

The Teen Times

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

Programming Spotlight

June's programming spotlight is **CALM & COLOR.**

If the stress of school is pushing you down, consider dropping by the library on June 9th for an evening of coloring, snacks, and relaxing lo-fi music to help soothe your weary mind. There is no registration required for

this program, and you're welcome to drop in at any time and stay until 6:30 PM when the program ends.

All supplies will be provided for you, but you're welcome to bring your own coloring pages or even some homework to work on in a relaxing space.

This program is for tweens & teens age 12 to 18.



Book Recommendations: LGBTQIA+ REP

The Girl from the Sea by Molly Ostertag

Fifteen-year-old Morgan has a secret: She can't wait to escape the perfect little island where she lives. She's desperate to finish high school and escape her sad divorced mom, her volatile little brother, and worst of all, her great group of friends...who don't understand Morgan at all. Because really, Morgan's biggest secret is that she has a lot of secrets, including the one about wanting to kiss another girl. Then one night, Morgan is saved from drowning by a mysterious girl named Keltie. The two become friends and suddenly life on the island doesn't seem so stifling anymore.



And They Lived . . . by Steven Salvatore

Chase Arthur is a budding animator and hopeless romantic obsessed with Disney films and finding his true love, but he's plagued with the belief that he's not enough for anyone: he's recovering from an eating disorder and suffers from body dysmorphia fueled by his father, and can't quite figure out his gender identity. When Chase starts his freshman year of college, he has to navigate being away from home and missing his sister, finding his squad, and contending with his ex-best friend Leila who is gunning for the same exclusive mentorship.



It's a Hit! by Arin Cole Barth

Wil never expected to end up at baseball camp instead of his beloved theater camp with all his nerdy friends. When he came out as trans, his well-meaning father was so excited to share his own boyhood love of baseball that Wil didn't have the heart to say no. Taylor looks forward to camp every summer, eager to get on the pitching mound and be immersed in his favorite sport. He feels a disconnect between his flamboyant, queer family and the sporty community he thrives in. During camp, Wil and Taylor connect over family, growing up, and geeking out about the things they enjoy.

Lakelore by Anna-Marie McLemore

Everyone who lives near the lake knows the stories about the world underneath it, an ethereal landscape rumored to be half-air, half-water. But Bastián Silvano and Lore Garcia are the only ones who've been there. Bastián grew up both above the lake and in the otherworldly space beneath it. In this young adult novel, two non-binary teens are pulled into a magical world under a lake - but can they keep their worlds above water intact?

Film/Television Reviews

Heartstopper

In an adaptation from the popular graphic novels by Alice Oseman, teens Charlie and Nick discover their unlikely friendship might be something more as they navigate school and young love.

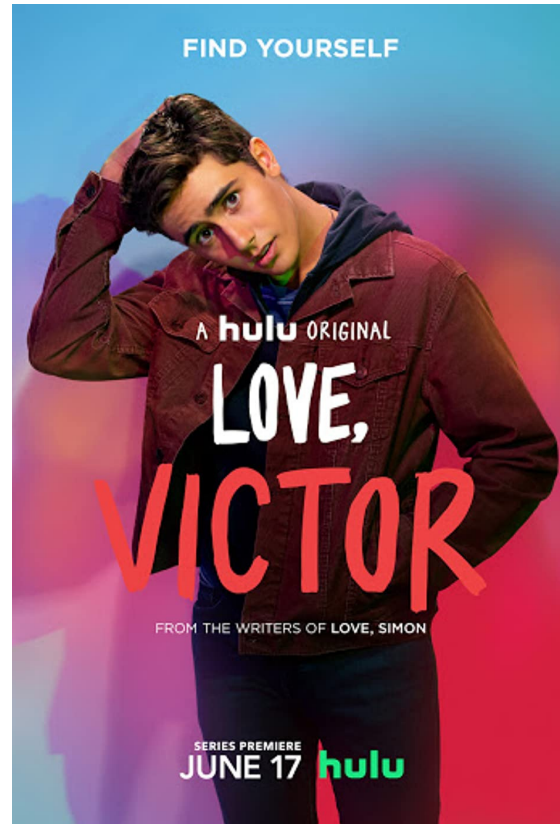
Season 1 is now airing on Netflix, and the graphic novels can be found either at the RPL or through the MVLC catalog.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Love, Victor

"Love, Victor" is set in the world of the groundbreaking movie, "Love, Simon," which was inspired by Becky Albertalli's acclaimed young adult novel, "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda," about a closeted gay teenager who is forced to come out after being blackmailed. Victor, like Simon, is on his own journey of self-discovery. Facing challenges at home, navigating the ups and downs of a new high school, and exploring his sexual orientation, Victor reaches out to Simon when things become too difficult.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Pride: A Docuseries

Seven renowned LGBTQ+ directors explore heroic and heartbreaking stories that define the United States as a nation.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Yuri!!! On Ice

Yuri Katsuki suffers a crushing defeat in the finals of the Figure Skating Grand Prix. He returns to his hometown and finds himself in the spotlight when a video of him performing a routine previously executed by his idol and Victor Nikiforov, suddenly goes viral. Nikiforov himself flies to Japan to offer Yuri a proposal to be his coach and train him to win what may be Yuri's last season.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Programming Schedule & Highlights

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
JUNE 8	3:30 - 4:30 PM	WRITE-IN
JUNE 9	5:00 - 6:30 PM	CALM & COLOR
JUNE 14	3 - 5 PM	THEATRE TUESDAY
JUNE 22	1 - 3 PM	SRP 2022 KICK-OFF PARTY



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!

