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/](http://www.olaweb.org/oyan/)

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Anime Club
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The Anime Club for readers of the popular Japanese Manga books meets one Saturday afternoon each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Albany Main Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE. This group is recommended for students in grades 6 through 12 who like to read these Japanese comic book-format stories, or who like to draw in Manga style, to meet others with similar interests. Participants talk about their favorite characters and series, draw in the Manga style, and enjoy refreshments. Some of the club members’ artwork was displayed in the Library’s locked case during the month of November 2006. Anime Club meetings are free of charge, and no registration is necessary.

Wondertellers: Storytelling by Youth
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Youth in grades 6 to 12 also formed a new storytelling troupe, the Wondertellers, sponsored by the local adult storytellers’ troupe, the Wonderkeepers. During workshops at the Main Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE, the young storytellers learn the basics of traditional storytelling, movement, voice projection, and interaction with an audience as they act out folktales narrated by the adult workshop leader. Workshops started during the summer of 2006, and continue on one Saturday afternoon each month during the school year. The troupe has performed at three Albany Idol summer talent shows at the Library, at the Art and Air Fest in August, and at the Children’s Book Week party in November. New storytellers may join at any meeting.

Teen Tech Week (March 4-10, 2007)
Maren Ostergard
YALSA Virtual Regional Advisory Board Member
Posted to OYAN listserv on behalf of YALSA:

Please join YALSA in celebrating our first ever “Teen Tech Week” March 4-10, 2007. The purpose of this new initiative is to encourage teens to use libraries’ non-print resources for education and recreation, and to help teens
recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Here’s what you can do to join the celebration:

1. Register for Teen Tech Week at [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek). Those of you who register will receive incentives from our Promotional Partners Rosen Publishing and Tutor.com

2. Visit the Teen Tech Week wiki at [http://teentechweek.wikispaces.com](http://teentechweek.wikispaces.com) to find and share ideas for celebrating the event.

3. Plan on attending the Teen Tech Week Kick-Off from 10:30 to 12:30 Jan. 21st at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Meet our partners and sponsors and get ideas from our TTW Taskforce on how to celebrate in your library.

4. Keep an eye out on the TTW web site for Teen Tech Week podcasts.

5. Stock up on your Teen Tech Week swag at [www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org).

Thank you for working to ensure that the teens in your communities have access to a variety of electronic resources and are competent users of information in all formats. *YALSA would like to thank E-Vanced Solutions for making the online registration possible.*

**BOOK REVIEWS**

**Haiku Reviews**

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*The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume I: The Pox Party*  
by MT Anderson  
Slave? Free? Human? Subject?  
This puts the “lit” in teen lit  
Teen appeal? Not sure.

*How to be Popular*  
by Meg Cabot  
It’s a new school year  
Steph takes aim for the It Crowd  
Same(good?) old Cabot fare

*St. Iggy*  
by KL Going  
Iggy hits a dead end  
He’s working on some big plans  
When will he take flight?

*Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City*  
by Kirsten Miller  
In the hidden city  
Lulu Dark has met her match  
Kiki rocks my world!
Let's Hear it for the Boys!

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Georgia Nicolson. Jessica Darling. Mia Thermopolis. Alice McKinley. How many more can you name? Today's young adult literature is saturated with female lead characters. What about the young men? Who's going to be the changing voice of the teen male?

On the whole, studies show that boys are less interested in reading than girls. It seems that the market is slanted in the girl's favor. There are not nearly as many young adult novels with lead male characters as those with female stars. How can we expect our teen boys to get excited about reading when the shelves are full of "girl stuff?" People enjoy reading about things they can relate to, it helps them feel like they are not alone; like their life experiences are shared with others. Teen boys are no different. Boys struggle with growing up, just like the girls. However, the girls seem to have countless examples in literature to relate to.

Let's hear it for those writers out there giving a voice to the teen boy. Let's hear it for quality teen fiction featuring relevant, smart, funny, and caring male protagonists. Let's hear it for the boys!

The following is a list of my picks for the best teen boy "coming of age" books published within the past several years.

Gotta Get Some Bish Bash Bosh by M.E. Allen
First French Kiss and Other Traumas by Adam Bagadasarian
Hanging on to Max by Margaret Bechard
The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
Looking for Alaska by John Green
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon
Becoming Chloe by Catherine Ryan Hyde
Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie: A Novel by David Lubar
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
King Dork by Frank Portman
Teen Angst? Naaah . . . A Quasi-autobiography by Ned Vizzini
OYAN Book Rave 2007 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, for example, the 2006 Book Rave can only include books published in 2005 or 2004. 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!

