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TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL—SAVE THE DATE!

Do you spend every minute that you can reading? Even if you don't, chances are there are authors out there that you have heard of and would like to meet. **Saturday, April 29, 2006**, is the first ever **Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival**. The event is **FREE** and it will be held at Fairport High School. The authors coming are: **Laurie Halse Anderson, Terry Davis, Alex Flinn, Amy Kim Ganter, Brent Hartinger, Mary Beth Miller, Alex Sanchez, Terry Trueman, Vivian Vande Velde, Ellen Wittlinger, and Chris Yambar**. Not only can you meet them, but you'll have opportunities to buy books and other merchandise. Watch for details at www.teenbookfestival.org. We hope to see you there!

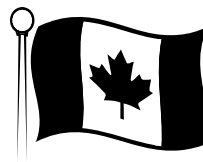
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PEN PALS FROM FAR AWAY

For more than a year now, the Webster Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) has been corresponding with another Teen Advisory Board in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada. We thought a pen pal exchange would be a great way to learn about another country.

Even though Canada isn't so far away, it's lots of fun to get packets of letters from teens we've never met before. For the TAB library lock-in this year, we had a scavenger hunt based on Canada and our pen pals sent us a lovely surprise box with all sorts of



Canadian goodies, such as pens, key chains, and stickers. They even sent us a pair of blue jeans to decorate for them — our very own “traveling pants”! Webster's TAB members plan to send a surprise of their own this summer!

Did you know:

- There are new bookshelves for the Graphic Novels in the Teen Lounge and new books to go with them!
- The theme for this year's summer reading program is **Books: A Treasure**. Earn great prizes while you read anything you want!

TEEN EVENTS—SPRING 2006

The following programs are especially for teens in grade 6 and above. All require pre-registration by calling the Webster Public Library at 872-7075 on the date noted unless otherwise indicated. You may also register for programs online at our website. Please check www.websterlibrary.org for program updates.

Library programs are open and beneficial to all teens, regardless of their level of education, experience, physical, or cognitive abilities. We invite everyone to participate. In order to make your experience positive and enjoyable, please inform us in advance of any special accommodations you may require to meet your needs. For further assistance, please contact the staff of the Teen Services Department at 872-7075 ext. 111 or 113.

PRACTICE SAT

Friday, April 21, 10:15 a.m.—12:45 p.m.

Sophomores and Juniors

Take a free practice exam for the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Sponsored by Kaplan Educational Center. Students should bring a number 2 pencil and a calculator, as well as a snack to eat during the breaks. Space is limited. Registration begins Friday, April 7. Scores will be mailed directly to you approximately two weeks after the exam.

GREATER ROCHESTER TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 29—Fairport High School
10 a.m.—5 p.m.

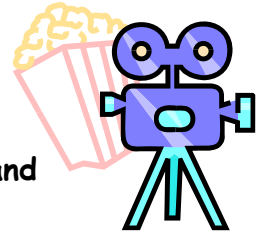
Carpool with your friends to this major event. Admission is free, but bring spending money if you want to buy books for your favorite authors to autograph. See the front page of this newsletter and also visit www.teenbookfestival.org for details!

TEEN MOVIE MATINEES

May 5 & June 2

3:30—5:30 p.m.

Students in grades 7 and above.



Bring your friends and a pillow for our free afternoon movies. We'll show them on our projector screen - feels like you're in the theater! Check the library's website for the movie titles. Refreshments will be served. Movies may be rated PG-13. Please register by the day before the matinee you want to attend.

ONGOING EVENTS

ANIME CLUB

Wednesdays: April 19, May 3, 17 & 31, and June 7 & 21

The Webster Schroeder High School Anime Club meets from 3-5 p.m. to watch a variety of anime films and then discuss them. All teens in grades 9-12 are welcome to attend. **No registration is necessary.**

WEBSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursdays: April 20, May 18, & June 15
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The TAB assists the library's Teen Services Department with program planning, ideas for purchasing teen materials, and many other things. Applications may be printed from the "Just for Teens" portion of our website. New members in grades 7-12 are welcome!



ADVICE COLUMN

For the first time, a real Webster teen answers your burning questions about life. C.W. will give you advice you can really use! If you have a question, please drop it in the tin container in the Teen Lounge by the New Books. Serious questions only, please.

Dear C.W.,

I am really shy, so I don't talk to lots of people. I'd rather read, but I've heard other kids saying I'm stuck up because I don't talk to them. I'm too shy to talk. How can I get them to like me?

Signed,

Lonely for a friend

Dear Lonely,

To make friends you need to put yourself out there. Don't listen to putdowns people say about you, just ignore them. Maybe join a club or after school activity. Since those groups are small, it will be easier to make friends. If you don't join a club, make friends with neighborhood kids. But after you put yourself out there, it will be much easier.

Signed,

C.W.

BOOK REVIEW CORNER



Below, you'll find some of the teen reviews we received during the 2005 summer reading program. Thanks for your participation, and keep reading!

Metamorphosis—CD by Hilary Duff

Reviewed by Grace Kelly, 9th grade

Rating:**Helped to procrastinate doing my homework or mowing the yard

I was glad to hear that it has no profanity. But the tween sensation puts most of her energy into innocent love songs, so that does not impress me. Also, I like the line on "Workin' It Out" that says "it's hard enough to be what you are/ Harder to be what you're not." Isn't that the truth? A good reminder to be the person God created you to be. A few songs did disappoint me. Duff's priorities are backward on "The Math." She wants her boyfriend to spend less time trying to understand her and more time in a full-on lip lock. And on "Party Up" she sticks with a guy who has a habit of abusing her. Not smart! Still, I'm relieved she isn't moving in the Britney Spears direction.



The Secret Garden—by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Reviewed by Mary Bendle,

Willink M.S., 6th grade

Rating:*****Absolutely necessary for survival

This book is about a girl who is orphaned in India and moves to live with her wealthy uncle Archibald Craven in Misslethwaite Manor in England. She is not very nice, but then she finds a way into her dead aunt's garden (her mother's twin sister) and finds her bedridden cousin and everything changes.

Rowan and the Keeper of Crystal—by Emily Rodda

Reviewed by Nick Kapusniak,

Siena Catholic Academy, 7th grade

Rating:***** Absolutely necessary for survival

Rowan and the Keeper of Crystal was a good book because it gives a good definition of all the characters and scenes. It also makes you want to keep on reading.



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www.websterlibrary.org

Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—9 p.m.
Friday—10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Saturday—10 a.m.—5 p.m.
Sunday—1 p.m.—4 p.m.

Library Hours

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BOOK REVIEW CORNER, continued

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A Separate Peace—by John Knowles

Reviewed by Jeff Barlow,
Webster Schroeder H.S., 10th grade

Rating:***Good to the last drop

A Separate Peace is a realistic fiction book. The very first chapter is solid information, which is usually unenjoyable. The novel is a giant flashback to Gene Forrester's school days, during World War II. It is very exciting and from the second chapter on, "good to the last drop."

Silverwing—by Kenneth Oppel

Reviewed by Grace Hollenbeck,
Wayne County, 6th grade

Rating:***** Absolutely necessary for survival



This book is about a bat named Shade who is trying to get to Hibernakulem and gets lost on the way. He meets a sunwing bat named Merrina and meets rats and gets chased by bats that want to eat Shade and Merrina. Do they survive? Read the book to find out.

TeenNews accepts reviews at any time during the year. Please hand yours in at the Reference Desk, in care of Olivia Durant, Teen Services Librarian. You are welcome to review books, movies, music, or websites.