

Teen Programs & Books

Bootcamp for Beginners

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Popular Genres

- Books into Movies & TV
- Series Fiction
- Supernatural Fiction
- Gritty Realistic Fiction
- Mystery
- Romance
- Fantasy
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- Historic Fiction
- Books for Reluctant Readers-
- Guy Books
- Chick Lit
- Humor
- Graphic Novels
- Manga
- Emerging Trends-
Steampunk & SciFi

Books to Movies & TV

Twilight Series - Stephanie Meyers

Vampire Diaries - L.J. Smith

I Am Number Four – Pittiacus Lore

Blood & Chocolate – Annette Curtis Klause

Gossip Girl – Cecily Von Ziegeisar

Pretty Little Liars – Sara Shepard

Beastly – Alex Flinn

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants – Ann Brashares

Breaking Dawn Party

As a precursor to the movie based on 'Breaking Dawn' by Stephanie Meyer you can hold a party!

Some Activities-

Costume Contests & Parades

Play trivia games based on the books (Greatest Trivia Game)

Provide henna tattoos

Crafts like Duct tape Roses & T-shirts Decorating

Have snacks and giveaways (like free movie tickets or concessions, or books)

Movies

Buy a site license and show movies. You can have nights devoted specifically to teen movies. Allow them to bring their own snacks or provide popcorn.

Series Fiction

As with adult books, series fiction is everywhere in teen fiction and is represented in multiple genres. They can be formulaic.

Examples:

Clique Books

It Girl

Nancy Drew

The Daughters

Princess Diaries

Gallagher Girls

Alex Rider

Private Series

Teen Advisory Boards

Ask them what they want!

A Teen Advisory Board is a group of teens that meet regularly to discuss what they want and need from the library and sometimes what they can do for the library.

Teen Advisory Boards

- Meet as often as twice a month, others may meet only four times a year.
- Offer programming suggestions and sometimes even plan and present events themselves.
- May raise money for teen materials or programming.
- Offer suggestions for material selection.

For more info-

http://midhudson.org/program/ideas/youth_programs.htm

Supernatural Fiction

Fiction books with elements of fantasy or horror such as vampires, superpowers, aliens, fairies, ghosts, angels etc. generally in a modern setting

Examples:

Night World books

Holly Black

House of Night Series

Vampire Academy

The Reformed Vampire
Support Group

The Replacement

Zombies Vs. Unicorns

Bluebloods

Tantalize

Hunger

Shiver (Wolves of Mercy
Falls)

Generation Dead

Vladimir Tod

Mortal Instruments

Trilogy

Hex Hall



Getting Crafty



DIY T-shirts (a.K.a. Deconstructed t-shirts, Altered t-shirts, Reconstructed t-shirts. . .)

Book Suggestions-

- **Generation T: 108 Ways to Transform a T-Shirt** by Megan Nicolay
- **T-Shirt Makeovers: 20 Transformations for Fabulous Fashions** by Sistahs of Harlem
- **99 Ways to Cut, Sew, Trim, and Tie Your T-Shirt into Something Special** By Faith Blakeney, Justina Blakeney, Anka Livakovic, & Ellen Schultz

Book & Media Clubs

These can be structured just like adult clubs where the group reads a particular book together over the course of a month and then meets to discuss it. Or each member reads a different book and discusses their item. Some clubs prefer to listen to books on CD and meet to discuss these items.

Clubs may even meet online. Clubs may meet to discuss other media as well such as music or movies.

Gritty Realistic Fiction

Books that deal with difficult issues in teen life like drug abuse, eating disorders, child abuse, crime, etc.

Examples:

- Wintergirls - Laurie Halse Anderson
- After - Amy Efav
- Thirteen Reasons Why - Jay Asher
- Because I am Furniture - Thalia Chaltas
- Paper Towns - John Green
- Boot Camp - Todd Strasser
- Hate List - Jennifer Brown

Banned Books Week

Occurs in the fall (late Sept. or early Oct.).

A.L.A. offers some amazing resources for promotions and activities.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbookweek/ideasandresources/index.cfm>

Displays Featuring Banned Books

Events featuring reading & discussing banned books



Mystery

Many teen books include elements of mystery and mystery books often cross genres into humor, historic fiction, and paranormal romance among others.

