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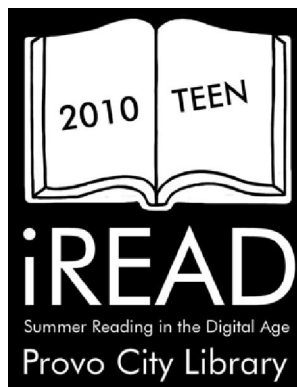
iRead: Summer Reading Club at the Provo City Library

By Ann-Marie Marchant
Provo City Library

The Provo City Library's Teen Summer Reading Program will run from May 29-July 31, 2010. This year we have chosen a technology theme: iREAD: Summer Reading in the Digital Age. We are excited to begin promoting Facebook and Twitter to our patrons as part of this program. In addition we will be holding a teen and adult online book club through Good Reads. We plan on reading "The Hunger Games" as our first title.

The Provo City Library's Summer Reading Program has been successful in past years and we hope for even more teen participation this year. Here is how the program works:

- ◆ Patrons can sign up for the Summer Reading Program during the first five weeks of the program. We record the patron's name, library card number, and phone/email address on the front of the registration card. On the back of the registration card we have space to mark the book reviews turned in and when the grand prize entry form has been filled out.
- ◆ In order to receive a grand prize entry form, the teen must read at least three books and submit a book review for each title. The books must be at least 100 pages and can be read or listened to. We are encouraging patrons to submit reviews through our online catalog again this year. We use the ChiliFresh (<http://www.chilifresh.com/>) software to manage book reviews.
- ◆ Each Saturday during the Summer Reading Program we have a weekly prize drawing. Any book reviews turned in during that week are eligible for the prize drawing. Weekly prizes include books, DVDs, and coupons to local restaurants and entertainment venues such as the bowling alley, laser tag, and the movie theater.
- ◆ At the Grand Prize party (usually held the first Monday in August) we have door prizes and grand prize drawings. In previous years the Grand Prize for teens included an iPod. The last few years we have given away a Wii. This year we hope to give an iPod Touch. In addition to the big grand prize we also give our gift certificates and books as other grand and door prizes at this event.



We will be having five teen programs this summer. **iCraft** will be a program where the teens can make a variety of crafts. I plan on having materials for them make earbud holders, felt gadget covers, cassette tape wallets, and/or computer jewelry. **iEat** will be a program where we will have a variety of ice cream flavors and toppings for the teens to make ice cream sundaes. I will do some book-talks at this program and then give the teens time to just read on their own while enjoying the sundaes. **iCompete** will be a Wii bowling tournament. I found brackets online at this website <http://www.printyourbrackets.com/wiisports.html>. **iRock** will be a program where we have a local DJ coming in to talk about how to spin records.

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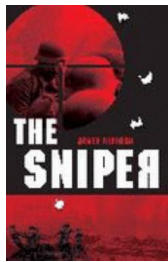
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The Sniper By James Riordan

A story based on a real Russian teen, Tania Chernova, who served as a sniper between the years 1942 and 1943, defending Stalingrad from the invading Germans. Riordan's attention to detail in both the military and civilian arenas creates a seamless narrative that almost reads like a diary. Elements such as the differences between the sounds of a Russian aircraft and an enemy aircraft, the palpable anxiety felt by Russians when speaking ill of the government, and the survival techniques used by civilians and soldiers alike strengthen readers' connection with Tania Belova and her environment. Riordan's development of her character, from a girl uncertain about her duties as a sniper to one who, after seeing the death of her comrades and a loved one, has the courage to defend her people at all costs; his realistic portrayal of war; and his well-integrated historical facts make this work remarkable. The book concludes with a note about the real Tania and others from her story. Readers who choose to delve into the sniper's world will not be disappointed.—School Library Journal *Hilary Witt, Sullivan University, Lexington, KY*

Tech Tip



By Kim Jackson
YART Webmaster

Book Trailers

Recently, I was fooled into thinking that Hollywood had made a movie of the novel, *Pride & Prejudice and Zombies: Dawn of the Dreadfuls*. It wasn't until halfway through that I realized I was watching a professional book trailer. Apparently, Quirk Classics had picked up on something that teachers and librarians have known for a while: book trailers can "sell" a book. Now, while we as librarians aren't making a dime on sales, we still have to "sell" our teens on the books we recommend. Or better still have teens sell each other on the books.

