

# OYAN REVIEW

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*OYAN [Oregon Young Adult Network] exists to provide a network for communication and growth among people who provide library services to teens, to increase awareness of teen library services in the state of Oregon, and to promote cooperation between school and public libraries. Visit us online at <http://www.olaweb.org/oayan/>*

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## ARTICLES

### **Anime Club**

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The Anime Club for readers of the popular Japanese Manga books meets one Saturday afternoon each month from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Albany Main Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE. This group is recommended for students in grades 6 through 12 who like to read these Japanese comic book-format stories, or who like to draw in Manga style, to meet others with similar interests. Participants talk about their favorite characters and series, draw in the Manga style, and enjoy refreshments. Some of the club members' artwork was displayed in the Library's locked case during the month of November 2006. Anime Club meetings are free of charge, and no registration is necessary.

### **Wondertellers: Storytelling by Youth**

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Youth in grades 6 to 12 also formed a new storytelling troupe, the Wondertellers, sponsored by the local adult storytellers' troupe, the Wonderkeepers. During workshops at the Main Library, 1390 Waverly Drive SE, the young storytellers learn the basics of traditional storytelling, movement, voice projection, and interaction with an audience as they act out folktales narrated by the adult workshop leader. Workshops started during the summer of 2006, and continue on one Saturday afternoon each month during the school year. The troupe has performed at three Albany Idol summer talent shows at the Library, at the Art and Air Fest in August, and at the Children's Book Week party in November. New storytellers may join at any meeting.



### **Teen Tech Week (March 4-10, 2007)**

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*Posted to OYAN listserv on behalf of YALSA:*

Please join YALSA in celebrating our first ever **“Teen Tech Week” March 4-10, 2007**. The purpose of this new initiative is to encourage teens to use libraries' non-print resources for education and recreation, and to help teens

recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Here's what you can do to join the celebration:

1. Register for Teen Tech Week at [www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek). Those of you who register will receive incentives from our Promotional Partners Rosen Publishing and Tutor.com
2. Visit the Teen Tech Week wiki at <http://teentechweek.wikispaces.com> to find and share ideas for celebrating the event.
3. Plan on attending the Teen Tech Week Kick-Off from 10:30 to 12:30 Jan. 21st at the ALA Midwinter Meeting. Meet our partners and sponsors and get ideas from our TTW Taskforce on how to celebrate in your library.
4. Keep an eye out on the TTW web site for Teen Tech Week podcasts.
5. Stock up on your Teen Tech Week swag at [www.alastore.ala.org](http://www.alastore.ala.org).

Thank you for working to ensure that the teens in your communities have access to a variety of electronic resources and are competent users of information in all formats. *YALSA would like to thank E-Vanced Solutions for making the online registration possible.*

## BOOK REVIEWS

### ***Haiku Reviews***

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#### ***The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume 1: The Pox Party*** **by MT Anderson**

Slave? Free? Human? Subject?  
This puts the "lit" in teen lit  
Teen appeal? Not sure.

#### ***How to be Popular***

**by Meg Cabot**  
It's a new school year  
Steph takes aim for the It Crowd  
Same(good?) old Cabot fare

#### ***St. Iggy***

**by KL Going**  
Iggy hits a dead end  
He's working on some big plans  
When will he take flight?

#### ***Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City***

**by Kirsten Miller**  
In the hidden city  
Lulu Dark has met her match  
Kiki rocks my world!

# BIBLIOGRAPHIES

## ***Let's Hear it for the Boys!***

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Georgia Nicolson. Jessica Darling. Mia Thermopolis. Alice McKinley. How many more can you name? Today's young adult literature is saturated with female lead characters. What about the young men? Who's going to be the changing voice of the teen male?

On the whole, studies show that boys are less interested in reading than girls. It seems that the market is slanted in the girl's favor. There are not nearly as many young adult novels with lead male characters as those with female stars. How can we expect our teen boys to get excited about reading when the shelves are full of "girl stuff?" People enjoy reading about things they can relate to, it helps them feel like they are not alone; like their life experiences are shared with others. Teen boys are no different. Boys struggle with growing up, just like the girls. However, the girls seem to have countless examples in literature to relate to.

Let's hear it for those writers out there giving a voice to the teen boy. Let's hear it for *quality* teen fiction featuring relevant, smart, funny, and caring male protagonists. Let's hear it for the boys!

