm loving it. I recently read *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater which I really enjoyed.

All-time favorite teen book?

That's so hard because I have so many! But I guess I'll say *What My Mother Doesn't Know* by Sonya Sones, because that's the book that made me re-discover YA lit.

Favorite thing about being a teen librarian?

Working with the teens. I know that sounds so cheesy, but it's true! I still feel like a teen myself most days, so I love talking with them and planning programs. The best part of my day is when I talk to a teen and they leave excited about a program we did or with a stack full of new books to read.

I love standing up for them to other adults because I think that teens are a vital part of our library. I also feel like I'm an advocate for adults--I get to show teens that there are some cool adults out there and we're not all old and stuffy and hate teens!

Favorite web site or blog?

I really enjoy The Story Siren-www.thestorysiren.com She's a lover of YA books and has great reviews. And she blogs just because she's a booklover who is passionate about spreading the joy of YA!

Author you'd like to meet?

I'd really like to meet Alyson Noel. She did an author chat with our library two years ago before she was a big NY Times Bestselling paranormal author and we've kept in touch since. I'd love the chance to meet her in person.

Thank you, Sarah Bean Thompson!

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