

July 2021

HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

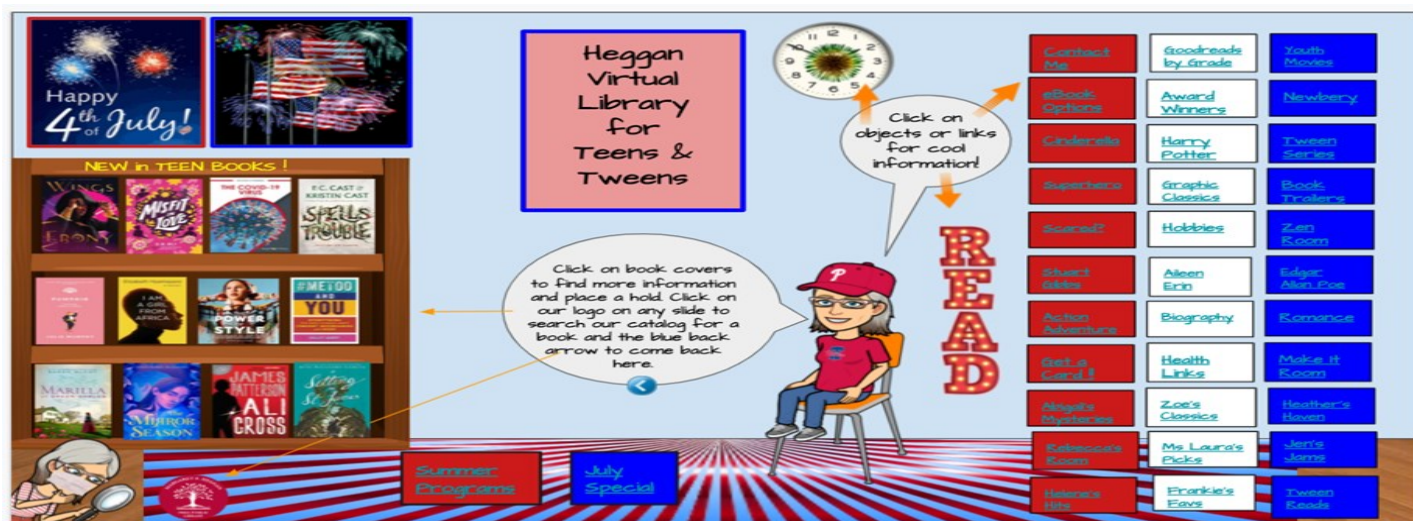
FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



The **Margaret E. Heggan Library** is using the **Beanstack** reading challenge program to record and review summer reading books. This year's **Teen and Tween Challenge** is to write positive reviews that make others want to read the book. Points will accrue toward the **Grand Prize** for books read and positive reviews written. Positive reviews will need to meet a 100-word minimum to count toward the prize. To incorporate the library's summer reading theme **Tails and Tales**, the Summer Book Club is offering discussions on:

Instant Karma by **Marissa Meyer** on July 23, and **Catwoman** by **Sarah J. Maas** on August 27!

Check us out for teen news, books, and programs. From the library homepage, go to Youth Services and click on Teens and Tweens or follow the link: <https://www.hegganlibrary.org/index.php/youth-services/>



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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? Do you want to write a book someday?

Perhaps you're interested in becoming a reporter or have dreams of becoming a great American novelist.

This is a group for you!

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

Friday, July 9 starting at
6:00 pm on **Zoom**

Summer Writing Challenge

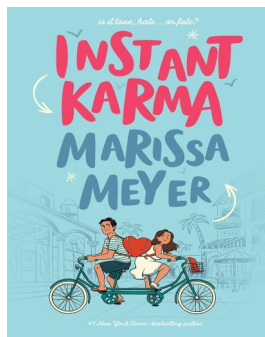
We're challenging teens and tweens **to write an original fable** or a unique retelling of an existing fable. Interested writers have until August 17th to turn in their work. All work must be typed and include the writer's name, age, and contact information. If the piece is a retelling, also include the name of the original fable. This contest is open to Heggan cardholders from grades 6 through 12 only. For more information about the Summer Writing Challenge, consider joining us at the next Writing Club.



TAB Chapter Chat: Teens, Tales, and Tails

**Join us on Zoom for our
Summer Teen Book
Discussion Group**

Instant Karma



Friday, July 23 at 6:00 pm

TAB Chapter Chat is a book club run by and for teens. This reading group meets monthly to discuss popular YA Fiction on **Zoom**.



Friday, July 16 6 pm – 8 pm

**Join us on Zoom for this fun-packed
TAB Teen Gaming event!**

Use your smart phone, tablet, or computer to play! All players must have a valid Heggan Library card. play.

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

Off Balance

by Aileen Erin

reviewed by TAB member H. H.

Aileen Erin is my favorite author and if you read **Off Balance**, you'll see why! This book picks up a few weeks from where she leaves us in her first book of this series, **Off Planet**. Every night since **Amihanna** (with a mother from **Earth** and a father from **Aunare**) escaped from her prison on Abaddon, she wakes up sick from night terrors. Her painful near-death experiences on Abaddon haunt her, but fortunately she has **Lorne** to help her get through it. Unfortunately, even he can be frustrating! Why does he continuously call her his "**shalshasa**"? What does that really mean? How does she even feel about him?

I am very happy with the character development in this book. The author introduces **Lorne's** point of view, so the reader sees things from his side and learns more about him. It is interesting to see the story from the side of a "full **Aunare**" as well as someone who is half human. If you're looking for a sci-fi dystopian series to try, then you will enjoy this series! If you liked **Off Planet**, **Off Balance** is even better!