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## Scappoose Receives Great Stories Club Grant from ALA By Rachel Lunden, Scappoose Public Library

We are excited to announce that starting in October, the Scappoose Public Library, partnered with the Department of Community Justice, Juvenile Division of Columbia County and hosted in part by the St. Helens Public Library, will begin participating in the Great Stories Club offered by the American Library Association

(ALA) with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Scappoose Library is one of 100 libraries that were selected from across the country to take part in the program, a reading and discussion group aimed at underserved teens.

The themes chosen for the GSC grant this year

are Empathy: The Cost of Changing Sides and What Makes a Hero? Self, Society, and Rising to the Occasion. Columbia County students involved in the program will have a chance to meetup to discuss, read and keep

- *Kindred: A Graphic Novel* Adaptation by Octavia Butler, Damian Duffy and John Jennings

- *All American Boys* By Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
- *Pipestone: My Life in an Indian Boarding School* by Adam Fortunate Eagle
- *March: Book Three* by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell

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## What Is Milton-Freewater Public Library Doing for Teens? By Rhina Barahona, Milton-Freewater Public Library

Milton-Freewater Public Library has just started a new monthly teen craft night. The craft night consists of doing activities such as painting, jewelry making and many other fun projects. The teens are able to let loose and use their creativity to

make something of their own while having a good time with other teens and making new friends.

The teens responded very positively. They were excited that finally there was something for teens to do

and they really liked the projects that I had suggested. The parents were very excited as well to see their teens wanting to come to the library for this event.

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Crafting at the Milton-Freewater Public Library

## Scappoose Receives Great Stories Club Grant from ALA (cont.)

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- *Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet, Book 1* by Ta-Nehisi Coates and Brian Stelfreeze
- *Maus II: A Survivor's Tale: And Here My Troubles Began* by Art Spiegelman
- *Binti* by Nnedi Okorafor
- *What Can(t) Wait* by Ashley Hope Pérez.

The titles were selected by the ALA in consultation with humanities

scholars and librarians to inspire teens -- especially those facing difficult circumstances or challenges -- to consider "big questions" about the world around them and their place in it, ultimately affecting how they view themselves as thinkers and creators. Thanks to the grant, the Scappoose Library received 11 copies of each of the selected titles, which will be gifted to the book club participants.

The Scappoose Library GSC project director

also received resources and training, including travel and accommodations for an orientation workshop in Chicago. The workshop included dialogue facilitation training led by consultants to Everyday Democracy and program modeling led by national project scholars Maria Sachiko Cecire (Bard College) and Anna Mae Duane (University of Connecticut).

The Great Stories Club program is one of a number of outreach programs that the Scap-

poose Public Library has initiated this year in the community. The Library has also joined the rest of Columbia County libraries in participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, started Homeschool Parent and Student outreach, added a storytime at the new Head Start program in Warren, worked in collaboration with the Columbia Pacific Food Bank with Food For Fines, and are going to host Pet First-Aid classes this Fall.

## Teen Review: The Hate U Give By Dayo, Cedar Mill Library

**Genre:** Realistic Fiction, Activism, Tragedy

**Recommended for:** 13 and up

**Rating:** 4.9/5

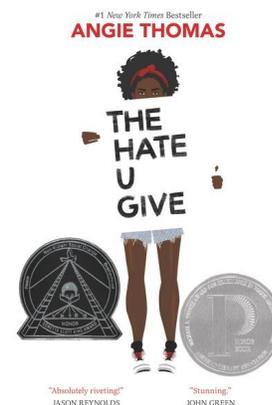
Starr Carter is your average teenage girl. Cute boyfriend? Check. Part of an awesome sport? Check. Witness to a police shooting... check? By day Starr Carter is the token black girl of Williamson prep, cool

sneakers, wicked shoes, and a personality to match. However, by night Starr is herself, chill, funny, and simply another girl. But on the way back from a party, the shooting of one of her best friends by the police forces Starr's different worlds to collide. She learns to fight for what she believes in, and that is the best lesson of all. If you want

to know more, then read *The Hate U Give* By Angie Thomas.

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas was one of the most intense and beautiful books I have ever read.

The topic of police brutality in our modern age has become more relevant than ever and the book was exactly what this generation



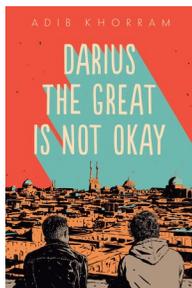
and the generations before and after it needed.

