

HEGGAN HAPPENINGS

FOR TEENS AND TWEENS



**THE TEEN
ADVISORY BOARD**
presents:

TAB Virtual Game Time!

Friday, March 19 • 6:00 p.m.

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

This event is for **TEENS** only.

Come play drawing games.
Express your creativity and have
lots of fun!

We'll be playing *Drawful 2*, *Tee KO*,
and *Champ'd Up*!

... Maybe some *Skribble.io*
if time permits.

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

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

TAB Chapter Chat

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

Off Planet

by Aileen Erin

Thursday, March 25 • 6:00 p.m.

TAB Chapter Chat is a book club
run by and for teens.

This book is available through **curbside
pick-up** and as an eBook or audiobook on
Hoopla and **OverDrive**.

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Calling All Poets

Washington Township residents in grades
6-12 may submit an original poem to the
library for possible inclusion in a Poetry
Walk in Washington Lake Park.

Please visit www.hegganlibrary.org
for details.

Poems will be accepted through March 12.

Virtual Writing Club for Teens & Tweens

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 writer!

This month's topic:
Creating Setting

Friday, March 12
at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Tween & Teen Book Club

Join us for a Tween & Teen Book
Discussion Group.



Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell

by Chris Colfer

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

This reading group meets to discuss
popular Fiction on Zoom.

This book is available through **curbside
pick-up** and as an eBook or audiobook on
OverDrive.

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for more information.

Check out the Teen & Tween Virtual Library!



From the library website, hover on
"Youth Services" and click on
"Teens & Tweens."

Virtual Comic Illustration Demonstration

Monday, March 15 • 6:30 p.m.

Learn some comic illustration tips in this
virtual demonstration on Discord. Feel free to
draw along, ask questions, or just to watch
and listen.

Open to Heggan Library cardholders
age 16 and up.

Please register via the online calendar.

Virtual Computer Class Computer Hardware

Monday, March 29
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Learn the ins and outs of your computer in
this virtual demonstration. We will dismantle
and explain the components of a computer,
how to perform basic repair and upgrades,
and reassemble a rig.

Open to Heggan Library cardholders
age 16 and up.

Please register via the online calendar.

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Off Planet

by Aileen Erin
reviewed by H.H.

Maite Martinez lives a somewhat normal life, if you call being an undercover alien fugitive normal. She has a best friend, a mother who loves her, and a job at a diner. When she defends herself against a rude customer, her life quickly changes. **Maite** is caught by law enforcement (overseen by the evil **SpaceTech**) and is punished with an almost impossible job working on the surface of a lava planet. Can she survive her sentence, or will the government be down one less enemy?

Aileen Erin is by far my favorite author and this is the first book in her newest series, **The Aunare Chronicles**. At first, reading this felt like cheating on my favorite book by **Ms. Erin**, **Becoming Alpha**, because this book is just that good. I couldn't stop reading!!! In the middle, though, it got a bit slow and it felt like the same thing happened over and over as we watch **Maite** being pushed to her limits. Luckily action picks up in the end and leaves readers dying to know what will happen next!

Many of the characters are funny and endearing. One character named **Lorne** is totally swoon-worthy. Some of the best parts of this book were the interactions between **Maite** and **Lorne** and between **Maite** and **Roan**. One of **Aileen Erin's** best qualities is her ability to write characters. There's never a character you won't like and especially no book by her that could disappoint!

Off Planet is available through **curbside pickup**, in eBook and Audiobook from **Hoopla** and eBook from **OverDrive**.

Off Balance

by Aileen Erin
reviewed by L.B.

Like **Off Planet**, **Off Balance** (Book 2 in the **Aunare Chronicles** series)

will pull you in from the first page. Wow! How often is the second book in a series a letdown after a fantastic first? That is NOT the case here.

Amihanna (no longer called **Maite**, her **Earth** name) has been returned to her home planet to heal from her run-ins with **SpaceTech** and begin to understand her heritage, but even here she still feels like an alien. Being half human, half **Aunare** on **Earth** was awful, but here on the planet of her father there is a not so covert hatred of "halfers."

Amihanna does not know who can be trusted. On top of everything else, as the betrothed of **Lorne**, destined to become the high queen of the **Aunare**, she becomes an even greater target for those who already despise her. She has horrid nightmares from which she awakes screaming. Self preservation kicks in and **Amihanna** considers fleeing the planet.

Amihanna does not want the political worries. She does not know how she feels about **Lorne**. She does not want to be queen. She does not want people to look at her like they want to kill her where she stands. **Amihanna** does want to sleep without nightmares. She wants to be with her family and get to know her father. She wants a future without fighting just to live.

No matter how much she wants to go away, **Amihanna** is constantly drawn back to **Lorne**. He makes her nightmares go away. He knows when she's had enough stress. He knows when she's about to lose it. He starts getting to her and she's petrified of trusting in him.

Can **Amihanna** ever find peace? Will the long reach of **Earth's SpaceTech** bullies destroy her forever? Is there room anywhere for a half **Aunare** half human? Read it and find out.

This is the second of four planned books in this series. **Off Balance** is available through **curbside pickup** and in eBook and Audiobook from **Hoopla**.

Aileen Erin's
Cipher
reviewed by L.B.

Cipher is the ultimate computer hacker and gamer. She is not just a computer genius; she has "powers" that others want to contain. She was born with a red helix, which means her powers are unstable. Since the deaths of her parents, **Cipher** has spent her life running. Never setting down any permanent roots, she has been keeping her identity secret. The risk of being caught by the wrong people could mean she becomes someone's science experiment.

Cipher avoids friendships to keep others safe – from herself as well as from those who might use them to get to her – as she tries to solve the mystery of her power.

She had a friend once, but that was long ago and before she went on the run with her parents.

Knight has had a difficult life. Saved from the father who tried to kill him as a boy by Emma, he has done everything he can to never be abused again. Now a man, **Knight** is easy on the eyes and brilliant. He becomes a double agent taking an undercover position "working" for the evil men tracking **Cipher** and other red helix "mutants" like her. But, **Knight** has other plans. Can **Cipher** trust him? Does he really want to help her? What's his secret agenda?

This is a fast paced action packed story with altering view points between **Cipher** and **Knight**. The insight **Aileen Erin** gives her readers into the minds of these characters helps us to fully understand the magnitude of their situations. **Cipher** is the first book in the **Shadow Ravens** series. It will keep you on the edge of your seat as you race to the end of this story!

Cipher is available through **curbside pickup** and as an eBook in **Hoopla**.