Examples:

- Bad Kitty – Michelle Jaffe
- All Unquiet Things – Anna Jarzab
- Horatio Wilkes Mysteries - Alan Gratz
- Top 8 – Katie Finn
- Snatched - Pete Hautman
- Down the Rabbit Hole – Peter Abrahams
- Death Cloud: Young Sherlock Holmes – Andrew Lane
- Enola Holmes Mysteries – Nancy Springer
- Acceleration – Graham McNamee

Staged Mysteries

You can buy 'boxed' mysteries which provide you with all the aspects of the mystery- suspects, plot, clues etc.

You can download or access murder mystery party games online.

Some mysteries make the kids outside observers, who analyze the clues laid out in front of them to find who done it.

Some make them a part of the plot, requiring that they play a character and interact with other attendees in character. As they hunt the criminal, they also have to fulfill certain requirements

Teen Nights at the Library

Open up the library after hours just for teens!

This gives them a chance to use the library in a more relaxed atmosphere. They don't have to worry about how loud they get. Often they are allowed to use whatever computers they want not just teen computers etc.

This does require the library to pay for extra man hours or it requires staff to volunteer their time for free.

Romance

Romance is another genre that tends to cross over into other genres.

Examples:

- Two way street By Laurie Barnholdt
- If you come softly by Jacqueline Woodson
- What my mother doesn't know by Sonya Sonnes
- When it happens by Suzanne Colasanti
- 20 Boy Summer by Sarah Ockler
- The Lonely Hearts Club by Elizabeth Eulberg
- The Book of Luke by Jenny O'Connell
- Anna and the French Kiss – Stephanie Perkins

Anti-Valentine's Day

No smoochie faces, lovey-dovey sentiments, passion red roses allowed!

Play Un-love Songs in the background

Decorate broken heart cookies or paper hearts

Whack a heart shaped pinata

Deface copies of romance novel covers

Pelt pictures of cupid with candy hearts

Play Anti-Valentines Bingo using herseys kisses to mark squares

Mad libs using bad romance novels

Make black duct tape roses

Fantasy

Genre that uses magic and other supernatural forms as a primary element of plot, theme, and/or setting

Examples:

- Gemma Doyle series - Libby Bray
- Graceling - Kristin Cashore
- Tamora Pierce Books
- Ranger's Apprentice Books
- Finnikan of the Rock - Melina Marchetta
- Selkie Girl - Laurie Brooks
- FableHaven Books – Brandon Mull
- Blue Girl – Charles DeLint

Gamming

Many libraries have or are investing in gaming systems. Some have these items available in special spaces daily. Some libraries offer weekly or monthly tournaments or open use times.

- <http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Gaming> - Best Practices Wiki

Everything you want to know! Includes articles from such reputable sources as School Library Journal and also great tips and hints on all the various ways you can introduce gamming in your library

Dystopian Literature

Refers to literature involving fictional societies that are incredibly imperfect, lacking the harmonious and egalitarian qualities of life depicted in utopias

Examples:

- Uglies - Scott Westerfield
- Unwind - Neal Schusterman
- Hunger Games - Suzanne Collins
- Feed - M.T. Anderson
- The Last Survivors Trilogy - Susan Beth Pfeffer
- The Forest of Hands & Teeth - Carrie Ryan
- Incarceron - Catherine Fisher
- Gone Novels - Michael Grant

Coffee House & Open Mic Night

Supplies- Coffee

Appropriate snacks

Microphone (if you've got it)

Some Chairs

Teens can share music, poetry, performances
etc.

Historic Fiction

Fiction works set in past time periods with varying degrees of historical accuracy. Some describe historical events, some merely utilize historical settings.

Examples:

- Dangerous Neighbors – Beth Kephart
- Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials – Stephanie Hemphill
- Forge – Laurie Halse Anderson
- Fallen Grace – Mary Hooper
- Crossing Stones – Helen Frost
- Flygirl – Sherri L. Smith
- My Brother Sam Is Dead – James Lincoln Collier
- King of Ithaca – Tracy Barrett

Summer Reading Programs

SRP programs for teens are structured like most independent reader programs. Teens read and record their reading time or page amount and receive prizes for reaching bench marks.

You can consult the collaborative reading program manual for more information and suggestions on programming for this years theme.

