

OYAN REVIEW

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OYAN [Oregon Young Adult Network] exists to provide a network for communication and growth among people who provide library services to teens, to increase awareness of teen library services in the state of Oregon, and to promote cooperation between school and public libraries. Visit us online at <http://www.olaweb.org/oyan/>

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ARTICLES

OYAN Sponsored OLA Conference Sessions 2007

Wednesday, April 18th Preconference 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cost: \$90 Sponsor: OYAN

Teens and Today's Technology

Linda Braun, Librarians and Educators Online; Caleb Tucker-Raymond, Multnomah County Library & L-Net

This full-day preconference introduces attendees to a broad spectrum of new technologies. Through a combination of discussion and hands-on activities, attendees will look at how libraries can use technology to attract and maintain a teen audience.

Wednesday, April 18th 5:30 pm-6:00 pm

Sponsor: OYAN

OYEA! (OYAN's You're Excellent Award) presentation

The Oregon Young Adult Network is very excited to begin recognizing outstanding contributions to teens in Oregon libraries with the **OYEA! - OYAN's You're Excellent Award!** This annual award will be presented during the 2007 OLA Conference to an individual, library, organization, program or initiative as a way to acknowledge and celebrate the recipient's efforts. The prize will consist of an engraved plaque as well as a monetary donation made to the teen services' program chosen by the award's recipient.

Thursday, April 19th Session III 4:00 pm-5:30 pm

Sponsor: OYAN

Teen Programming Showcase

OYAN members

Stations around the room will introduce teen programming activities and ideas, giving attendees a chance to move around the room to collect ideas and ask questions. Intended audience is any library worker interested or involved in teen programming at their library.

Friday, April 20th Session IV 8:30 am-10:00 am

Cost: \$12 Sponsors: CSD & OYAN

Lampman Award Ceremony and Breakfast

Presented since 1982, the Evelyn Sibley Lampman Award honors a living Oregon author, librarian, or educator who has made a significant contribution to the children of Oregon. Past recipients include Virginia Euwer Woolf, Eric Kimmel, Beverly Cleary, Cynthia Rylant, and Mary Kay Dahlgreen. An enjoyable breakfast will be served as a backdrop as the 2007 honoree is revealed.

Friday, April 20th Session V 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Sponsor: OYAN

Talk To Me: School, Public and Academic Library Staff in Conversation

Heather McNeill, Deschutes Public Library; Joy Haack, Bend-LaPine School District; Doni Stewart, Portland Public Schools; Jackie Partch, Multnomah County Library; Ken Watson, Eastern Oregon University

A panel of public, academic, and school librarians share how dynamic partnerships can benefit each institution and its customers. Library workers with an interest in outreach and community partnerships are sure to find useful insights.

Friday, April 20th Session VI 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

Sponsor: OYAN

Book Rave

OYAN members will booktalk titles from the 2007 Book Rave which is an annually compiled list of

recommended young adult literature. Anyone interested in teen literature or who does reader's advisory for teens should plan to attend.

“Building Teen Communities Online” (ALA Midwinter: Seattle 2007)

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I went to Seattle with the goal of learning more about three things: new technologies, YALSA, and ALA in general. I can say with complete assurance that I got my monies...well, okay...Multnomah County's monies-worth, especially at the **YALSA Pre-conference Institute: “Building Teen Communities Online.”** Rather than bore everyone to tears, I'll point you towards an excellent summary of the day written by [Frances Jacobson Harris](#) on the American Association of School Libraries (AASL) blog and just add some highlights.

Audra Caplan, the first speaker, provided a great outline for creating compelling program proposals for your director. She especially reminded us to **keep them informed** about our activities. For some reason, directors don't like surprises . . . especially when they're asked by the press! ;>)

Next up was *Libraries and Educators Online* consultant and YALSA tech guru, **Linda Braun**. Linda focused on “community” – what is it & how can we build it with teens we might never see? To convey the idea of virtual community-building Linda began with a demonstration of [singshot.com](#), an online karaoke site. Four of us were brave-stupid-drunk-enough to publicly humiliate ourselves by singing along with “Fame.” Okay, so it was still morning, and I can't blame it on alcohol, but it was REALLY FUN.

Since then I've shared it with teens that have had a great time listening to REALLY BAD renditions of “Over the Rainbow” and other songs. I also used it as an icebreaker at a staff meeting. My colleagues were VERY thankful I didn't make them sing!

