

YA SMACKDOWN

Robin talked about Toronto Comic Arts Festival. Librarian and educator day.

Reader's Advisory: Favorite Manga: (Ever) "Pluto," 8 volumes, by Naoki Urasawa, some new publication from him? Not the crazy deformation of character, no slapstick, wonderful storyteller, distinctly Japanese in point of view. "Twin Spica" very sweet, teens go into Japan's space program, near-future, beautiful and well-drawn. All of "Fruits Basket" is being reprinted. "Full Metal Alchemist," 27 volumes: scifi steampunk crowd, good brother relationship. Story can get dark. Lots of humor.

This or that: Batman or Superman: "Undecided."

Favorite way to incorporate literacy into technology programs: Teen Film Camp

What do you do when teens sneak up on you/approach you off desk/program: Spend a few minutes talking with them, judge when is an appropriate time for you chat.

Banned books display: ala Blind Date with a book + reasons for banning, changing book cover illustration to represent opposite of title (two boys kissing)

How do you encourage kindness? By being kind yourself. The Kindness Rocks Project.org "If you mean it as an insult - you can't say it." Always saying hello, goodbye, see you tomorrow.

Favorite new fantasy pick for teens: "Strange the Dreamer" by Laini Taylor - beautiful, about a librarian. "Steeplejack" sequel is just out - Victorian city as in Africa, kind of a Boer city, girl works as steeplejack ends up working as a spy, slower pace, liked it for not being set in Europe. "Jackaby" and series beyond, ghostlore and mystery, dinosaur digs, and dragons. Graphic Novel by Andrew Wheeler "Another Castle" lady-with-a-sword type: straight and queer characters, protagonist is asexual. "Greenglass House," "Left-handed Fate," Kate Milford. "Valiant" female gladiators, good girl power.

How do you connect teens to community resources? Not often. Bulletin board. Facebook. Thirteen Reasons Why discussion group. Having cards and such ready. Liz Sherry from Mattapoisett set up Students Resources - legal rights for LGBT students. Girls, Inc: sexual health conference for moms and daughters, girls 12-14. Facilitator from GI went through discussion topics.

Political programming? Civil Disobedience, Thoreau - Winthrop. Speakers. From Civil Rights 1960s. Bicentennial of Thoreau's birth.

This or That: Run or book club or maker club? BOTH.

Successful Creative Writing Program: 6 week series. Nanowrimo location. High schoolers running elementary school group.

Exquisite Corpses - play game, but also as passive programming.

Favorite part of your day: Reader's Advisory, let's go browse, when teens come up to ask a question. Handling new books. Ordering books.

Favorite book to deal with racial and ethnic diversity. The Hate U Give. The Upside of Unrequited. Ben Aaronovitch (adult fantasy series) "The Rivers of London" series, "Midnight Riot." Grown-up Harry Potter. "The Lotteries Plus One." "Ms. Marvel." "The Inexplicable Logic of my Life" Saenz. JASON REYNOLDS. Archie - Jughead is asexual. Nicola Yoon "The Sun is Also a Star"

Allied Media program will bring promotional materials to you in preparation of a movie release - program has to be before movie release, they will take pictures of the kids with the swag.

Questions about what to do with tweens! 7th grade and up allowed in Teen Room, but what to do with 5th and 6th graders...Slime and Blackout Poetry programs. Minute to Win it. Tween spaces available?

This or that: Whovians or Nerdfighters. Nerdfighters.
After hours programming or no, not ever. Mixed.
Cardigans or no cardigans. CARDIGANS