Non-Fiction

Such a vast array! There are a lot of fabulous Teen Non-Fiction Items. Some are so good they are worth reading just as books not just reference material.

Non-Fiction also includes instruction on creative activities that teens enjoy like cooking, crafting, computers etc.

Non-Fiction

Advantages of Teen Non-Fiction-

- They're shorter!
- Better pictures and diagrams- more visual appeal!
- Primary Source Documents!

Educational Programs

- Health
- Social Issues
- Art ex. photography
- Computer
- College Night
- Career Nights
- Environmental Issues

These usually involve calling on local talents.

Study Sessions

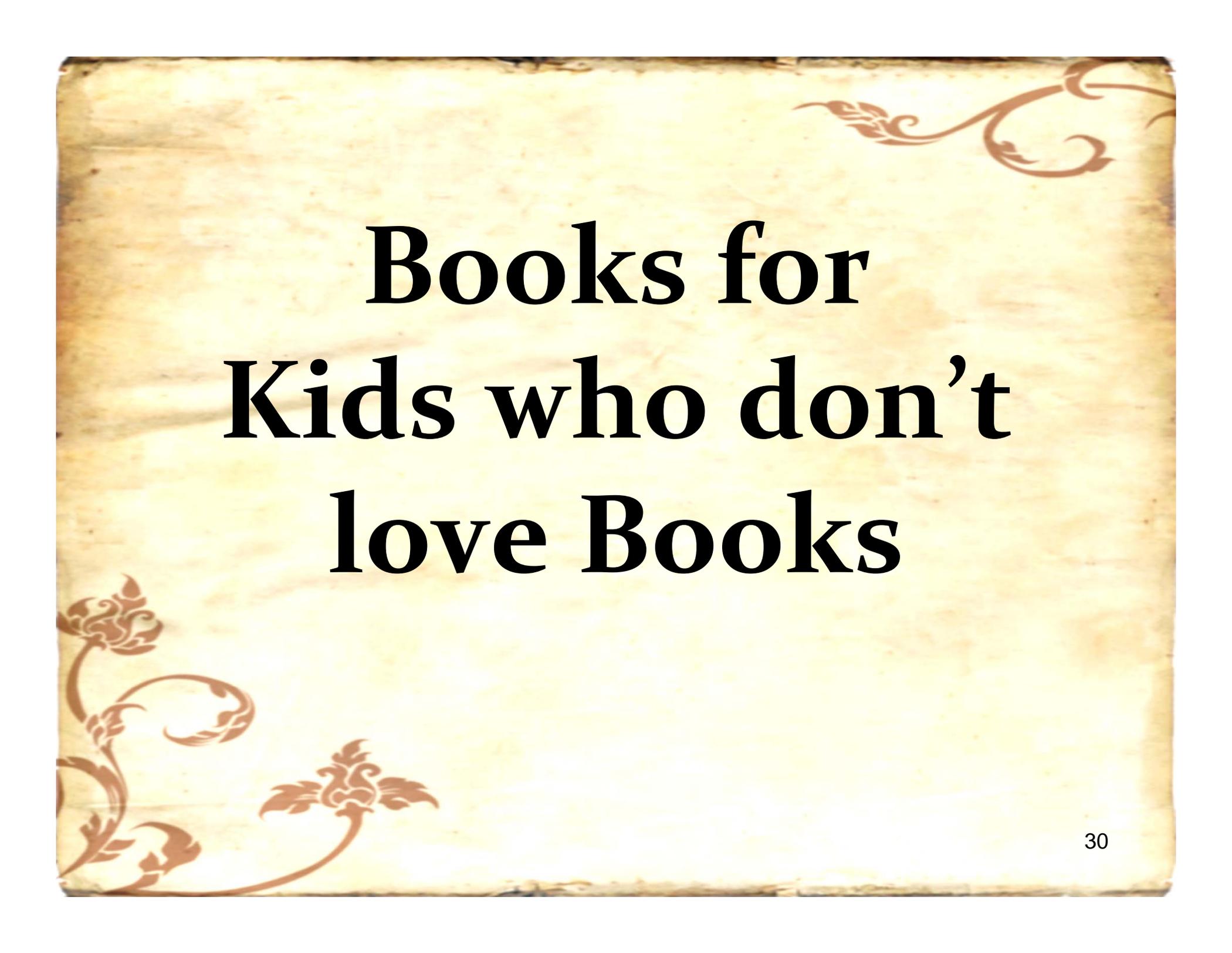
Before exams or ACT's or SAT's set aside quiet space in the library, specifically for teens to use for studying. Allow them to bring snacks and drinks. If you want, you can throw a Decompression Party after the tests are done.