Linda pointed out that a community is a group that shares a related interest and bonds over it. There is a whole community of teens that have bonded via online activities and whom we never see in libraries. Perhaps we should be creating virtual spaces or activities that support those bonds? YALSA has a lot of ideas, especially on the [Teen Tech Week Wiki](#).

If you haven't heard about them, check out some social networking sites other than MySpace:

- [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#) for video & photos
- share your bookmarks on [del.icio.us](#)
- create your own catalog of books on [LibraryThing.com](#)
- search for blogs @ [technorati](#)
- create an account with an RSS aggregator like [Bloglines](#)

There are lots of ways to connect with people online and teens are exploring them all.

But wait, there's more! Podcasting. Videocasts. Tagging. Wikis. Games (a word on games: it's not just about online games. Teens still like board games, card games, and other tabletop fantasy games. I had a chance to play Apples 2 Apples and Man Bites Dog.)

And in case you hadn't noticed, email is “SO tomorrow!” Today it's all about chats, IM (instant messaging) and text messaging. Keep an eye on these.

After Linda blew us away with the technology possibilities, a panel shared their thoughts about gaming. First and foremost, if you haven't already realized it, gaming is mainstream! They teach problem-solving skills, strategy, team-work and literacy. They also foster diversity and a global connection. So, what is the most important thing for an adult? *Play a game!* Check out [Runescape](#) or [World of Warcraft](#).

The final activity was to break into small groups and develop a plan. My MCL colleagues Deborah Gitlitz, Sara Ryan, and I were joined by a Nevada librarian named John. We had several ideas which we'll take back to TAcT:

- Develop a podcasting traveling kit
- Explore the use of text messaging for one sentence or haiku booktalks
- Move the Teen Internet space onto a MySpace page or a del.icio.us site

The day ended at an informal book signing with MCL's own YA author, Sara Ryan. Some excellent networking took place!

In addition to the pre-conference, I also attended the **Penguin Group Breakfast** and came away with some recommendations, most notably *Nacky Patcher and the Curse of the Dry-Land Boats* by Jeffery Kluger.

After wandering around Seattle for a while, I finally found the correct hotel and sat in on Youth Participation committee at the **YALSA All Committees Meeting**.

And of course, I went hog wild in the exhibits, wandering around and collecting books, giveaways, and posters. I got an autographed copy of Dana Stabenow's new Kate Chugak book and happened upon Katherine Paterson signing copies of *A Bridge to Terabithia!*

While it's mostly a love fest for sponsors at the **YALSA's Teen Tech Week Kickoff**, I collected some good handouts and ideas.

- Hold a "computer block party" – restrict all your computers for teen use only and allow longer than one hour. Maybe after hours so as not to disturb other patrons.
- Have a "tech share" time for teens to share hints about games or other skills.
- Anime viewing marathon – dress in costumes ("cos-play").
- Have art sessions with local anime artists.
- An interesting new database to consider: Teen Health & Wellness by Rosen Publishing.
- Great handout: **"50 things you can do to improve your Technology IQ."** I'll be happy to provide copies at the OYAN quarterly meeting on April 27th at Northwest Library.

The teen reviewers at the **Best Books for YA** selection committee were very impressive. Interestingly, the two teens that reviewed *American Born Chinese*, this year's Printz Award book, didn't like the book.

My first time at the **Youth Media Awards** was fun! This is when all the winners and honor books for the various medals are announced. Unfortunately, I hadn't read many of the winners so didn't have much perspective. The good news is that I immediately went to the Internet café and placed holds on many of the winners. I've been reading vociferously ever since.

So, did I accomplish my three goals? Yes! I learned a lot about teen online communities, and I experienced the business side of ALA and YALSA. It was both overwhelming to be in the midst of a huge group of library professionals and inspiring to know that there are many people committed to being the best that libraries can be.

Would I go again? Yup! Where else do you get free copies of the latest stuff? Oh, wait! I can do that at my library! ;>)

Teen Tech Week: Events at Newberg Public Library

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Our Teen Advisory Board opted to participate in the YALSA's 1st annual week-long celebration of Teens and Technology. They helped select the programs which included Internet Safety for Teens, Teen Tech Tutoring and a Late-Night Gaming event.

