

HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



CHAPTER CHAT

Teen Book Discussion Group

July 19

The True Meaning of Smekday
by Adam Rex

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. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register online.

SPACE CRAFTS

for Teens & Tweens

Let your space adventures begin! Join your friends for fun and creative projects throughout July and August! Check the library website calendar for dates and times.

Minecraft Night

July 15 • 6:30 p.m.

Let's Build a Moon Base!

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



TEEN & TWEEN CUISINE

Wednesday, July 17 • 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 only. Advance registration is required. Please go to www.hegganlibrary.org to register.



THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

@ Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library presents:

TAB GAME TIME

Tuesday, July 30 • 6:00 p.m.

Tetris and SEGA's Puyo Puyo combine to make a fun, fast-paced party game time!

TAB Game Time is open to Heggan Library cardholder Teens 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.



THE TEEN

ADVISORY BOARD

@ Margaret E. Heggan Free Public Library presents:



Tuesday, July 23 • 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.

Video Game Night

@ the Library

Monday, July 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Let's Play No Man's Sky!

Get ready for the ultimate journey, beyond the horizon and through the star ocean into the unknown depths beyond their light.

No Man's Sky is rated by the ESRB as T for Teen for fantasy violence.

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.

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BOOK REVIEWS

Awaken

By Katie Kacvinsky

Summary from Goodreads

Maddie lives in a world where everything is done on the computer. Whether it's to go to school or on a date, people don't venture out of their home. There's really no need. For the most part, Maddie's okay with the solitary, digital life—until she meets Justin. Justin likes being with people. He enjoys the physical closeness of face-to-face interactions. People aren't meant to be alone, he tells her.



Suddenly, Maddie feels something awakening inside her—a feeling that maybe there is a different, better way to live. But with society and her parents telling her otherwise, Maddie is going to have to learn to stand up for herself if she wants to change the path her life is taking.

Review by H.H.

Awaken is one of my beach reads from last year and a personal favorite. Although it doesn't seem a very summer-y book, it's a thrilling read for on the beach. I can still feel the sun on my face as I was absorbed in Maddie's story. I absolutely love these characters and the dystopian genre! My favorite characters are Maddie, Justin, and Claire because they make a good team. This is perfect for people who love stories about life-changing events and plots filled with many twists.

Alex Approximately

By Jenn Bennett

Summary from Goodreads

Classic movie fan Bailey “Mink” Rydell has spent months crushing on a witty film geek she only knows online as

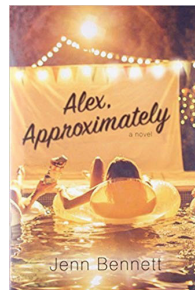
Alex. Two coasts separate the teens until Bailey moves in with her dad, who lives in the same California surfing town as her online crush.

Faced with doubts (what if he's a creep in real life—or worse?), Bailey doesn't tell Alex she's moved to his hometown. Or that she's landed a job at the local tourist-trap museum. Or that she's being heckled daily by the irritatingly hot museum security guard, Porter Roth—a.k.a. her new arch-nemesis. But life is a whole lot messier than the movies, especially when Bailey discovers that tricky fine line between hate, love, and whatever it is she's starting to feel for Porter.

And as the summer months go by, Bailey must choose whether to cling to a dreamy online fantasy in Alex or take a risk on an imperfect reality with Porter.

Review by H.H.

Alex, Approximately is one of the best books I've ever read. The things that make it great are the humor and the cute romance. I would stay up late reading because I was hooked! While in class, I would be itching to take out Alex, Approximately just to learn what would happen next. The characters are very likable and original; Jenn Bennett never fails in that department. This book will make the perfect beach read for those of you who enjoy a light, heart-warming romance with some of the best characters out there!



The Poet X

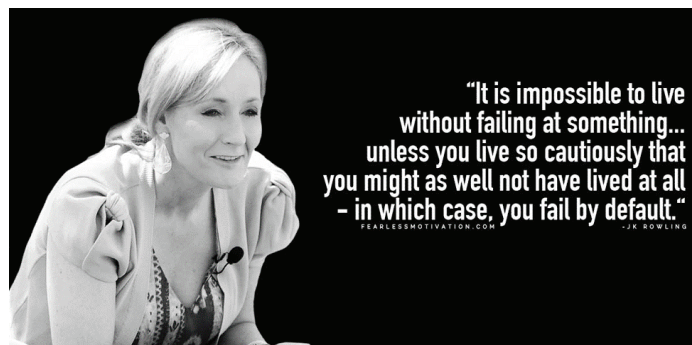
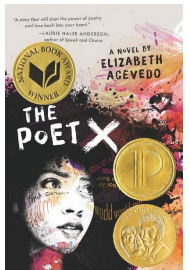
by Elizabeth Acevedo

Review by F.D.

Fifteen-year old Xiomara feels unable to hide yet unheard in this gripping debut novel The Poet X. Ever since Xiomara started to grow into her body, she has learned to let her fists talk for her. At home, she pours all her feelings out in a notebook in the form of poetry. With her mom's mind set on forcing her to obey the strict laws of the church, Xiomara understands that her thoughts are best kept away from the eyes of her parents. But when she is invited to join her school's slam poetry club, she must figure out how to attend the slam meetings without her mother knowing.

The first thing I really love about this novel is that it is written in verse. I'm no expert, but you can tell that Elizabeth Acevedo is a master at her craft, and each word seems meticulously placed to really pack a punch. I especially love Xiomara and am able to connect with her as she explains her struggles as a girl, and eventually grows to be proud of herself and recognize her self-worth. She is a determined, strong character who you will come away from this novel wishing you could know in real life.

Overall, I give this book a 4.5 out of 5 stars and recommend it to everyone. Xiomara's story is so inspiring and is one I think anyone can enjoy!



Author J.K. Rowling is celebrating her birthday on July 31.