June's movie is **Shang-Chi & the Legend of the Ten Rings**.



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.

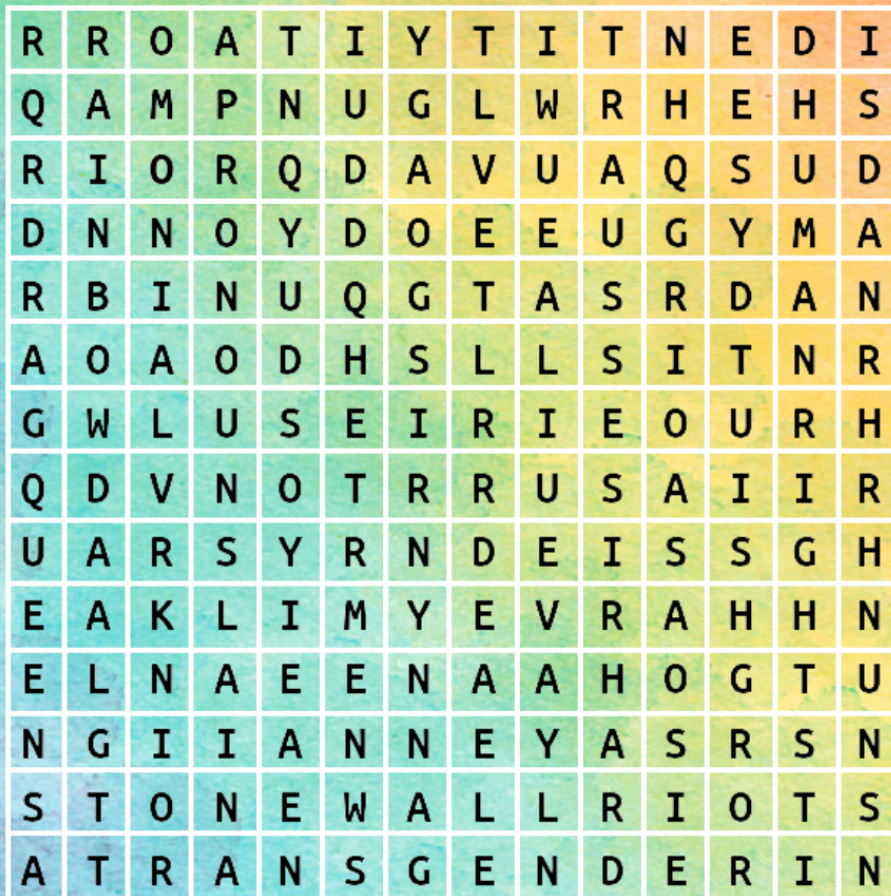
The books and box must be returned, but the gifts inside are yours to keep!

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. June 8th is our last meeting until September.

Activities Corner

PRIDE MONTH WORD SEARCH



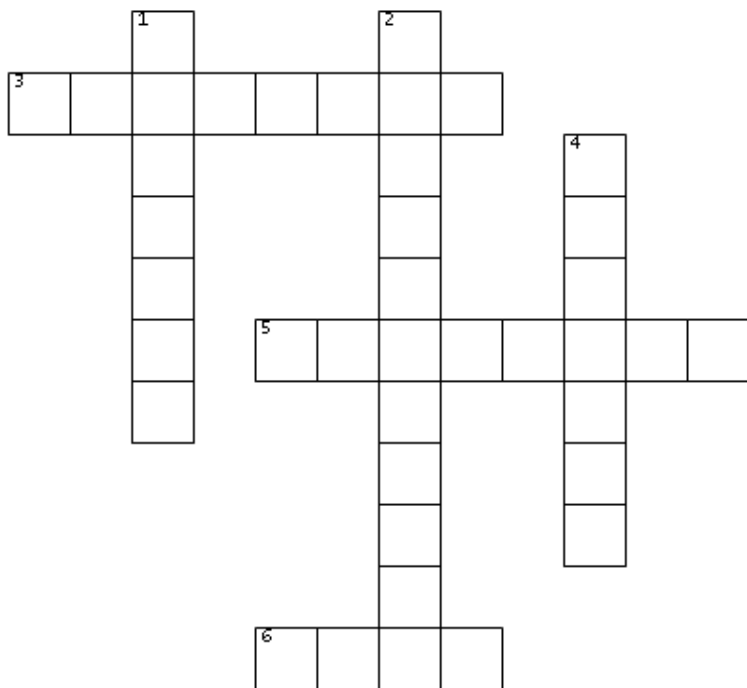
Word Bank:

RAINBOW	STONEWALL	TRANSGENDER
PRONOUNS	EQUALITY	IDENTITY
HUMAN RIGHTS	HARVEY MILK	DRAG QUEEN

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

Activities Corner, cont.

Pride Month Crossword Puzzle



Across

- Some non-binary people use these pronouns
- In 2015, the United States voted to allow this for people in same-sex relationships
- This crisis was responsible for the deaths of more than 100,000 LGBT+ people between 1980 and 1990

Down

- This is what the L in LGBTQIA+ stands for
- This term refers to people who may feel they belong to all genders and this may change from day to day
- Cities all over the world hold these during Pride Month

Sudoku 9x9

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Color Me!



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