The following is a list of my picks for the best teen boy "coming of age" books published within the past several years.

***Gotta Get Some Bish Bash Bosh*** by M.E. Allen

***First French Kiss and Other Traumas*** by Adam Bagadasarian

***Hanging on to Max*** by Margaret Bechard

***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** by Stephen Chbosky

***Looking for Alaska*** by John Green

***The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*** by Mark Haddon

***Becoming Chloe*** by Catherine Ryan Hyde

***Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie: A Novel*** by David Lubar

***Monster*** by Walter Dean Myers

***King Dork*** by Frank Portman

***Teen Angst? Naaah . . . A Quasi-autobiography*** by Ned Vizzini

## OYAN Book Rave 2007 Nominees

In order to be considered for the list, books must have been published in the two years prior to the distribution of the new Book Rave list. So, for example, the 2006 Book Rave can only include books published in 2005 or 2004. Beyond that, nominations depend upon what the nominator thinks teens in Oregon will like to read or have been reading with enthusiasm. Teens are encouraged to submit nominations!

Votes for favorite titles can be submitted by email prior to our quarterly meeting in January, where those votes will be tallied along with those cast by attendees at the meeting. In order to vote for a title, the voter must have read the book.

Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Prom</i>
Blackman, Malorie	<i>Naughts and Crosses</i>
Bray, Libba	<i>Rebel Angels</i>
Brian, Kate	<i>Sweet 16</i>
Buckley-Archer, Linda	<i>Gideon the Cutpurse</i>
Cohen, Rachel and David Levithan	<i>Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist</i>
Cooney, Caroline	<i>Code Orange</i>
Cushman, Karen	<i>The Loud Silence of Francine Green</i>
De La Cruz, Melissa	<i>Blue Bloods</i>
Delaney, Joseph	<i>Revenge of the Witch</i>
Dessen, Sarah	<i>Just Listen</i>
Douglas, Lola	<i>True Confessions of a Hollywood Starlet</i>
Duble, Kathleen Brenner	<i>The Sacrifice</i>
Flanagan, John	<i>The Ruins of Gorlan</i>
	<i>The Burning Bridge</i>
Fletcher, Susan	<i>Alphabet of Dreams</i>
Freyman-Weyr, Garrett	<i>Stay with Me</i>
Gardner, Sally	<i>I, Coriander</i>
Giles, Gail	<i>What Happened to Cass McBride</i>
Going, KL	<i>Saint Iggy</i>
Green, John	<i>An Abundance of Katherines</i>
Gruber, Michael	<i>The Witch's Boy</i>
Halpin, Brendan	<i>Donorboy</i>
Hautman, Pete	<i>Rash</i>
Henry, April	<i>Shock Point</i>
Hiassen, Carl	<i>Flush</i>
Hopkins, Ellen	<i>Burned</i>
Horowitz, Anthony	<i>Ark Angel</i>
Howe, James	<i>Totally Joe</i>
Johnson, Harriet McBryde	<i>Accidents of Nature</i>
Jones, Patrick	<i>Nailed</i>
Kadohata, Cynthia	<i>Weedflower</i>
Kirkman, Robert	<i>Invincible: the Ultimate Collection (GN)</i>
Klass, David	<i>Firestorm</i>
Knox, Elizabeth	<i>Dreamhunter</i>
Koja, Kathe	<i>Talk</i>
Langrish, Katherine	<i>Troll Mill</i>
LaRochelle, David	<i>Absolutely, Positively Not</i>
Lester, Julius	<i>Day of Tears</i>
Lockhart, E.	<i>Fly on the Wall</i>

