

HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



**THE TEEN
ADVISORY BOARD**
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Public Library presents:

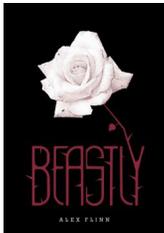
TAB Chapter Chat

Join us for a Virtual Teen Book
Discussion Group with
Author Alex Flinn!

Beastly

by Alex Flinn

Thursday,
August 20
at 6:00 p.m.



This reading group meets to discuss
popular YA Fiction on ZOOM.

**Author Alex Flinn will be
joining us for this event!**

Beastly is available on **Hoopla**
and **OverDrive**, as well as in book
and audiobook format from the library
by using curbside service.

Please contact Librarian Barb at
bpilling@hegganlibrary.org
for more information.

TAB Teen Summer Writing Challenge

The library's summer reading program
is centered on fairy tales, folklore, and
legends. The Teen Advisory Board is
challenging you to write your original
version of the Cinderella story. Entries
will be judged by library staff and the
Teen Advisory Board members.

Write or draw your own version of the
Cinderella tale and send
to Librarian Barb at
bpilling@hegganlibrary.org
by August 14, 2020.

Tween & Teen Book Club

Join us for a Virtual Tween & Teen
Book Discussion Group.

Ella Enchanted

by Gale
Carson Levine

Thursday,
August 13
at 6:00 p.m.



**This reading group meets to discuss
popular YA Fiction on ZOOM.**

Ella Enchanted is available as an
eBook on **OverDrive**, and in book
and audiobook format from the library
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Beanstack

The library is now using Beanstack,
an online resource for keeping track of
both summer reading, and reading
all year round. Using either the
Heggan Library Beanstack website
or the Beanstack app, readers can
keep a record of what they're reading,
take part in activities, and write book
reviews. There is a special Summer
Reading Challenge for teens in
grades 6-12 which runs through
August 16, 2020.

If you are interested in
becoming a member of the
Teen Advisory Board, please
contact Librarian Barb at
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Heggan Quest! A Zoom RPG

**Are you ready for an
adventure?**

Come join the Heggan Adventurers
Guild and embark on missions and
journeys into the vast unknown!

We will be hosting pen and paper role
playing games over Zoom. We will
handle all of the preparation, so you
do not need any manuals or dice, just
access to Zoom in order to participate.
Newcomers welcome, the only thing you
will need to bring is your imagination.
Adventures are episodic, you can drop
in for any session!

If you would like to participate
in an adventure, please email
programs@hegganlibrary.org

August Adventures

Friday, August 7
Friday, August 21
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Advance registration is required.
Please email programs@hegganlibrary.org
in order to join.

Online Library Resources are Available 24-7

Cardholders can access many library
materials in digital format including
eBooks, audiobooks, movies, music,
comics, TV shows, and more.

The library has begun a subscription
to Teen Book Cloud which provides
over 1,000 resources especially
for teens, including novels, poetry
books, short stories, graphic novels,
Shakespeare, and many classics.

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Book Reviews

Mooncakes

by Suzanne Walker
reviewed by F. D.

In Suzanne Walker's **Mooncakes**, teen witch Nova works at her grandmothers' bookshop, learning magic and helping keep the town safe from the supernatural. All is well until her childhood friend and crush, a werewolf named Tam, returns to town to battle a demon in the forest. Unable to call any one place home, with no family to back her, and with a cult pursuing her eager to use her wolf magic for evil, Tam asks Nova to help her learn to channel her powers for good.



Set against the backdrop of fall in a cozy small town, Tam and Nova's dormant feelings are rekindled as both girls discover more about themselves in the quest to defeat the demon before the cult can claim Tam's powers.

I really enjoyed this graphic novel and would recommend it to anyone looking for a wholesome, cozy, and whimsical read. The art was bright and colorful, and gave dimension to the enchanting vibes that come with witchcraft, keeping the reader engaged despite the story not including a ton of action. The story also includes an incredible amount of diversity. Nova is Chinese American and wears hearing aids, Tam is non-binary and uses they/them pronouns, and Nova's grandmothers are in a same-sex relationship, all of which is respected and shown in a positive, empowering way. Overall, this was a fun, quick read that I believe many will enjoy.

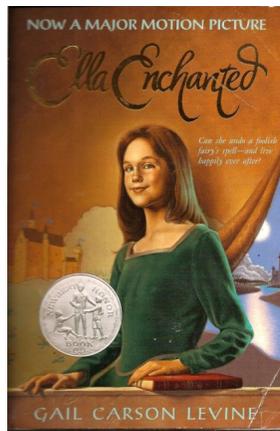
Ella Enchanted

by Gail Carson Levine
reviewed by H. H.

August's Teen & Tween
Book Club pick!

The fairy-given gift Ella received at birth – obedience – is more of a curse. Anything you tell her to do, she must obey. When her father remarries a wicked woman, Ella's new stepsisters learn her secret and are quick to abuse it. The only solution Ella can think of is to run away and find the fairy that gave her this "gift." While on her journey, Ella can't help but fall for Prince Char. Unfortunately, until she is free of the curse, she can't marry the prince. If any enemies ever found out about her gift, they could order her to kill Char or worse. Will Ella find the fairy and get her happily ever after, or will she be stuck under the power of her stepfamily forever?

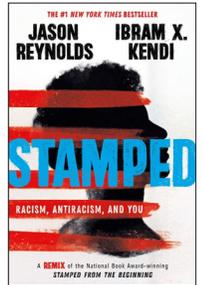
Ella Enchanted is one of my favorite books and I've read it more times than I can remember. There's just something so unique about it! Every time I read it, there's at least one scene I rediscover. Ella is a strong and distinctive main character, and I love her story. The book is very different from (and much better than) the movie. For the most part, the plots are completely different! The book is a retelling of the Cinderella fairy tale, while the movie is not. In other words, just because you've seen the movie doesn't mean you can't read the book! This book gets all my stars and I recommend it to anybody who loves fairy tales.



Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

by Jason Reynolds and
Ibram X. Kendi
reviewed by L. B.

Take much of what you thought you knew about America's history and set it aside to explore the facts from a different point of view. This look at our history and our present is likely going to rattle you. Through the lens of **Kendi** (who won the **National Book Award** for his original version—**Stamped from the Beginning**) and **Reynolds**, who has an incredible way with words and perspective himself, you have one incredibly powerful book.



Add to this amazing writing duo **Jason Reynolds'** performance as the reader for the audiobook and you'll be blown away. It's rhythmic, it's poetic, it's humble, and it's real. It's hard to imagine anyone else bringing such clarity and power to a history that has long been misunderstood. **Reynolds'** voice discussing the differences between assimilationists, racists, and anti-racists with his unique style makes this book and its audio version an essential book for the present in which we live. He repeatedly says this book is not a history, and he's right. It is as much about today as it is the past. While this book is directed to a YA audience, it's a must read for everyone. Both the book and audiobook are available from the library.

"You can't run away from who you are, but what you can do is run toward who you want to be."

— From another great Reynolds book
Ghost

"To know the past is to know the present. To know the present is to know yourself."

— Ibram X. Kendi, **Stamped**