

The Teen Times

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In the May issue of *The Teen Times*, the RPL Youth Services Team focuses on science fiction, bringing you book, film, & television recommendations, a spotlight on our teen programming, and some fun activities to pass the time.

Programming Spotlight

May's programming spotlight is **ANIME CLUB**.

Calling all anime fans! Join us once monthly to watch a few episodes, enjoy some light snacks, and take part in an activity. Here you'll be able to meet like-minded people and share in conversations about

the anime we all know and love, or maybe discover something new! No registration is required for this club, so feel free to drop in!

The theme for the month of May is *My Hero Academia*! Join us to see what class 1-A is up to!

Anime Club is for tweens and teens ages 12 to 18. Please see our website for more info!



Book Recommendations: Science Fiction

Iron Widow

When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine pilot, it's to assassinate the ace male pilot responsible for her sister's death. But she gets her vengeance in a way nobody expected—she kills him through the psychic link between pilots and emerges from the cockpit unscathed. She is labeled an Iron Widow, a much-feared and much-silenced kind of female pilot who can sacrifice boys to power up Chrysalises instead.

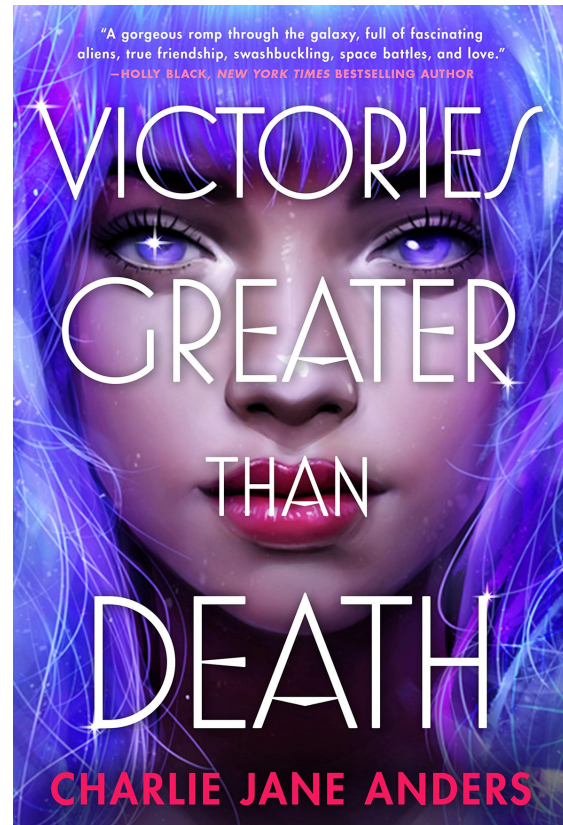


Iron Widow by Xiran Jay Zhao

Victories Greater Than Death

Tina never worries about being 'ordinary'—she doesn't have to, since she's known practically forever that she's not just Tina Mains, average teenager and beloved daughter. She's also the keeper of an interplanetary rescue beacon, and one day soon, it's going to activate, and then her dreams of saving all the worlds and adventuring among the stars will finally be possible. Tina's legacy, after all, is intergalactic—she is the hidden clone of a famed alien hero, left on Earth disguised as a human to give the universe another chance to defeat a terrible evil.

Victories Greater Than Death by Charlie Jane Anders



The Ones We're Meant to Find

In this novel by Joan He, Cee has been trapped on an abandoned island for three years without any recollection of how she arrived, or memories from her life prior. All she knows is that somewhere out there, beyond the horizon, she has a sister named Kay, and it's up to Cee to cross the ocean and find her.

The Darkness Outside Us

In this novel by Elliot Schrefer, Ambrose wakes up on the Coordinated Endeavor with no memory of a launch. There's more that doesn't add up: evidence indicates strangers have been on board, the ship's operating system is voiced by his mother, and his handsome, brooding shipmate has barricaded himself away. But nothing will stop Ambrose from making his mission succeed—not when he's rescuing his own sister.

