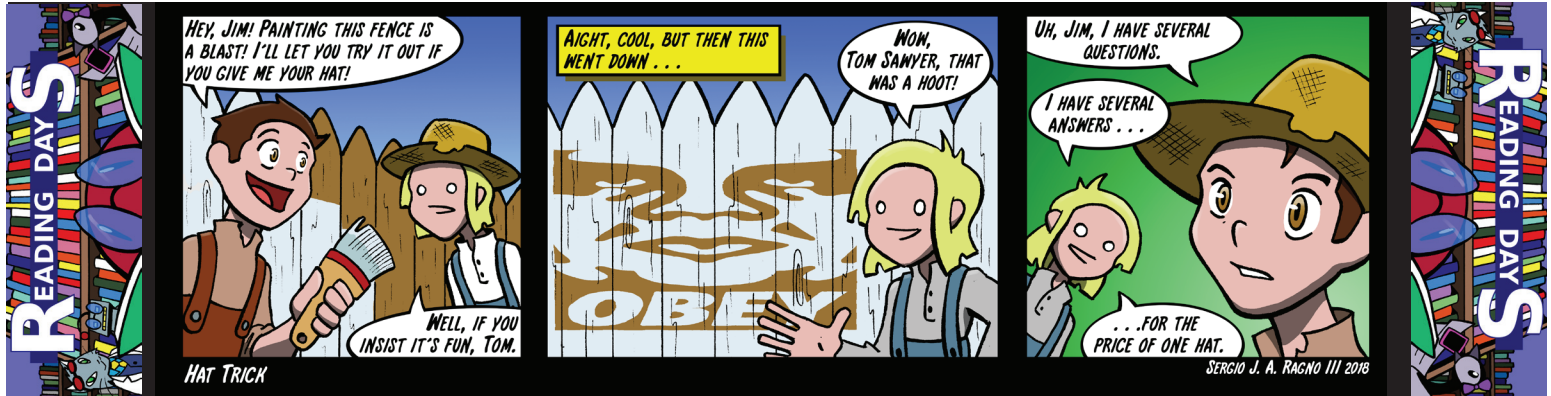


HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



TEEN & TWEEN CUISINE

Wednesday, August 21 • 5:00 p.m.

Learn to make delicious dishes and scrumptious snacks during this hands-on cooking experience!

Teen & Tween Cuisine is open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens & Tweens from 5th-12th grade only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

COMIC LAB

Monday, August 5 • 6:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a comic book from start to finish.

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration required.

Minecraft Night

August 19 • 6:30 p.m.

Let's Explore the Alien Monument!

For all ages. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration required.



THE TEEN
ADVISORY BOARD
presents:



Tuesday, August 13 • 6:00 p.m.

By Teens, for Teens—
Teens Supporting Teens

The Margaret Heggan Library offers a safe place for teens to just be!

No Pressure—No Stress—Just Talk
... and snacks!

Heggan Library cardholder Teens only.
Registration required.

TAB GAME TIME

Tuesday, August 20 • 6:00 p.m.

Come play Jackbox Party Pack 3!

TAB Game Time is open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens only. Registration required.

CHAPTER CHAT

Teen Book Discussion Group

August 9

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

August 23

Off Planet by Aileen Erin

This group meets at 2:00 p.m. to discuss popular YA fiction.

These discussions are open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens only. Registration is required.

SPACE CRAFTS

for Teens & Tweens

Let your space adventures begin! Join your friends for fun and creative projects on Wednesdays in August from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Register online or call the library to reserve your spot!

Video Game Night

@ the Library

Monday, August 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Let's Play Ristar!

As Ristar, you must save the Valdi system from the evil space pirate Kaiser Greedy. Your adventure will take you through planets themed around water, fire, music, and more!

Ristar is rated E for Everyone by the ESRB

Video Game Night is open to adults and children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Open to Heggan Library cardholders only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.

YA Summer Challenge

Pick up a challenge board in the Teen Area of the library. Return completed boards to the library for a chance to win a prize.

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BOOK REVIEWS

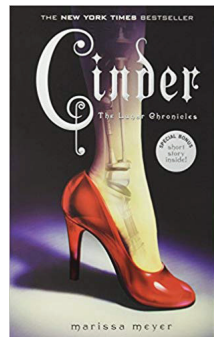
Cinder

by Marissa Meyer
Reviewed by H.H.