Votes for favorite titles can be submitted by email prior to our quarterly meeting in January, 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.

Anderson, Laurie Halse  Prom
Blackman, Malorie  Naughts and Crosses
Bray, Libba  Rebel Angels
Brian, Kate  Sweet 16
Buckley-Archer, Linda  Gideon the Cutpurse
Cohen, Rachel and David Levithan  Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist
Cooney, Caroline  Code Orange
Cushman, Karen  The Loud Silence of Francine Green
De La Cruz, Melissa  Blue Bloods
Delaney, Joseph  Revenge of the Witch
Dessen, Sarah  Just Listen
Douglas, Lola  True Confessions of a Hollywood Starlet
Duble, Kathleen Brenner  The Sacrifice
Flanagan, John  The Ruins of Gorlan
  The Burning Bridge
Fletcher, Susan  Alphabet of Dreams
Freymann-Weyr, Garrett  Stay with Me
Gardner, Sally  I, Coriander
Giles, Gail  What Happened to Cass McBride
Going, KL  Saint Iggy
Green, John  An Abundance of Katherines
Gruber, Michael  The Witch's Boy
Halpin, Brendan  Donorboy
Hautman, Pete  Rash
Henry, April  Shock Point
Hassen, Carl  Flush
Hopkins, Ellen  Burned
Horowitz, Anthony  Ark Angel
Howe, James  Totally Joe
Johnson, Harriet McBryde  Accidents of Nature
Jones, Patrick  Nailed
Kadohata, Cynthia  Weedflower
Kirkman, Robert  Invincible: the Ultimate Collection (GN)
Klass, David  Firestorm
Knox, Elizabeth  Dreamhunter
Koja, Kathe  Talk
Langrish, Katherine  Troll Mill
LaRochelle, David  Absolutely, Positively Not
Lester, Julius  Day of Tears
Lockhart, E.  Fly on the Wall
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OYAN QUARTERLY MEETING  (January 26, 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 January 26, 2007 at the . . .

Oregon State Library, Salem
250 Winter St NE Salem OR 97301-3950
(503)-378-4243

Driving Directions to State Library
From I-5 South . . .
Take the SALEM/PARKWAY / OR-99E BUSINESS exit—EXIT 260A
Merge onto OR-99E BR S.
Stay STRAIGHT to go onto COMMERCIAL ST NE
Turn LEFT onto CENTER ST NE
Turn RIGHT onto WINTER ST NE
End at 250 Winter St NE

From I-5 North . . .
Take the OR99-E Bus. / OR-22 EXIT – toward STAYTON / DETROIT LAKE
Turn LEFT onto OR-22 / OR-22E BR / N SANTIAM HWY
Stay STRAIGHT to go onto ramp.
Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.
Stay STRAIGHT to go onto 13TH ST SE
13ST SE becomes 12TH ST SE
Turn LEFT onto COURT ST NE
Turn RIGHT onto WINTER ST NE
End at 250 Winter St NE
Friday, May 02, 2008

From Bend or Eugene . . .
Get onto OR-22 / OR-99E BR / N SANTIAM HWY.
Stay STRAIGHT to go onto ramp.
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Agenda
OYAN Quarterly Business Meeting
Oregon State Library
January 26, 2007
11:00 am-3:00 pm

1. Introductions
   a. Attendees
   b. Additions to agenda

2. Old Business
   a. Review/approval of fall meeting minutes
   b. Financial report
      i. No new scholarship requests or other expenditures
   c. Mock Printz workshop review

3. Idea and resource sharing (programs, book reviews, new websites or bibliographies, etc).

4. Continuing Business
   a. OLA Annual Conference update
   b. OLA Board report
   c. OSL report

LUNCH (12:30-1:00pm)

5. New Business
   a. OYEA! Award Committee update
   b. Book Rave voting

6. Quarterly Business
   a. Newsletter
   b. Future meeting dates

Lunch (order by Monday, January 22nd)
Your lunch option is a sandwich, chips, and a cookie for $4.95. Sandwich choices are:

- Honey Glazed Ham
- Oven Roasted Turkey
- Mesquite Chicken
- Veggie Natural

Beverages are separate, and the choices are:

- Can of Soda $1.00
- Bottled Water $1.25
- Bottled Juice $1.50

Of course, you are welcome to bring your own lunch/beverage. If you are ordering a lunch, please email Katie Anderson katie.anderson@state.or.us with your lunch option by Monday, January 22nd. You may pay when you come on Friday. Checks can be made out to "Cafe Today."