Film/Television Reviews

The 100

When nuclear Armageddon destroys civilization on Earth, the only survivors are those on the 12 international space stations in orbit at the time. Three generations later, the 4,000 survivors living on a space ark of linked stations see their resources dwindle and face draconian measures established to ensure humanity's future. Desperately looking for a solution, the ark's leaders send 100 juvenile prisoners back to the planet to test its habitability.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★/5

The Mars Generation

Teenagers train at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center to become the engineers and astronauts of tomorrow, with hopes of leading mankind's journey to Mars.

Find this film streaming now on Netflix.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Stranger Things

In 1980s Indiana, a group of young friends witness supernatural forces and secret government exploits. As they search for answers, the children unravel a series of extraordinary mysteries.

Final season arriving on Netflix on May 27th.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Voltron: Legendary Defender

Teenagers transported from Earth become pilots for robotic lions to fight in an intergalactic war. The Paladins of Voltron must learn to work as a team to assemble the robot Voltron and use its power to conquer the Galra Empire.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Programming Schedule & Highlights

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
MAY 11	3:30 - 4:30 PM	WRITE-IN
MAY 16	ALL DAY	TAKE & MAKE
MAY 26	4 - 5:30 PM	ANIME CLUB
MAY 31	3 - 5 PM	THEATRE TUESDAY



Take & Make Bags are available in the lobby as long as supplies last.

Teen Theatre Tuesday

Looking for a break from the stresses of school and homework? Join us for the first monthly 'Teen Theatre Tuesday' where you can take some time to enjoy a movie, light refreshments, and the company of friends. No registration is required!

May's movie is **Spider-Man: No Way Home**.



Movie rated PG-13

Mystery LitCrate

If you're a teen between the ages of 13 and 18 and you have trouble figuring out what to read next, the Youth Services Department has a solution for you!

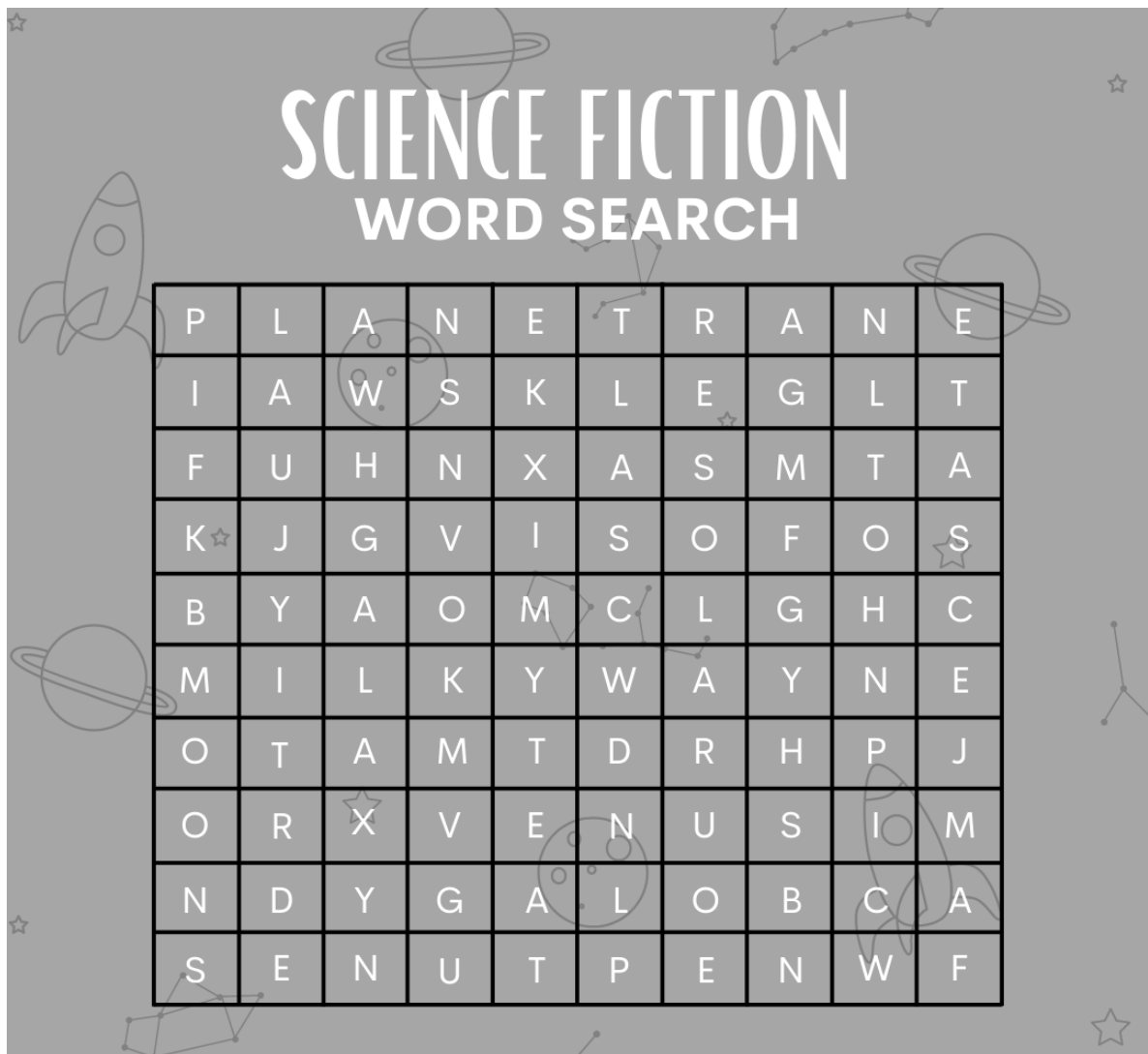
The YA LitCrate is a mystery box filled with books and goodies for you to enjoy! All you have to do is fill out a form to let us know what you enjoy reading, and we'll give you a call when it's ready to pick up.