Volunteerism

Use them around the library-

Examples of this include helping with computer classes, summer reading program events, booksales, or other library events including prep. Big projects are preferable to daily tasks. Teens like to see that they've made a clear difference. Make sure you reward them in some way with snacks or items to add to resumes and college applications.

Farm them out- You can also act as a hub for teen volunteerism by connecting willing teens with organizations that need their help.

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**Books for
Kids who don't
love Books**

Guy Books

Titles that are particularly good for the teen male.

Examples:

- Sunrise over Fallujah By Walter Dean Meyers
- Game by Walter Dean Meyers
- Big Field by Mike Lupica
- The Trap by John Smelcer
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
- The Things a Brother Knows – Dana Reinhardt

Shopping Trips

Take a trip to your local bookstore or a larger chain store like Barnes and Nobles

Tell teens they may each select one book (or however many you can afford)

No repeats

They must pick items that teens will like- not just books they personally want

These items are then added to the collection

Teens will advocate to other teens for what they have selected and thereby advocate for your collection and library!

Chick Lit

These are books that appeal predominately to girls often including elements of humor and romance.

Examples:

- Sarah Dessen Books
- The boy book - E. Lockhart
- Saving Francesca - Melina Marchetta
- The Year of Secret Assignments - Jaclyn Moriarty
- The Earth, my butt, and other big round things - Carolyn Mackler
- The Sky is Everywhere - Jandy Nelson
- The Dairy Queen - Catherine Gilbert Murdock
- Heist Society – Ally Carter
- Audrey Wait! – Robin Benway

Spa Events

Using books in your collection and websites make and try homemade beauty products like scrubs, lip gloss, hair masks.

Other Resources:

- http://allnaturalbeauty.us/hbr_mainpage.htm
- <http://naturalnailcarerecipes.homestead.com/index.html>
- <http://www.natural-skin-care-info.com/index.html>

Humor

If you don't know what this is, I can't help you.

Examples:

- Georgia Nicolson Books
- Squashed - Joan Bauer
- Antsy does time by Neal Schusterman
- The Center of the Universe, Yep, That Would be Me – Anita Liberty
- Two Parties, One Tux, and a Very Short Film About the Grapes of Wrath – Steven Goldman
- Voss: How I came to America and am Hero (Mostly) – David Ives
- Girl, 15, Charming But Insane – Sue Limb

Teen Iron Chef

Set up a makeshift kitchen with microwave and blender. Speak to the kids about food safety. Use food that reduces chances of contamination, those that do not require heating to be safe like washed fruits and vegetables and prepackaged foods. Introduce 1 food element that must be included in three dishes. Have teen contestants and judges.



Graphic Novels

Illustrated novels, that is novels in which pictures figure prominently to tell the story. Most library folk consider it to be a format rather than a genre.

Examples:

- Plain Janes – Cecil Castellucci
- American Born Chinese - Gene Luan Yang
- Maus - Art Spiegelman
- Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty – G. Neri
- Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection
- Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword – Barry Deutsch
- Salem Brownstone – John Harris Dunning
- Amazing Screw-on Head and Other Curious Objects – Mike Mignola
- Ghostopolis – Doug TenNapel



Getting Crafty



Duct Tape crafts

- Got Tape?: Roll Out the Fun With Duct Tape! by Ellie Schiedermayer
- Stick it! 99 DIY Duct Tape Projects by T.L. Bonaddio
- <http://www.wikihow.com/Category:Duct-Tape-Crafts>
- YouTube
- <http://www.ducktapeclub.com/>

Recycled or Upcycled Crafts

- AlternaCrafts: 20+ Hi-Style Lo-Budget Projects to Make By Jessica Vitkus
- Super Crafty: Over 75 Amazing How-to Projects! By Susan Beal, Torie Nguyen, Rachel O'Rourke, & Cathy Pitters

Manga

Graphic Novels of Japanese origin. The definition is somewhat expanded in recent time to include any graphic novel of a similar nature, Korean, American or otherwise.

