

## Young Adult Round Table

# YART Connections

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## Reader's Advisory for Teens Just Got Easier!

By Allison Madsen,  
South Jordan Library

Nationally recognized teen services author, Heather Booth, presented to Salt Lake area librarians in September. She presented several valuable ideas that are included in her new book *Serving Teens through Readers' Advisory*. She explained that RA for teens is really important because it builds life long readers. Teens read to escape, to find connections with characters, and to gain information. RA is also important because it gets books into the hands of teens who may enjoy the safe risk-taking that they can find in books.

Heather reminded us that as librarians who work

with teenagers, we need to remember that the teenage brain is still in development and that their brains are less capable of abstract thinking. Teens also have a shorter history with reading and so may not know what genres mean or what kinds of stories are available for them to try.

Next Heather shared with us her "RA for YA in 5 easy steps" These steps are included in her handouts which she graciously allowed YART to place on the YART Wiki <http://utahyart.pbwiki.com>. The steps include being aware of the message you are sending with body language. Make sure you are open in your approach and the tone of voice you use is friendly and

not scared. Heather told us that teens, like dogs, can smell your fear. Another important step is to respect your teens' interests and opinions.

After her presentation, I was itching to go out and try some of the techniques discussed. I have placed the handouts from her presentation on the YART wiki. Click on the *Side Bar* link on the right-side menu. From there choose the *Readers' Advisory for Teens* link. I would recommend that any librarian who works with teenagers read Heather's book.



## Popular Programs for Teens

For those who missed Mary Beth Cox's presentation you can still catch the Power Point file on the YART wiki:  
<http://utahyart.pbwiki.com>



Chocolate Party

### Bodies in the Book Drop

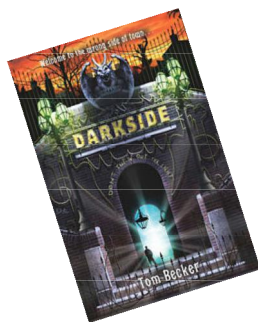


Teen Volunteer Group

# Horror Booklist for Teens

By Carrie Rogers-Whitehead,  
Kearns Library

October is the time where the lights dim, the candy corn flows freely and people want to hide under the covers with a frightening book. Here is a sample of scary titles to recommend to teens during this year's witching hour:



**Bloodline series**

by Kate Cary

**Demonata series**

by Darren Shan

**Darkside series**

by Tom Becker

**Wereling trilogy**

by Stephen Cole

**Daemon Hall** by  
Andrew Nance

**A certain slant of  
light** by Laura  
Whitcomb

**Peeps** by Scott  
Westerfeld

**Midnight Predator**

Amelia Atwater  
Rhodes

**Rag and Bone Shop** by Robert  
Cormier

**Thirsty** by M.T. Anderson

**The Death Collector** by Justin Rich-  
ards



**Dread Locks** by Neal Shusterman

**Horowitz Horror: Stories You'll  
Wish You Never Read** by Anthony  
Horowitz

**Prom Nights from Hell:** Meg Cabot  
and other authors



## Teen Quick Pick Holiday Programs

By Kara Pearson,  
Sandy Library

*Halloween:*



combine or do separately

- Create a creature drawing contest
- Scariest Poem- ask for scary words then make a scary poem together
- Food Fear Factor
- Face painting
- Famous monsters matching
- Urban Legends- have teams and give them a sheet of paper with 6 famous urban legends. Give them twenty minutes to discuss if they are true or false
- Scary objects tray- put out a tray of scary things, let them look at it for a few minutes, secretly remove one object from the tray and see if

the teens can guess what is missing

- Put some prizes in some slime and have the teens dig through the goop to find the prizes
- Pass along Jack- get little pumpkins and line the teens in two lines. Have them pass the pumpkin using only their chins and necks. First teen to finish wins.