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## Mock Printz Award Workshop Reading List By Lisa Elliott, Tigard Public Library

The time has come to prepare for the 2019 Mock Printz Workshop, hosted once again at the Beaverton City Library on Saturday, January 19 from 12:30-5:30.

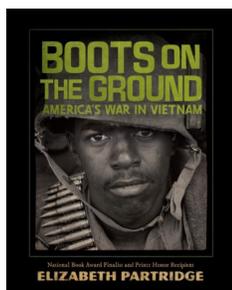
Thank you for your recommendations as we built this list. I know there are great books that didn't make the cut, and I'm looking forward to your passionate endorsements at the workshop.



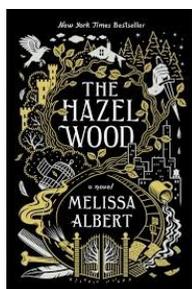
*Darius the Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram



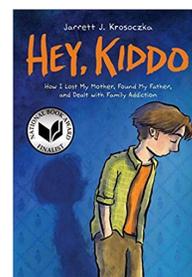
*Dread Nation* by Justina Ireland



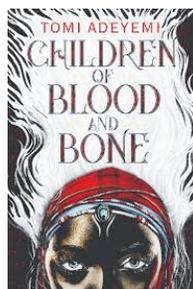
*Boots on the Ground* by Elizabeth Partridge



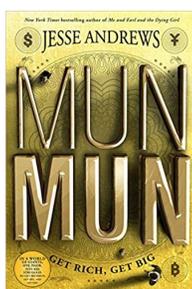
*The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert



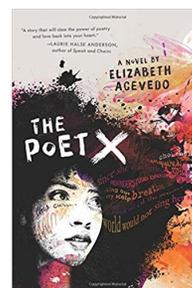
*Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett Krosoczka



*Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi



*Munmun* by Jesse Andrews



*The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo

## 2018 Graphic Rave List Announced!

Every year, OYAN members choose their favorite graphic novels for teens of the year with an eye for balance across genre, format, protagonist identity, and content and with special consideration for smaller or independent as well as Pa-

cific Northwest publishers.

This year's list has 21 stellar titles published between May 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018. Books are nominated and later voted on by the members of the Oregon Young Adult Network.

Now that the list is available as a [printable PDF](#), the rest is up to you. Print it! Share it! Show it to teens! Create displays! Help Oregon teens find and read these exemplary graphic novels.

## What Is Milton-Freewater Public Library Doing for Teens? (cont.)

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Before starting a teen program you should:

- Build relationships with the older kids that come to the library.
- Ask for their opinions about what they would like to see done.
- Ask them questions to make them feel like they are contributing to the program.
- When you start the program advertise it throughout the library and online. Remind older kids that are checking out books about the new program and let them know what it's about.

Milton-Freewater Public Library's 2016-2017 statistics from the State Library of Oregon:

- **County:** Umatilla
- **Population:** 9,872
- **Registered borrowers:** 4,033
- **Total library visits:** 30,000
- **Total library hours in a typical week:** 48
- **Total paid staff:** 3.96 FTE

Learn more about Milton-Freewater Public Library via their website and Facebook page.

**Want to see your own library featured in an upcoming issue of the OYAN Review? Send a brief description of what you've been doing for teens to [oyanpublications@gmail.com](mailto:oyanpublications@gmail.com)!**

## Teen Review: The Hate U Give (cont.)

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Thomas shows Starr's struggle between who she is and who people expect her to be with absolute perfection: including moments where she chooses to accept certain treatment because she doesn't want to rock the boat. We follow Starr as she builds up the courage to

fight for what and most of whom she believes in. It is clear each character was given thought and dedication, and by the end, I feel as if I am right there beside them. The book isn't afraid to point out something we all know and shows how even one person can make a difference.

It's realistic, it is sad, and it is inspiring. Not only Thomas, but Starr gives hope in a time where there doesn't seem to be much. It offers enough lessons for a lifetime, and so please give this book a chance, and I promise you will not regret it. Keep an eye out for the upcoming movie too.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Book Rave!  
 Send in nominations by early December.

Save the date! Join us for the Mock Printz Award Workshop on Saturday, January 19th from 12:30 to 5:30 at the Beaverton City Library.

YALSA's Teens' Top Ten list has been announced!

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We welcome all your comments, articles, photos, book reviews, ideas, and suggestions for future OYAN Review newsletters!  
 Please submit to oyanpublications@gmail.com.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Fall 2018	October 19	Wilsonville Public Library
Winter 2019	February 8	Salem Public Library
Spring 2019	TBD	Josephine Community Library

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