- The **Internet Safety for Teens** program an interactive presentation by one of our local Detectives from the Newberg-Dundee Police Department. He does these as often as he's asked to. The Library offered those youth in attendance a punch-card for 5 extra 1-hour sessions at our computer stations to use at their discretion, but not all in one sitting! We had a small but very interactive group. The Detective claimed he'd had whole classes of 25 youth or more that gave him fewer responses than our ½ dozen attendees. He was thrilled!
- The **Teen Tech Tutoring** program brought in 5 adults and 5 teens for 1 ½ hours of one-on-one tutoring. From the Reference desk, when assisting individuals on the computers, I collected names and numbers of patrons interested in some tutoring time for some skill specific to them. I then contacted teens for assistance in sharing their tech-knowledge with these patrons. After-hours (6:30 pm b/c we close at 5 pm that night) on the Wednesday evening of Teen Tech Week, we had an extremely successful session! The adults raved. One woman even sent a thank you note for providing *the interaction with teens* as well as the tutoring session! The kids seemed pleased with their efforts and willing to come again. Our second session was even better and had grown to 9 youth and 9 adults. A very satisfying event!
- At the request of my regular TAB group and Video Gaming on the Big Screen youth, we held a **Late-Night Gaming** event which included computer access as well as console gaming. We had PS2 with multi-player games projected onto the big screen and 2 Wii systems on smaller TVs! The library provided the projector, the big screen, and one the TVs. The rest of the equipment and games was provided by the youth attending the program including the extra TV. Upstairs, our computer stations were full. Many youth brought their own hand-held gaming systems and used our wireless to play interactively while they waited their turns. I had anticipated about 18 youth, but we had 36 attend from 7pm to midnight on that Friday night of Teen Tech Week. Mostly high school boys, too (more connections for my Teen Tech Tutoring program!). **VERY WELL-RECEIVED!** [*Aside: I'd planned a mid-session snack. We went through 10 gallons of ice cream in less than 20 minutes! ;o)*]

OYAN Book Rave

2008 On-Going Nominees

In order to be considered for the list, books must have been published in the two years prior to the distribution of the new Book Rave list. So the 2008 Book Rave can only include books published in 2006 or 2007. Beyond that, nominations depend upon what the nominator thinks teens in Oregon will like to read or have been reading with enthusiasm. Teens are encouraged to submit nominations! Contact Ruth Allen at rutha@multcolib.org with your nominations.

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson

Candy Darlings by Christine Wald

Votes for favorite titles can be submitted by email prior to our quarterly meeting in January 2008, where those votes will be tallied along with those cast by attendees at the meeting. In order to vote for a title, the voter must have read the book.

BOOK REVIEWS

UN LUN DUN

by China Mieville (Fantasy)

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[The following material is being reprinted from the Del Rey Internet Newsletter. To subscribe to this free, monthly e-newsletter, visit <http://www.randomhouse.com/delrey/mail/>]

What is Un Lun Dun?

It is London through the looking glass, an urban Wonderland of strange delights where all the lost and broken things of London end up . . .

Dear Reader,

I've loved a lot of books in my life. But easily the ones that have had the biggest impact on me are the ones I read and loved as a child. That's why, though I've written several novels for adults, I always wanted to write a book for younger readers. That much I knew. It was more of a surprise, when I wrote UN LUN DUN, to discover I wanted to illustrate it, too.

This is a wonderful time for YA fiction, and more and more adults are enjoying the same books that their children are reading. I hope UN LUN DUN, pictures and all, can give readers of all ages that kind of pleasure... and maybe even mean as much to some of them as the books of my own childhood did to me.

Cheers!

China Mieville

Visit www.unlundun.com

NACKY PATCHER AND THE CURSE OF THE DRY-LAND BOATS

By Jeffery Kluger

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[Recommendation from ALA Conference 2007 session: **Penguin Group Breakfast**]

“What Nacky Patcher and Teedie Flinn discover in the owl light and blackberry water of Yole Lake causes them to suspect they are losing their wits. Polished wood as far as the eye can see—an entire ship comes unbuttoned! Yet they see something else, too, something far more important: a way out from the curse that has burdened the poor folks of Yole for generations. But first, they will need the villagers to do something they haven’t done in a long time: work as a team.

Jeffrey Kluger, co-author of the blockbuster book-turned-film Apollo 13, delivers one of the finest, quirkiest, and most emotionally satisfying reads of the year. As they rise to the challenge of something greater than themselves, this cast of characters will capture readers’ hearts and imaginations.” --Book Description from Amazon.com http://www.amazon.com/Nacky-Patcher-Curse-Dry-Land-Boats/dp/0399246045/ref=pd_bbs_sr_1/104-9665971-4575960?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1176499126&sr=1-1

WEBLIOGRAPHIES

Anime Sources for the YA Librarian

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Anime is hot, hot, hot! It is a relatively new genre in the library world and may be intimidating to those who aren't familiar with it. However, it is worth the investment. Teens will love it, and librarians can use the collection to start an anime club at their library.

