

HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



**THE TEEN
ADVISORY BOARD**
presents:

It's TAB Virtual Game Time!

Friday, December 11
starting at 6:00 p.m.

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



**Come play Among Us—
a social deduction
party game with traitors!**

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

Please contact Librarian Barb at
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TAB Chapter Chat

Join us on Zoom for a Virtual
Teen Book Discussion Group!

When you think of winter and your
favorite books, does one particular
story come to mind? Then this book
club is for you!

It's a Winter-themed
book discussion night!

**Join this discussion on your
favorite winter book!**

Monday, December 21
starting at 6:00 p.m.

TAB Chapter Chat is a book club run by
Heggan Advisory Board Teens.

**This group meets to discuss popular
YA Fiction on Zoom.**

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Tween & Teen Book Club

Join us for a Virtual Book Discussion

The Last Musketeer Trilogy

by Stuart Gibbs

The Last Musketeer

Thursday, December 10
at 6:00 p.m.

The Last Musketeer:

Traitor's Chase

Thursday, January 21
at 6:00 p.m.

The Last Musketeer:

Double Cross

Thursday, February 25
at 6:00 p.m.

*This reading group meets to discuss
popular Fiction on Zoom.*

All three books are available through
curbside pick-up and as eBooks or
audiobooks on Hoopla.

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Virtual Writing Club for Teens & Tweens

**Come join our conversation
about writing!**

Do you like to write? Do you like playing
with words or pictures to tell a story?
Perhaps you're interested in becoming
a reporter or have dreams of becoming
a great American novelist. This is a
group for you!

Join us to explore your achievements,
goals, and frustrations with being a
writer. We'll give each other suggestions
and support for whatever concerns
you have.

**The Writing Club gives young writers
support in their quest to become the
next great American writer!**

Friday, December 18
starting at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

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6th Annual Super Smash Brothers Tournament

Monday, December 14 • 6:30 p.m.

**It'll take more than 2020 to stop our traditional
Super Smash Brothers tournament!**

Challenge the crown this year from the safety and comfort of your own home!
If you have your own copy of Super Smash Brothers Ultimate on Nintendo Switch,
you can join our private lobby and battle it out!



**Advance online registration is required.
Open to Heggan cardholders only.**

Tournament will be held in a private lobby in Super
Smash Brothers Ultimate on Nintendo Switch.
Players will need their own copy of the game and a
subscription to Nintendo Switch Online in order to
participate. Participants will be emailed the lobby
information and password prior to the tournament.

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Scott Pilgrim Series

by Bryan Lee O'Malley

reviewed by F. D.

Twenty-three-year-old Scott Pilgrim's life is going great. He's currently between jobs, he's dating a high schooler (seventeen-year-old girl Knives Chau), and he's in a band. Not a very good band, but a band nonetheless. Everything is perfect until mysterious, rollerblading delivery girl Ramona Flowers shows up. Ever since Scott dreamed about her, and his dream girl showed up in real life, he can't get Ramona off his mind. He wants to date her, but there's a catch: he will have to defeat Ramona's seven evil exes to get his shot, and each one is more powerful than the last. The Scott Pilgrim graphic novel series is an extremely fun read that I believe people of all ages can enjoy. The plot is set up like levels of a video game, where characters are given powers and coins are collected for defeating each level. While the versions I read were black and white, the cartoon-ish art style and numerous action scenes keep the reader completely engaged in Scott's quest to defeat Ramona's seven evil exes. The story is incredibly unique, and while I didn't find Scott the best main character, his roommate and bandmates more than make up for his wrongdoings and add a comedic element to the story. With six volumes in total, I would highly recommend this series to anyone looking for a fun, quick read.

On The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

by Mark Twain

an essay by Z. M.

A book that has made a huge impact on me is Mark Twain's novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, or *The Great American Novel*. Twain captured the idea of the South before the Civil War, and the people living there, like the 'duke and king', Tom, Jim, and Huckleberry himself. Twain also brought the idea of racism to readers of the time. This is one of the books that shows the stage set for the Civil War, and the novel is still important today as we still fight racism.

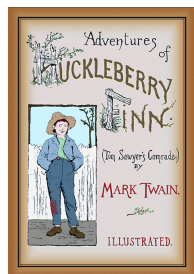
The book is about life on the Mississippi River, deep in the South. Huckleberry Finn lives with a widow and her sister, but his abusive father kidnaps him and

they live in a shack in the woods. Huck runs away and encounters a runaway slave, Jim, who works for the widow's sister. The two of them travel down the Mississippi River in a tiny raft, picking up two passengers along the way. They face several challenges, one being racism. The book is thrilling and has a few cliffhangers. The book still impacts me today.

Huck Finn narrates the book himself. He is a symbol of orphan boys of the time. In the first few chapters, he is abducted by his father, who drinks and beats him. Huck fakes his own death to save himself. He also debates the idea of slavery throughout the book, mainly because of his friendship with Jim. Based on the treatment of Jim by others, by the end of the book, Huck concluded that racism and discrimination is wrong. Throughout the book, he internally debates the rights and wrongs of the South, and matures a lot by the end.

Jim is also an important character. He symbolizes slaves and free black men who are mistreated, harassed, and bullied by white men like the "duke" and "king." Huck sees Jim differently. He sees Jim's struggle to preserve his freedom. This character is so important because he represents the plight of black men in the south during the 1840s or 1850s. Slave or free, they were brutally mistreated. This is why Jim's character is so important.

This book still impacts me in so many ways. One is the issue of racism; something America still struggles with to this very day. It is definitely worse in Huck's time, but it's still bad today. Another is lying and cheating. The duke and king went to great lengths to get money. They pretend to be a dead man's brothers for his fortune, and even pretend to be descendants of royalty, just to get money. I recognize that people go to greater lengths than



that today; but, this book symbolizes the struggles of America then and now. It is important for readers to know our nation's history. I recommend this book for any tween, teen, or young adult who likes history, comedy, suspense, and to everyone who is interested in social justice and equality for all.

Clockwork Angel

by Cassandra Clare

reviewed by H. H.

Clockwork Angel takes place in Victorian-era London, when Tessa Gray arrives in London to move in with her brother -- only, he's nowhere to be found. Instead, Tessa is kidnapped by women who promise not to hurt her brother as long as she does what they want. When she escapes their clutches, Tessa befriends a group called the Shadowhunters; an evil-fighting group made up of a diverse crew. Will they help her find her brother? And at what cost?

I've been hearing about this author, especially this series, for a while now. It's extremely popular, and now I can see why. The characters are hilarious together; I especially loved Tessa as a main character. My favorite part is that the author mixed fantasy with reality -- Tessa read many books I am familiar with such as *Little Women* and *A Tale of Two Cities*, and yet there is also magic. I also enjoy the time period *Clockwork Angel* is set in -- it gives readers a bit of a glimpse into how much times have changed. If you enjoy books with mystery, magic and suspense, this book is for you!



Winter Writing Challenge

Write about a "holiday book" that has had an impact on you. The book can cover holidays from December through February. Be sure to include title and author.

Each month a review will be printed in this newsletter and the winner will receive a prize.

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