

ZINES & BLOGS

Thursdays, January 24 and February 21, 3-4pm

If you would like to start writing a Zine and/or help with a Teen Library Blog please come to these meetings. We would like to start a Teen Blog for the Library webpage we need your input. If you would like to create, your own Zine for a new Library collection come in with your ideas. Please register for these meetings.

Our first meeting was a success. We had about ten teens show an interest in both the blog and in creating their own Zines. They had a great deal of questions about creating their Zines and I hope to have a few by our next meeting. We had volunteers for different aspects of the Blog, writing movie reviews and book reviews. We also started a layout after viewing many of the blogs at other libraries.



TEEN INTERNET CAFÉ

Tuesdays, January 8, 3-7pm and
February 19, 4-7pm

Come to the grand opening of the Teen Internet Café on January 8th. You'll have your own place to *hang out*, have something to eat and drink, socialize, do homework and access to the Library's Wi-Fi. Pick up a brochure at the Reference Desk for details.

This just opened up and it was a great success. The teens want to do it everyday, the parents loved it.

We set up the Community Room with round picnic tables, laptops were put on these tables and we divided the room between the café and the Internet. We had a lot of food, a mix of some healthy food, brownies, chips, soda and bottled water. I was going to have hot chocolate for them, however, the weather was quite warm. The teens respected all the rules, see Teen Internet Café flyer. They completely surprised me by actually doing their homework.

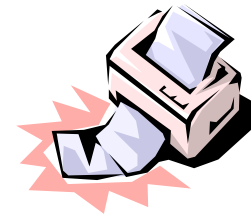
I also had some board games out and they were playing those as well.

I plan on adding music and more healthy food choices to this program.

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TEEN TECH PROGRAMS

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Teen Gaming Day

This program started in April 2006. Our tech person and myself started thinking of ways to bring older boys into the Library, but continue to provide programs for our core teens. With his expertise, programs and equipment we decided to have a tournament of *Mario Kart Dash* displayed on the big screen in the Community Room.

We used the GameCube system. It is light and portable and we were asking some of the teens to bring in either the GameCube, controllers or the game. We had over 30 teens this first time.

Prizes were awarded: \$50, \$30 and \$25 gift certificates for 1st., 2nd and 3rd places. I also gave out \$5.00 gift certificates to anyone who brought in a piece of equipment. All from Best Buy.

After each tournament we allow the teens to play different video games.

Costs: rental of games if need be, pizza, soda, bottle water, etc. We have received some free stuff from GameStop.

We will be having our 6th Gaming day this April it will be on the Wii. At this time we're waiting to see if the *Super Smash Brothers Brawl* will be available. We have been ranging in participants from 15 to over 30. The last Gaming Day in December was *Guitar Hero* with 26 participants. Since the first Gaming day the Library has acquired tvs, a GameCube, PlayStation, Guitar Hero and a few other games. We are hoping to acquire a Wii this year.

VIDEO FREE PLAY

Gaming Day led to our monthly Video Free Play on a Tuesday night. Our tech person graciously brings in his equipment, sets-ups and allows the teens to play what ever video games are available. No prizes.

Refreshments are served.

TEEN TECH WEEK 2007

Sunday, March 4 – Saturday, March 10, 2007

Teen Tech Week promotes the wealth of technology that can be found at your Library. We're going to show you the latest in our electronic resources, databases, audiobooks, electronic games and more. We will have two programs. Sign up for one or sign up for both. Plus at the end of the month we will be having our fourth Gaming Day.

Beyond Google and More

Tuesday, March 6, 7-8pm

Having trouble with homework? Can't find the information you want and the Library is closed. See how you can find correct information using the tools you always use. Sign up for this informative class on the Library's Databases, Live Homework Help and Ask a Librarian. Plus information on audiobooks, blogs and more.

This didn't go over very well with the teens, in fact we had to cancel it, however, when we ran it over the summer as:

Get A Clue

Wednesday, July 11, 3-4pm

Join us for this hour-long computer mystery and see who can find their way out of the web? Prizes will be awarded. Registration for this program ends July 6th.

It was a great success. It is all in how you phrase it.

Electronic Gaming

Tuesday, March 13, 7-8pm

Teen Tech Week continues for us this week with GAMES! Find out the latest information on new games at this fun program. We'll keep the pace fast and fun with this informative session on new electronics. Sign up to learn all about the new games!

This was a great success. Our tech person brought in all the latest games, equipment and he allowed the teens to test it out.

Teen Tech Week 2008

Tune in @ Your Library

Sunday, March 2 – Saturday,

March 8, 2008

This year's theme allows all teens to take advantage of all the media resources that the Library has to offer.

Tune Technology:

Tuesday,

March 4, 7-8pm

Did you know there was more than one way to get your music or audio book fix at the Library?

Find out the latest news by playing games, winning prizes and *hearing* what the Library has to offer you. Don't forget to bring your Library card to unlock all the hidden sounds.

Singing Bee:

Wednesday, March 5, 3:30-4:30pm

Put your knowledge of *tunes* to use with our very own version of the popular TV show. Have fun with your friends, maybe with your knowledge, you can be the champion of the *Library Singing Bee*.