Examples:

- Naruto
- Inuyashi
- Vampire Knight
- Oran High School Host Club
- Wild Ones
- Trinity Blood
- Fruits Basket
- Prince of Tennis
- Death Note
- Black Bird
- Black Butler
- Soul Eater
- Maid Sama
- Pandora Hearts
- Emma
- Bleach
- Mixed Vegetables
- Night School
- Tail of the Moon

Manga & Anime Clubs

Teens get together to role play, discuss Manga or Anime, share artwork, cosplay ideas, and watch anime. Some will even attend conventions together.

Dessert Sushi

Use rice crispy treat mix in place of rice and fruit leather for seaweed wrap and make your own fun and delicious sushi.



Dessert Sushi

- The Secret Life of Food by Clare Crespo
- <http://www.evilmadscientist.com/article.php/DessertSushi>
- <http://www.notmartha.org/tomake/hostesssushi/>
- http://bakingdesserts.suite101.com/article.cfm/sweet_sushi_dessert



**Emerging Trends
(According to Me):
Steam Punk
Sci Fi**

Steam Punk

A subgenre of speculative Fiction, usually set in an anachronistic Victorian or quasi-Victorian alternate history setting. – UrbanDictionary.com

Examples:

- Leviathan – Scott Westerfield
- Iron Thorn – Caitlin Kittredge
- Hunchback Assignments Trilogy – Arthur Slade
- The Infernal Devices Series – Cassandra Clare
- Worldshaker – Rickard Harland
- Airman – Eoin Colfer

Getting Crafty

Hardware Jewelry

Book Suggestions-

- **Hardwear: Jewelry from a Toolbox** by Hannah Rogge and Marianne Rafter
- **Making Designer Jewelry from Hardware, Gems, and Beads** by Nicole Noelle Sherman
- **Altered Paper Jewelry: Artful Adornments from Beautiful Papers** by Jenn Mason

Science Fiction

Fiction based on imagined future scientific or technological advances and major social or environmental changes, frequently portraying space or time travel or life on other planets.

Examples:

- Black Hole Sun – David Macinnis Gill
- Across the Universe – Beth Revis
- Alien Invasion and Other Inconveniences
- Matched – Ally Condie

Reader's Advisory

An informal discussion between reader and library staff person in which the staff member suggests some materials that reader may enjoy.

Greet People! A good opener is “Are you finding everything you need today?”

Ask them about something they've enjoyed in the past. We're looking for common threads. Are they genre focused? Only like particular authors? Certain settings or

Reader's Advisory

You don't have to have read something to recommend it. Just be up front about. For example, "I haven't read this one but a lot of people who like () have enjoyed it." or "The reviews are great." -If you know the reviews have been great.

Listen & Watch what the patrons check out. To be effective you have to have a broad knowledge base.

http://web.utk.edu/~wrobinso/574_lec_ra_interview.html

Resources for Teen Reads

- Teen or Youth Services Staff
- <http://www.teenreads.com/>
- <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.cfm>
- Professional Journals
- Amazon
- Other Library Websites
- NovelList
- Publisher Website (Email Alerts!)

Passive Programs

You can set up activities in your teen spaces that are self directed and can be used at any time. Examples include: Crafts, Games, Puzzles, Magnetic Poetry, etc.

<http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/yareadingclub/passive.html>

Fitness Programs

Possibilities include: Yoga, Nutrition, Aerobics, Dance, Tai Chi etc.

Use videos, books, video games, volunteers, local organizations as resources

You might want to consult your insurance company about such physical programs though.

Other Ideas

Dress Swap

Scratch – Make your own video games

Mrs. Weasley's Ugly Sweater Party

Minute to Win it

Silent Library

Video Contests

Marketing & Communicating

- Get 'em where they live!
- Schools
- On-line
- In the library itself

Hint- take email or cell #'s when registering for events then send out reminders a few days before.

Elements of a Successful Program

Food!

An appropriate space (somewhere they can get loud)

Planning

Numbers- Have enough supplies & enough help

Resources for Program Ideas

- http://midhudson.org/program/ideas/youth_programs.htm
- http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Calendar_of_Teen_Programming_Ideas
- <http://www.cplrmh.com/>
- 101+ Teen Programs that work by RoseMary Honnold
- Other libraries websites
- Blogs