- Ghost Bingo
- Donut eating
- Pumpkin relay

**Thanksgiving:**

- Make cornhusk dolls
- Thanksgiving clothes relay- get pilgrim costumes and have the kids race to get everything on first
- Thanksgiving bingo
- Popcorn relay race- set empty bowls at one end of the room, at the other have bowls full of popcorn. Have the teams transport the popcorn using a measuring cup

- Teen mystery
- Good time for a Henna program
- Thanksgiving movie quiz
- Twenty questions



*Christmas:*

- Fondue party
- Chocolate party
- Gingerbread house making
- Comics Christmas giveaway- give a comic away every day in December
- Cookie exchange- everyone bring their favorite cookies to exchange
- Cookie decorating



# Magic on the Page: Elements of Young Adult Fantasy

By Samantha Hastings,  
West Jordan Library

YART sponsored a library visit from YA fantasy author Cinda Williams Chima. Cinda is the author of: *Warrior Heir*, *Wizard Heir*, and *Dragon Heir*.



Cinda Chima, Samantha, Allison

Fans of the *Heir* series from Provo to Park City came to hear Cinda tell tidbits about her writing, getting published, and her own roots. Did you know there are salt mines underneath Lake Erie? Cinda used that idea for a scene in *The Dragon Heir*.

After the presentation, Cinda gra-

ciously signed copies of her books and talked to her fans about their favorite characters.

For more information about Cinda and her books check out her website at: [www.cindachima.com](http://www.cindachima.com) and her blog at: [www.cindachima.blogspot.com](http://www.cindachima.blogspot.com)



## 10 Book Talk Tips

1. Grab the reader with the first and last sentence of your book talk.
2. Hold a copy of the book so teens can see the cover.
3. Make sure to say the author and the title of the book clearly at the beginning and end of your book talk.
4. Never give away the ending or important plot points.
5. Find a "hook" or something that would appeal to teens.
6. Gross teens out with a gory scene or gruesome details.
7. Read a few sentences from the book to give teens a "taste." You can read the first sentences or a strong section in the book.
8. What would you do? Ask a bunch of questions that teens can relate with to introduce a title.
9. Make sure you remember the plot details; characters' names, places, and events.
10. Save the best book talk for last.

**"I was an unsightly child. My skin was the weak blue-white of skimmed milk, which wouldn't have been so bad if my hair had been blond and my lips pale pink. But my lips were as red as a dragon's tongue and my hair as black as an old frying pan" (p. 3). *Fairest* by Gail Carson Levine.**

## Fabulous First Sentences

By Jodean Wright,  
West Jordan Library

"Read only the first line for a short, but effective book-hook," Patrick Jones. Here are some of my favorite first lines from young adult fiction.

"The early summer sky was the color of cat vomit."—*Uglies* by Scot Westerfeld.

"Sailing toward dawn, and I was perched atop the crow's nest, being the ship's eyes."—*Airborn* by Kenneth Oppel.

"Linderwall was a large kingdom, just east of the Mountains of Morning,

where philosophers were highly respected and the number five was fashionable."—*Dealing with Dragons* by Patricia Wrede.

"She scowled at her glass of orange juice."—*The Blue Sword* by Robin McKinley.

"When the Spook arrived, the light was already beginning to fail."—*Revenge of the Witch* by Joseph Delaney.

"When I was small, my thoughts and feelings were all visual. The taste of chocolate might be a smear of deep, warm yellow, with gold sparkles. Hot water was a warm, blue blanket, but

really hot water had prickles and spikes like shiny silver needles..."—*Spirits that Walk in Shadow* by Nina Kiriki Hoffman.

"It was three minutes past midnight, and the dead wouldn't leave me alone."—*The Secret Life of Sparrow Delaney* by Suzanne Harper.

"Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. If you're reading this because you think you might be one, my advice is: close this book right now. Believe whatever lie your mom or dad told you about your birth, and try to lead a normal life."—*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan.