The books and box must be returned, but the gifts inside are yours to keep!

Write-In Club

Have you been looking for a place to write among like-minded kids like yourself? Look no further than the RPL Youth Services' newest program, the Monthly Write-In! Ideal for writers aged 11 to 18. Join us once a month for an hour to write and be around other writers. Information on registering is available on our website.

Activities Corner



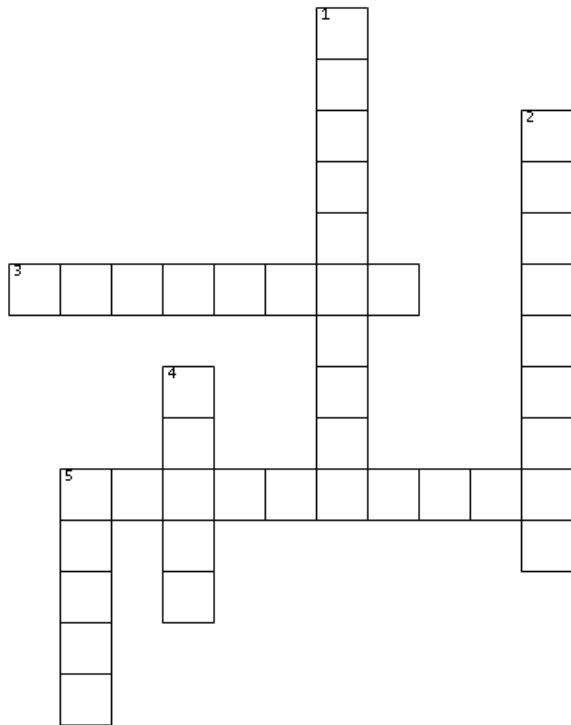
Word Bank:

VENUS	MILKY WAY	NEPTUNE
GALAXY	MOON	COMET
PLANET	SOLAR	UNIVERSE

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

Activities Corner, cont.

Science Fiction Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 3. A popular movie franchise set in space
- 5. Popular theme for movies & novels (ie. The Walking Dead, The Day After Tomorrow, The Maze Runner)

Down

- 1. A feature of futuristic movies such as Back to the Future
- 2. Some spaceships use this to travel faster
- 4. A sentient robot (ie. C3PO, R2D2)
- 5. A creature not known to earth

Sudoku 6x6

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