This spring, why not have your teens put together some sick trailers, inspired by this one from Quirk? (The new House of Night book, *Burned*, is sure to provide some interesting material). It doesn't take much—the teens can use something as simple as a Canon PowerShot digital camera, which has a video mode. Let the teens do their own videos, using their own equipment, and upload them to a library created YouTube channel. Set up ballot voting at the library, and you're set.

Even if you've done book trailers before, now is a great time to re-visit this format. They can be a very simple way to engage your teens with technology, their peers, and new reading material at the same time.

Note: If you're attending ALA this summer in Washington, DC, don't forget to check out YALSA's "Lights! Cameras! Book Trailers!" session. It promises to be exciting and informative.

Resources

Quirk Dawn of the Dreadfuls Trailer:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1JdPvyy93I>

YALSA: Technology for Teens Interest Group



Great Ideas for Summer Programming

by Jordan Triptow
The City Library System

Summer's approaching as teenage body odor and prom anxiety invade the stacks. The Salt Lake City Public Library staff have been preparing the Teen Summer Reading Programming, and we've decided that Summer 2010 is all about survival. **Summer Survival** is our theme this year, and we've selected a work of fiction, nonfiction, and a graphic novel to highlight for our summer reading program. For fiction, we are suggesting teens read *The Hunger Games* books, futuristic novels full of physical challenge and suspense, by Suzanne Collins. The culmination of our summer reading program will be a *Mockingjay* Book Release Party, (the third novel in the trilogy.) The nonfiction book we selected is *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* by Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht, which is a funny book full of well-researched advice. *Fables Vol. 1 and 2* by Bill Willingham are our graphic novel selection and are written using the premise: how do fairytales fare when they are forced to make a living in New York City? At the end of our summer programming, we scheduled a book discussion to talk about these titles and share our own survival experiences.

To kick off our program we are going to build kites and fly them on Library Square. **Fight or flight? Choose flight!** Cheap kite kits are available at the Dollar Tree and similar stores. An event that we are repeating is a Rockband Tournament. At our last tournament, we had a totally hip mom destroy the lyrics of Joan Jett's *Bad Reputation* on the expert level. It was awesome.

An activity that we are going to try out for the first time is glitter painting. We think it will be a good way to survive a dull day. At www.marthastewart.com/glitter-painting, there is an online conversion tool that will transform photos into simplified images, which you then "glitter paint by number." Martha's website also has a tutorial so you can learn how to paint with glue sparkly style and teach the methods to your teens. We are having pre-registration for the workshop so that the teens can use their own photos.

We will be having two writing workshops over the summer; the first is **It's Rude, It's Crude, and It's Mental Constipation**. Teen author Emily Wing Smith will be conducting a workshop on how to survive the most frustrating curse to writer's everywhere-- writer's block. Editor and graphic novel author Scott Allie will host a workshop on surviving editors and will share his insider's knowledge on submitting work (in comic form or prose) for publication.

Button making is a simple, fun, DIY craft project that can become addicting fast. We are inviting teens to try out our button press and watch the cult classic *Office Space* while they make their own pieces of "flair." We will provide discarded magazines and comic books, but teens are encouraged to bring their own materials.

It's been three years since the conclusion of the Harry Potter saga, but like the iconic boy wizard himself, Harry Potter themed programs just won't die. This time, it's a wizard rock revolution. The wizard rock stars *The Remus Lupins* and their Hogwarts-inspired anthems are going to enchant our auditorium in July and put a curse on anyone foolish enough to miss it.

The difference between survival and demise can now be stored in something as small and common as an Altoids tin. Being prepared for anything has always been a good idea; the pocket survival kit just makes it easier. The kit and picture tutorial found at <http://www.fieldandstream.com/photos/gallery/survival/food/2006/08/make-survival-kit-out-altoids-tin-and-two-more-life-saving-diy-> is an example of a complex kit, but an inexpensive, simplified version can be made using this as a blueprint. Using this kit you can start a fire, cook, navigate, fish, purify water, and more.