## Read, Write,

By Stephanie Costas, Salt Lake City Public Library

Our biggest hit of the summer was our teen summer reading program, Read, Write, Rock On! Teens submitted reviews for books, CDs, Art, and Concerts. Some even brought in their own art work. We gave out candy for each review turned in and we had a backstage pass that was punched for every five reviews completed. We received 996 reviews and at the end of the summer we held a drawing for three ipods and a bunch of gift certificates to local book and music shops. Some parents weren't too happy about the candy, so next year we are going to come up with a non-food incentive.

### Cinematic Saturdays

We usually show movies in our Can-teen on Saturdays. During the summer we focused on some blockbuster favorites like the *Indiana Jones* and *Spiderman* Trilogies, some of the *The Harry Potter* films, *The Day After*, and *Blood and Chocolate*.



### Gaming

Our Guitar Hero Tournament in August was also a big success. We have a regular following of teens that play Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution at our branches once a month, so



## Rock On!

we decided to have a battle where they could all get together. About 40 teens showed up at the Main Library and we set up a single elimination bracket. We had some snacks and a practice console so those waiting could warm up. Most of the kids hung around until the end, and we did have girls too!

### Stop-Motion

For seven weeks from June to July we teamed up with Youth City Artways to offer a stop-Motion animation class. The same group of teens came every week and made their own animations using a variety of styles including: flip-books, paper cut-outs, claymation and pixilation.

### Zine-Making

Throughout the year we offer zine-making workshops where anyone can come and make their own zine. We have roughly 4,000 zines in our collection, so we cart over a few volumes for inspiration, offer blank paper, markers, staplers, and hole punches, and let them go at it. The sky is the limit.

## CSRT/YART Summer Workshop August 14-15, 2008 Highlights



Comments: "I love coming to these workshops because they always give me great ideas and motivate me to try new things."



"Let's do it again!"

"I had a fabulous, memorable time. Do it again. Thanks!"



Check out the handouts and Power Point Presentations! Go to [www.utahyart.pbwiki.com](http://www.utahyart.pbwiki.com) and from the side bar choose "Summer Workshop Handouts."



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## YART Connections: People Profile

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Mary Ann Heider

Mary Ann fell happily into Teen Services after a long career spanning archives and adult and children's services. She likes the "tude" of teens because "they, like myself, just like to hang out and use what the library offers--computers, books and an occasional program." After hours, she owns and operates the Starry-Eyed Puppet theater.

Recent YA favs: *Hannah's Garden* by Midori Snyder, *Copper Sun* by Sharon Draper, and *The Corps of the Bare Boned Plane* by Polly Horvath.



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### Technology Tip:

#### Jeopardy with Power Point!

By Allison Madsen,  
South Jordan Library

I have placed the Power Point template on the YART wiki under Programming Ideas. I love this template. I have used it twice with my teens. You can easily change the subject and questions to fit any theme. Think about the possibilities with Twilight or Brisinger? You can even include theme music. For example, when I did Harry Potter I included a brief snippet of the Harry Potter Theme by John Williams. I will include brief editing instructions with the Power Point file on the YART Wiki. Take a moment and play with it . . . you will see it is great fun!

## Creating Connections: Librarian Blogs

### Carrie Rogers-Whitehead:

The Library Samurai is a record of funny and crazy things that happen to me at work and my feelings about library issues. You can catch it at:

<http://thelibrarysamurai.blogspot.com/>

### Children's Services Round Table:

Find out what our fellow round table has planned at: <http://ula-csrt.blogspot.com/>

### Liszen:

Register your personal or library blog at [www.liszen.com](http://www.liszen.com). Liszen is a search engine of library blogs. Use liszen for reviews, ideas, and making online connections.

### Annoyed Librarian:

<http://annoyedlibrarian.blogspot.com/>

Not from Utah, but worth clicking to. A Little edgy and anti establishment but really fun.

### Check out library blogs from all over the United States:

[http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Blogs\\_for\\_Teens](http://www.libsuccess.org/index.php?title=Blogs_for_Teens)

**January's issue: Please send the title and brief description/review of your favorite Young Adult book published in 2008 to [utahyart@gmail.com](mailto:utahyart@gmail.com) to be included in the next newsletter!**