

Get 'em Reading Keep 'em Reading

Promoting Reading @ High School Libraries

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■ Get 'em Intrigued

- Current "hot titles"
- Favorite authors & series

■ Get 'em Involved

- Teen book review sites
- Book review podcasts

■ Get 'em Hooked

- Curriculum Connections
- Annotated awards lists

Hot Titles? Fave Authors?

■ Surveyed high school librarians

- Central Ohio group meets 3x school year
- Responses collected @ fall meeting

■ Survey designed to find out:

- What are high school students' favorites?
 - These titles don't stay on shelves!
 - Students love these authors!

Stephenie Meyer's Twilight Series

Visit Official Web site @ <http://www.stepheniemeyer.com>



- Twilight Series ranked as top titles
- Stefenie Meyer rated favorite author
 - Survey confirms observable trend
 - Gothic horror = favorite teen reading topic
- Traditionally gothic horror not viewed as high quality lit
 - Educators cite "unwholesome" influence on readers
- Gothic horror has rich literary tradition
 - Includes horror, Gothic, ghost stories, supernatural
 - Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1818)
 - Bram Stoker's Dracula (1897)
- Young adult gothic horror has become notable genre
 - Popular titles: R. S. Stine's Fear Street
 - Award-winning titles: David Almond; Kit's Wilderness
- Crawford, Phillip Charles. "A New Era of Gothic Horror." School Library Journal. October 1, 2008.

Scott Westerfeld's Uglies Series

Check-out westerblog @ <http://scottwesterfeld.com/blog/>



The Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini

Official Web site @
<http://www.alagaesia.com/christopherpaolini.htm>



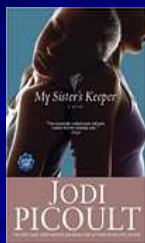
The Sisterhood Series

Official Web site: <http://www.annbrashares.net>

- Major motion pictures
- Well-reviewed
 - Wilson's Senior High School
 - Best Books for Young Adults
 - SLJ Starred review
- [The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants](#)
- [The Second Summer of the Sisterhood](#)
- [Girls in Pants](#)
- [Forever in Blue](#)



Go Ask Alice, My Sister's Keeper & Twisted



A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive



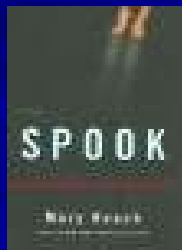
- New York Times bestseller
 - Over 6 years
- Nominated for Pulitzer Prize
- Find out about author & books
 - <http://www.davepelzer.com>
 - [A Man Called Dave](#)
 - [The Lost Boy](#)

- High school students rarely read nonfiction
 - Majority not complete any nonfiction titles
- Nonfiction works not used as assigned reading
 - Whole class novels are assigned
- Why important to read nonfiction?
 - Develops in-depth reading & critical thinking skills
 - Author urges librarians to "sell" nonfiction

■ Aronson, Marc. "High School Students Aren't Getting an Opportunity to Dig Deep." *School Library Journal*, October 1, 2008.

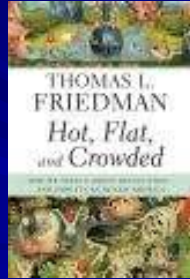
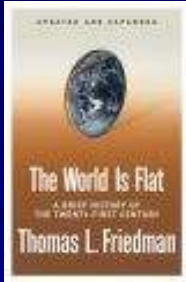
Mary Roach

Bio & book info @ <http://www.maryroach.net/>



Thomas Friedman

Official Web site @ <http://www.thomasfriedman.com>



■ *"In the past few years, we've seen an explosion of reading."* – Stephen Abram

■ **New genres developing**

- Episodic reading in gaming world
- Graphic novels
- Web reading & blog reading

■ **Research shows millennials are:**

- Generation of readers
- Reading more – and more widely -- than parents
- Sharing written creations online

■ Abram, Stephen. "Promoting Reading Using This 2.0 Stuff." [Multimedia & Internet @ Schools](#), September/October 2008.





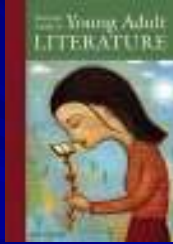




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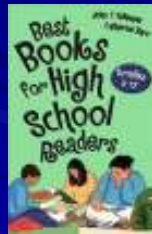
Making Curriculum Connections

- Developed YA update info session
 - Sponsored & supported by District Curriculum
 - Planned & presented by secondary librarians
- Two info sessions planned this year
 - Sessions scheduled during school day
 - Release time for teachers



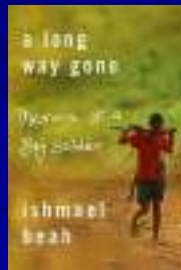
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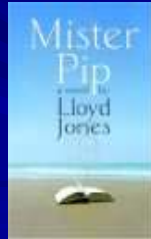
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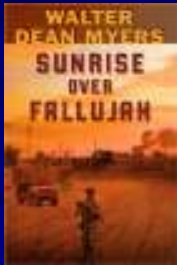
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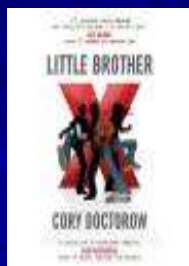
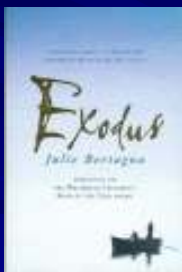
Best Books for Young Adults (YALSA) 2009 Nominations

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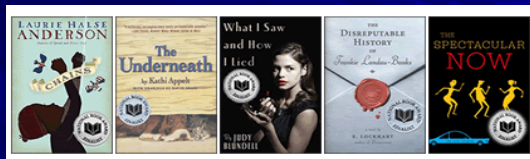
Young Adults' Choices Award

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National Book Award

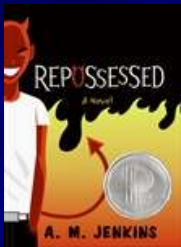
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- Five finalists named in Young People's category
 - 274 books submitted for review
- Panel of judges comprised of five writers
 - 2008 judges: Holly Black, Angela Johnson, Carolyn Mackler, Cynthia Voigt

Michael J. Printz Award

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz>



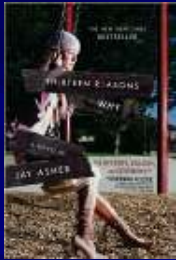
Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

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