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YART Connections: People Profile

Carrie
Roggers
Whitehead

Youth Services Librarian

Salt Lake County Libraries



Carrie is a youth services librarian for Salt Lake County and has previously worked many jobs including teen librarian, after school specialist, figure model, pizza delivery girl and dishwasher. She will be the next chair of the Young Adult Round Table. Says Carrie, "If librarianship doesn't work out I'm going back to pizza delivery." In her previous moments of spare time she likes to read, write, bike and scrapbook. Carrie is crazy about graphic novels and her current favorite YA book is *The Great and Terrible Beauty* by Libba Bray. Check her out at her blog at www.thelibrarysamurai.blogspot.com.

Creating Connections in Ogden at the Pleasant Valley Branch

by Sarah Lovato

Pleasant Valley Branch Library

In March of 2009, the Weber County Library System found itself at an intersection where ambition and expectation met tremendous opportunity. The ambition and expectation was in the design and opening of its newest library location, the innovative and technology-rich Pleasant Valley Branch. The opportunity came when the Pleasant Valley Branch was awarded one of ten nationwide, \$5,000 Libraries, Literacy, and Gaming grants from the American Library Association and Verizon. From the center of this intersection, we created Get into Gaming, a nine-month series of technology and gaming-based programs for teens. The series was designed to not only take advantage of all of the unique technologies in the library, but also to introduce teens to the resources and services of the new branch.

Get into Gaming began in September of 2009 and has continued each month with programs such as hands-on workshops for building PCs, designing 3D video games, modifying board games, and recording podcasts. Each program was designed to move teens beyond merely playing games and instead actively engaging in their creation, design, and implementation. Don't just play games, design them; mod them; review them; build a gaming PC for them. Don't just play games—get into them!

One year after the opening of the Pleasant Valley Branch and seven months into Get into Gaming, the program can firmly be categorized as a success. Over 300 teens and tweens have attended the programs. They have not only begun to acquire valuable verbal, written, and technological literacy skills, but have had a great

time doing it!

With each new program, teens are introduced to everything the Pleasant Valley Branch Library has to offer. Through Get into Gaming, teens have discovered that their local library is a great place to connect with interesting technologies, good books, helpful resources, a friendly staff, and most importantly, each other. With the help of Get into Gaming, the Pleasant Valley Branch has become more than just a library—it has truly become the center of a community.



Best Books of 2009



The YART Committee is putting together a list of Best Books of 2009 to distribute at ULA and to post on our wiki. We want your input! We want books that you like, that are popular, and that are unique to our communities. Please send us your suggestions by emailing Kara at kpearson@slcolibrary.org.

ULA

It's not too late to register for ULA. Held in sunny St. George this year, ULA guarantees another great year of good conversation, programming, and social networking.

The Young Adult Round Table has spent a lot of time and effort on securing programs to help us as Young Adult Librarians succeed in the libraries.



Here are the great programs coming to ULA:

- ◆ Based on the Book: Youth and Children's Literature in Movies
- ◆ Managing and Understanding Teen Behavior
- ◆ 60 Programs in a Jiffy
- ◆ Teen Author Panel I- authors include Bobbie Pyron, Emily Wing Smith, Sydney Salter, and Bree Despain
- ◆ Teen Author Panel II- authors include Lisa Mangum, James Dashner, L.E. Modesitt, and Philip E. Jones
- ◆ One in Ten: Working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning youth

For more information, you can go to the ULA website at ula.org.

Hope to see you there!

Cool Websites

A few web resources found in the April 2010 School Library Journal:

GotBrainy (gotbrainy.com)

For all of those students studying for the SAT and ACT tests, this site is great for practicing vocabulary. It uses pictures and video to teach

and test the students.



cLits.com (piclits.com)

Just in time for Poetry month. This creative writing website lets you drag words around to make poetry with beautiful images.

Country Reports (www.CountryReports.org)

This is a site for 8th graders and above. It includes in depth information on all of the countries, great maps, statistical information, fashion, etc.