Lynch, Chris	<i>Inexcusable</i>
McKay, Hilary	<i>Caddy Everafter</i>
Meyers, Stephenie	<i>New Moon</i>
Murdock, Catherine	<i>Dairy Queen</i>
Na, An	<i>Wait for Me</i>
Novik, Naomi	<i>His Majesty's Dragon</i>
O'Connor, George	<i>Journey into Mohawk Country (GN)</i>
Oppel, Kenneth	<i>Skybreaker</i>
Partridge, Elizabeth	<i>John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth</i>
Portman, Frank	<i>King Dork</i>
Reinhardt, Dana	<i>A Brief Chapter in my Impossible Life</i>
Reiss, Kathryn	<i>Blackthorn Winter</i>
Richards, Justin	<i>The Death Collector</i>
Salisbury, Graham	<i>House of the Red Fish</i>
Sheth, Kashmira	<i>Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet</i>
Shull, Megan	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Simon, Scott	<i>Pretty Birds</i>
Sonneblick, Jordan	<i>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie</i>
Sturtevant, Katherine	<i>A True and Faithful Narrative</i>
Trueman, Terry	<i>No Right Turn</i>
Turner, Megan	<i>The King of Attolia</i>
Updale, Eleanor	<i>Montmorency and the Assassins</i>
Vaughn, Brian K.	<i>Pride of Baghdad (GN)</i>
Vaughn, Brian K.	<i>Runaways, Volume 1 (GN)</i>
Vizzini, Ned	<i>It's Kind of a Funny Story</i>
Vrettos, Adrienne Marie	<i>Skin</i>
Waite, Judy	<i>Forbidden</i>
Watts, Leander	<i>Beautiful City of the Dead</i>
Wittlinger, Ellen	<i>Blind Faith</i>
Wooding, Chris	<i>Storm Thief</i>
Yang, Gene Luen	<i>American Born Chinese (GN)</i>
Zusak, Marcus	<i>Book Thief</i>

## **OYAN QUARTERLY MEETING** (January 26, 2007)

Our meetings take place on **Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We talk about OYAN business, upcoming events & conferences, books & materials, and library programs of interest to teens. Please join us on **January 26, 2007** at the . . .

Oregon State Library, Salem  
250 Winter St NE Salem OR 97301-3950  
(503)-378-4243

### ***Driving Directions to State Library***

#### **From I-5 South . . .**

Take the SALEM/PARKWAY / OR-99E BUSINESS exit—EXIT 260A

Merge onto OR-99E BR S.

Stay STRAIGHT to go onto COMMERCIAL ST NE

Turn LEFT onto CENTER ST NE

Turn RIGHT onto WINTER ST NE

End at 250 Winter St NE

#### **From I-5 North . . .**

Take the OR99-E Bus. / OR-22 EXIT – toward STAYTON / DETROIT LAKE

Turn LEFT onto OR-22 / OR-22E BR / N SANTIAM HWY

Stay STRAIGHT to go onto ramp.

Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.

Stay STRAIGHT to go onto 13<sup>TH</sup> ST SE

13ST SE becomes 12<sup>TH</sup> ST SE

Turn LEFT onto COURT ST NE

Turn RIGHT onto WINTER ST NE

End at 250 Winter St NE

Friday, May 02, 2008

#### **From Bend or Eugene . . .**

Get onto OR-22 / OR-99E BR / N SANTIAM HWY.

Stay STRAIGHT to go onto ramp.

Keep RIGHT at the fork in the ramp.

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## Agenda

OYAN Quarterly Business Meeting  
Oregon State Library  
January 26, 2007  
11:00 am-3:00 pm



1. Introductions
  - a. Attendees
  - b. Additions to agenda  
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2. Old Business
  - a. Review/approval of fall meeting minutes
  - b. Financial report
    - i. No new scholarship requests or other expenditures
  - c. Mock Printz workshop review
3. Idea and resource sharing (programs, book reviews, new websites or bibliographies, etc).
4. Continuing Business
  - a. OLA Annual Conference update
  - b. OLA Board report
  - c. OSL report

### LUNCH (12:30-1:00pm)

5. New Business
  - a. OYEA! Award Committee update
  - b. Book Rave voting
6. Quarterly Business
  - a. Newsletter
  - b. Future meeting dates

### **Lunch** (order by Monday, January 22nd)

Your lunch option is a sandwich, chips, and a cookie for \$4.95. Sandwich choices are:

- Honey Glazed Ham
- Oven Roasted Turkey
- Mesquite Chicken
- Veggie Natural

Beverages are separate, and the choices are:

- Can of Soda           \$1.00
- Bottled Water       \$1.25
- Bottled Juice        \$1.50

Of course, you are welcome to bring your own lunch/beverage. If you are ordering a lunch, please email Katie Anderson [katie.anderson@state.or.us](mailto:katie.anderson@state.or.us) with your lunch option by **Monday, January 22nd**. You may pay when you come on Friday. Checks can be made out to "Cafe Today."