Be aware of security issues, unfortunately popular DVDs are subject to a high loss rate. Perhaps keep empty cases on the shelves with a sign telling patrons that the disc can be picked up at the desk at the time of checkout. That way, patrons can still browse the collection, and the library can keep track of its collection.

Check out these sites for more information.

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

Great site! It has anime divided into age ratings and is written for parents/librarians.

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

Good to see what is on TV

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

News in the Anime World.

<http://www.koyagi.com/Libguide.html>

The Librarians Guide to Anime and Manga: provides a good overview and talks about problematic issues in manga and anime and how to deal with them.

<http://web.mit.edu/anime/www/resources.html>

This is an extensive site. Good for general knowledge, vocabulary and info on how to start an anime club. Also includes several links to other anime review sites.

Websites for Teen Readers (& Librarians who serve them!)

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Here's a really great website that I'm using to beef up my YA collection before our summer readers get here:

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

I love the format and have gotten a good "heads up" on what could potentially become hot. I often don't get a shot at the latest journals b/c we have so many folks to route through, so I'm happy to have found this site.

www.readergirlz.com

This is another neat online book club started for YA girl readers. Interesting concept and fun to participate in.

OYAN QUARTERLY MEETING (April 27, 2007)

Our meetings take place on **Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We talk about OYAN business, upcoming events & conferences, books & materials, and library programs of interest to teens. Please join us on **April 27, 2007** at the . . .

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Driving Directions to Northwest Library

Northwest Library is conveniently located on the corner of NW 23rd Ave. and Thurman St. in the historic "Alphabet" section of Portland where streets are arranged in alphabetic order. It's one block away from the Vaughn St. exit of I-405, just off the Fremont Bridge. There is some parking around the building and in the neighborhood. **For a map to the location:** <http://www.multcolib.org/agcy/nwl.html>

Agenda

OYAN Quarterly Business Meeting
MCL, Northwest Branch
April 27, 2007
12pm-4pm

Spring Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
 - a. Attendees
 - b. Additions to agenda

2. Old Business
 - a. Review/approval of winter meeting minutes
 - b. OLA Conference review
 - i. How did OYAN's programs go?
 - ii. Raffle report
 - iii. OYEA! Award report
 - iv. conference earnings/costs
3. Idea and resource sharing: what did you learn at the conference? Ideas for next year's conference?
4. New Business
 - a. Oregon's TSRP Wiki <http://oregontsrp.pbwiki.com/>
 - b. OYAN officer nominations
5. Continuing Business
 - a. Financial report
 - i. scholarships
 - b. OLA Board report
 - c. OSL report
6. Quarterly Business
 - a. Newsletter
 - b. Future meeting dates

Lunch (order by Wednesday, April 25th)

Boxed Lunch provided by **St. Honore' Boulangerie**. Check their website for full descriptions of the sandwiches. http://www.sainthonorebakery.com/t_menu.htm

\$10/per person includes:

- Sandwich: Your choice of Paris Ham, Brie (veggie), Chicken Crudite' (chicken salad)
- Small green salad w/ vinaigrette
- French lemonade: lemon, berry, orange, or pink
- Dessert bar

If you are ordering a boxed lunch, please email Susan Smallsreed at susansm@multcolib.org with your sandwich & drink selection by **Wednesday, April 25th**. You may pay when you come on Friday.

Alternatively, you may choose to bring your own lunch/beverage or check out one these alternatives restaurants/delis (including the Boulangerie) in the same block as the library. Take your pick!

- **St. Honore' Boulangerie (across the street)** also has fabulous salads, croissant, quiche, & soup, in addition to the pastries & bread. I'm told the coffee is the best in Portland.
- **Food Front Coop Deli** (across the street and half a block away) has vegan and vegetarian sandwiches, salads, soups and hot dishes.
- **Dragonfly Coffee House** (across the street, just past Food Front) offers large sandwiches and other lunch choices. Also has good coffee.
- **McMenamin's Tavern & Pool** (across the Avenue) has the usual McMenamin's fare.
- **Besaw's** (next door, south side) offers great eclectic American fare.
- **Umenoki** (next door, west side) for sushi or rice bowls, etc.