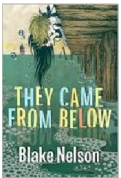




MAKE WAVES AT YOUR LIBRARY! TEEN SUMMER BOOKLIST

by Kami Carter
R.V. Tyler Library

Get in the mood for the Summer Reading Club and make waves with these Water-themed books for teens!



They Came From Below

By Blake Nelson

Seventeen-year-old Emily and her best friend Reese can't wait for summer vacation on Cape Cod. Every year, they hope that they may finally hook up with some cool guys...and it never happens. But this year, they're sure it's going to be different.



Ranma 1/2

By Rumiko Takahashi

Ranma Saotome never thought a martial arts training mission to China would turn out like this! An accidental dunk in a cursed spring changes boy Ranma into a young girl, every time he is splashed with cold water. Hot water reverses the effect - but only until next time!



Flush

By Carl Hiaasen

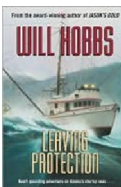
Noah's dad has a little problem with anger control. He tried to stop the Coral Queen casino boat's illegal dumping by sinking the boat. But within days the casino is back in business, and Noah's dad is behind bars. Now Noah is determined to succeed where his father failed.



Overboard

By Elizabeth Fama

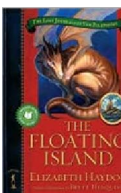
Plunged into the dark waters off Sumatra when her ferry sinks, 14-year-old Emily fights to stay alive amid the chaos and horror of passengers drowning in the night.



Leaving Protection

By Will Hobbs

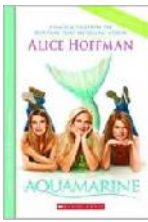
Raised in the island world of southeast Alaska, Robbie Daniels jumps at the chance to work as a deck-hand on a salmon troller captained by legendary fisherman Tor Torsen. Catching king salmon from dawn till dusk, Robbie is living his dream — until he discovers his mysterious captain's dark secret.



The Floating Island

By Elizabeth Haydon

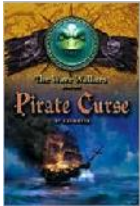
Charles Magnus Ven Polypheme - known as Ven - is the youngest son of a long line of famous shipwrights. He dreams not of building ships, but of sailing them to far-off lands where magic thrives.



Aquamarine

By Alice Hoffman

Hailey and Claire are spending their last summer together when they discover something in the murky pool at the Capri Beach Club. There in the depths is a mysterious and beautiful creature a mermaid named Aquamarine who has left her six sisters to search for love on land.



Pirate Curse

By Kai Meyer

Pirates have a name for kids who walk on water — polliwogs. As far knows, she's the last polliwog still alive. When someone sets a trap for Jolly's ship, she alone escapes. Washed up on a tiny island, she meets Munk, who has been raised in hiding.



Sirena

By Donna Jo Napoli

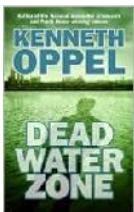
The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War.



Mermaid Park

By Beth Mayall

Sixteen-year-old Amy Rush doesn't expect much from her summer at the Jersey shore, until she stumbles on Mermaid park, an old tourist spot where girls dress in fabulous costumes and put on underwater shows. Working at the park changes Amy's life in more ways than she could have imagined.



Dead Water Zone

By Kenneth Oppel

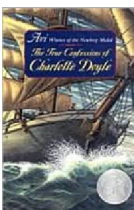
For as long as he can remember, Paul has looked after his younger, weaker brother Sam. But when Sam leaves home to work as a research assistant in Watertown, he disappears into the dark folds of the city's noxious slum. When Paul goes looking for Sam in Watertown, he learns a dark secret: something in the water is changing the residents of Watertown.



The Sea of Trolls

By Nancy Farmer

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls.



