

# HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

## FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



**THE TEEN  
ADVISORY BOARD**  
@ Margaret E. Heggan Free  
Public Library presents:

### TAB Chapter Chat

Virtual Teen Book Discussion  
*with the author, Aileen Erin*

#### Becoming Alpha

Thursday, June 18  
at 6:00 p.m.



*Becoming Alpha* is available on  
Hoopla (eBook and audiobook)  
AND OverDrive (eBook).

***This will be a virtual book  
discussion using ZOOM***

Please contact Librarian Barb at  
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for more information.

### It's TAB Game Time



Tuesday, June 23 from 6:00 p.m.

Join us on ZOOM for a thoroughly  
virtual Game Time event!

#### ***Come play Jackbox Party Pack 3!***

Use your smart phone, tablet, or  
computer to play!

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### Stay at Home Haiku

Adventure is here  
Hiding in these magic books  
Read to escape reality ~ HH

Do something different  
maybe put the screen away  
read a book instead ~ DH

Closed books silently  
Waiting to open again  
Resting on the shelves ~ LB

I'm going crazy!  
I need to go far away  
Books will take me there ~ CA

### VIRTUAL COMIC LAB

Learn a new creative outlet from  
your very own home in our new  
Virtual Comic Lab program! These  
videos will explore the different steps  
involved in writing and drawing a  
comic. Videos will be posted on  
the library YouTube account as  
well as the library website at [http://  
www.hegganlibrary.org/index.  
php/virtual-library/comic-jams/](http://www.hegganlibrary.org/index.php/virtual-library/comic-jams/).  
Lessons will be posted on Tuesdays.

### Virtual Trivia Night

Thursdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM  
beginning June 11th

**Connect with your friends and  
community in new Virtual Trivia  
Nights hosted by the library!**

We will be using the free app Discord.  
You can download the Discord app, or  
use the service in browser by visiting,  
clicking "Join a Server" and entering  
<https://discord.gg/dYNtXFq>

If you are interested in participating,  
email [programs@hegganlibrary.org](mailto:programs@hegganlibrary.org)  
with your name, library card number, and  
the user name you have or will be using  
with Discord.

If you want to watch the trivia night, but  
not participate, you only need to join the  
Discord server.



## Beanstack

The library is proud to announce its  
partnership with Beanstack!

Beanstack is an online resource  
for keeping track of both summer  
reading, and reading all year round.  
Using both the Heggan Library  
Beanstack website and the Beanstack  
app, readers can keep a record of  
what they're reading, take part in  
activities, and write book reviews.

The Summer Reading 2020  
Challenge is expected to launch on  
June 15th, with separate challenges  
for teens in grades 6-12.

You can register either as an  
individual, or as a family. It only takes  
a few minutes to create an account,  
and logging your reads is easy.

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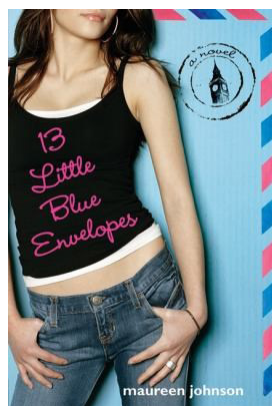
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# Book Reviews

## *Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes*

an eBook Review by L. B.

NY Times bestselling author **Maureen Johnson** penned several works in our Teen section. Now, with our expansion to a virtual library, her works are available in eBook and audio formats as well.



I first enjoyed Johnson's writing in ***Let It Snow***, a book of three romances written in cooperation with **John Green** and **Lauren Myracle**.

Johnson's story, "The Jubilee Express," is my favorite of the three. Considering Green and Myracle, who I see as heavy hitters in YA, I found a strong need to explore Johnson's work further.

***Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes*** does not disappoint! Ginny (Virginia) is a seventeen year old on summer break following a quest devised by her much beloved, but now deceased, Aunt Peg. Aunt Peg is the most interesting person Ginny has ever met. Just being near Peg makes Ginny feel she, by extension, is interesting too. The quest is designed to help Ginny better understand her aunt's life. Peg sends Ginny clues and tasks in each of thirteen sealed blue envelopes. Ginny convinces her parents to allow her to travel to gain closure and then sets off on a whirlwind tour of Europe.

As Ginny travels to cities in more than half a dozen European countries, she meets people who were in some way important to Aunt Peg as well as new people

who become important to herself. As Ginny puts together this puzzle of Aunt Peg's life, she learns that she, too, can be interesting. Not just learning things about her aunt, Ginny learns about her own strengths as well.

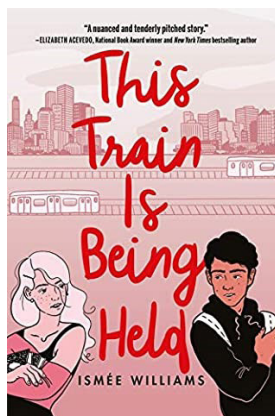
This eBook is available on OverDrive.

## *This Train is Being Held*

an audiobook review by TAB member H. H.

***This Train is Being Held*** by Ismée Williams is the story of two teens weighed down by their parents' expectations. Dancing is Isa's passion, but her mother frowns upon it as a career.

Alex is good at baseball so his father wants him to make that into a career; but, Alex would rather be a poet. The two meet in the unlikeliest of places – the subway. When together, can they break down the barriers and expectations thrust upon them?



The narrators are very talented, and they do a great job of bringing the characters to life. The book itself explores what it's like to be Latino in the United States, especially in the city. It also explores mental health, strict parents, and a bit of culture. It's an amazing story that will make you wish there were more books like it. I recommend this audiobook as a fun way to spend some time during quarantine!

This book is available as an audiobook on Hoopla!

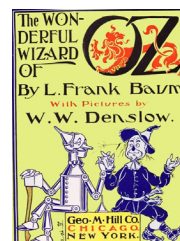
The Oz series and why you should read it!

## An Introduction to L. Frank Baum's Oz

by TAB member D. H.

**The Wizard of Oz** is a household name that practically everyone knows. The 1939 movie is a revolutionary classic with its color, as is the artwork of the book that inspired this famous movie. But what most people don't know about Oz, is that it's a much larger world on the page than on the big screen. Although the **Walt Disney Corporation** acquired the rights to make movies based on all of Baum's other Oz novels following the success of ***The Wizard of Oz***, they only produced one titled ***The Road to Oz***, after Baum's Second Oz novel, since it did so poorly compared to **MGM's** take on the original classic.

In the last 19 years of his life, **L. Frank Baum's** main work was with a series of 14 books called the Oz series, which was so popular that after the posthumous publication of his last two books, the publisher hired multiple authors to write under Baum's name to continue the series. The **MGM** movie based on the original book stops about three fourths of the way through the book, but (spoiler alert for an 80 year old movie) after Oz leaves in his balloon, the story continues in expanding the world building of the series. In future parts of this column I plan to take you into L. Frank Baum's amazing world of fantasy and prove to you why you should read more of it.



Versions of ***The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*** and more books from the series are available in varying formats on Hoopla and OverDrive.