Flash forward to the future after WWIV, where there's a whole kingdom on the moon and cyborgs are possible. Linh Cinder is one of those cyborgs, which makes her a disgrace to society. It's a surprise when Prince Kai comes to her to fix one of the palace robots. As she fixes it, Cinder learns of some worrying

plans and it's up to her to help save her kingdom.

This series is widely popular and it's no surprise why. Although the first book, *Cinder*, for some might be a bit predictable, it solidly sets the scene for more exciting and adventurous books



later. It is also a unique take on the classic Cinderella fairy tale. Not only is Cinderella a cyborg, she's also kick-butt and her best friend is a hilarious robot. Another note-worthy aspect is that this book takes place in Japan instead of the West. It's not at all like any book I've read before.

This book is a must-read for any fan of twisted fairy tales, modern fairy tales, or futuristic fairy tales because what comes after this beginning is fantastic! It's the necessary foundation to an epic tale of love, adventure, and friendship.

Bee's Quick Reviews

Night in the Woods

"At the end of everything, hold onto anything."

The game *Night in the Woods* has been out for quite a while now. I would see it everywhere at the height of its popularity back in 2017, but it took a while to catch my interest. Recently, I decided to give it a shot, and I am glad I did.

Night in the Woods is a 2D adventure game with mystery and horror elements added in to bring the whole experience together. You play the game as Mae, a college dropout who recently moves back into her old town. The story is much deeper than I expected it to be, but it works well, and I finished the game feeling fairly satisfied but still wanting to play more. Every choice you make matters, which is always something I appreciate. The game seems to encourage replaying more than once, with many achievements you couldn't possibly get in a single play through. Every time I replay the game since originally completing it, I discover something new, making each time feel fresh and unique. Everything about it,



from the story, to the characters, to the music – is excellent!

I don't want to spoil the story for anyone interested in playing, but I will say this: Expect the unexpected, and prepare to be surprised.

Bug Fables: The Everlasting Sapling

I am a huge fan of the Paper Mario series. Like, seriously. I LOVE Paper Mario! However, starting with Paper Mario Sticker Star, the more recent games in the series have been sadly mediocre. The stories were NOT anything spectacular, the characters were forgettable, et cetera... I've been desperately awaiting a NEW title in the series with the same impact as The Thousand Year Door or Super Paper Mario... and Bug Fables just might be the answer to that.

Bug Fables is an indie game heavily based on the Paper Mario series but with its own unique universe, story, and characters to keep its own identity separate from that of its inspiration. Although the full game hasn't been released yet, it currently has a demo up on itch.io, and I decided to give it a shot to see what the new game was all about. If the demo is any indication, it seems like a pretty solid game with a colorful set of bug-themed characters and a fun combat system that, again, is very heavily inspired by the earlier Paper Mario games. I enjoyed the demo a lot, and can't wait to try out the full game once it releases.

Bug Fables: The Everlasting Sapling releases in September of this year on Steam, PS4, and Switch. My advice: Check it out! I know I will.



Off Planet

by Aileen Erin
Reviewed by H.H.

Maite Martinez lives a somewhat normal life, if you call being an undercover alien fugitive normal. She has a best friend, a mother who loves her, and a job at a diner. When she defends herself against a rude customer, that all changes.

Maite is caught by law enforcement and punished with an almost impossible job – working on a lava planet! Can she survive her sentence, or will the government be down one less enemy?

Aileen Erin is by far my favorite author and this is the first book in her newest series, The Aunare Chronicles. At first, reading this felt like cheating on my favorite book by Ms. Erin, *Becoming Alpha*, because this book is just that good! I couldn't stop reading!!! In the middle, though, it gets a bit slow and it feels like the same thing happens over and over – because it really, sadly, does. Luckily it picks up in the end and leaves readers dying to know what will happen next!

Many of the characters are funny and endearing. One character named Lorne is totally swoon-worthy. Some of the best parts of this book were the interactions between Maite and Lorne and between Maite and Roan. One of Aileen Erin's best qualities is her ability to write amazing characters. There's never a character you won't like and especially no book by her that could disappoint!