The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle

By Avi

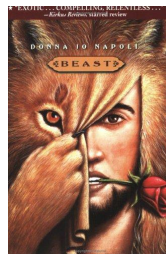
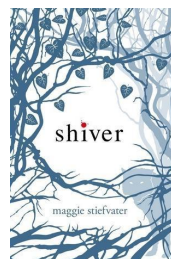
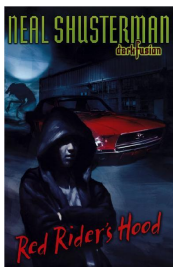
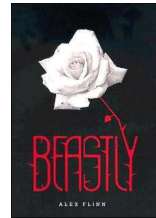
Charlotte Doyle, a thirteen-year-old school girl, is returning to her family in America from her school in England. Charlotte's voyage takes place on the Seahawk, a seedy ship headed by a murderously cruel captain and sailed by a mutinous crew.

Enchanting Tales for Teens

By Stephanie Bertin
Kearns Library

This summer one of the recent Young Adult Beehive Award nominees will be showing on the big screen. **Alex Flinn's *Beastly*** is a modern retelling of *Beauty and the Beast*. While your teens are waiting to check out a copy of *Beastly*, suggest one of these great fairy-tale retellings and fairy-tale inspired novels.

The Amaranth Enchantment by Julie Berry
Valiant by Holly Black
Avalon High by Meg Cabot
Golden by Cameron Dokey
Princess of the Midnight Ball by Jessica Day George
The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale
Mirra, Mirror by Mette Ivie Harrison
If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince? by Melissa Kantor
Goose Chase by Patrice Kindl
Fairest by Gail Carson Levine
Wildwood Dancing by Juliet Marillier
Beauty by Robin McKinley
Spindle's End by Robin McKinley
Princess Ben by Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Beast by Donna Jo Napoli
Bound by Donna Jo Napoli
East by Edith Pattou
My Fair Godmother by Janette Rallison
Red Rider's Hood by Neal Shusterman
Bella at Midnight by Diane Stanley
Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater
Scarlet Moon by Debbie Viguié
Jackaroo by Cynthia Voigt
Pay the Piper: A Rock 'n' Roll Fairy Tale by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple
Troll Bridge: A Rock 'n' Roll Fairy Tale by Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple



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Finally we will be having a digital scavenger hunt going on throughout the summer. **iSearch** will be the final program of the summer where we will view all of the submitted photo scavenger hunt collages. I plan on having them hunt for about 12 items and submitting their collage to me via email.

All programs will last for about an hour and will be on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 pm. We used this same programming format last year and it seemed to work well with our teens. They like having a variety of programs throughout the summer and we get good attendance to our summer programs. We have door prize drawings at each program and usually each person attending has received a prize. These prizes include books, coupons, and merchandise given to us by sponsors in our community.

We are looking forward to a great Summer Reading Program again this year! Please contact me if you have any questions about the programs we are doing this summer or would like further information on how the Provo City Library's Summer Reading Program works.

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Great Ideas for Summer Programming Cont.....

There are two types of teens- those who still like to play dress up and those who are will. Short for costume play, Cosplay is all about designing and showing off elaborate costumes of beloved characters from manga, anime, comics or video games. A Cosplay workshop helps teens elevate their costumes to an art form. We are having manga expert and award winning cosplayer Shannon Deonier conduct a workshop to help teens explore this creative hobby.

Worlds of the Crystal Moon, the new fantasy series by Phillip Jones, is gaining attention for the author's unique approach to edits and revisions. Fans of the series are encouraged to share with the author their own ideas and help influence the future of the story. We will be throwing a *Crystal Moon* themed party featuring costumed characters, a raffle, a battle of the bands and other activities in August.

You don't have to be last one standing in a gladiatorial fight-to-the-finish to get your copy of *Mockingjay*, but doesn't the much anticipated culmination of *The Hunger Games* trilogy deserve to be welcomed in proper fight club fashion? Patrons will be able to pick up their holds and even buy the book at the end of summer *Mockingjay* Book Release Party. Teens will be able to compete against others in padded sumo wrestling and even take home a piece of the story with their own symbolic *Mockingjay* pin, (made with our button maker.)

As in summers past we will have a reading incentive program, and teens can turn in review forms on books they've read to get prizes. It's going to be a busy summer, but hopefully we'll survive!

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or advertise an event?

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