

The Teen Times

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

Programming Spotlight

November's programming spotlight is **WRITING CLUB**.

November is when NANOWRIMO takes place! For those of you who don't know what that is, it's National November Writing Month in which those interested in any form of writing set up challenges for themselves with

goals that they wish to make before the beginning of December. For most people this means writing 50,000 words of a novel!

If that sounds fun, you may want to participate in our Writing Club! This club runs once a month and no registration (or prior experience) is needed! Just come ready to get creative!

Our first meeting will be **NOV. 16th at 4PM**. Ages 11+ welcome!

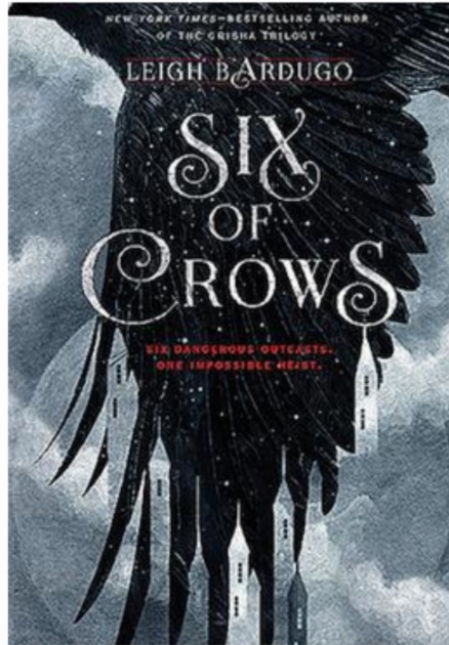


Book Recommendations: Found Family

Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo

Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price - and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone.

A convict with a thirst for revenge. A sharpshooter who can't walk away from a wager. A runaway with a privileged past. A spy known as the Wraith. A Heartrender using her magic to survive the slums. A thief with a gift for unlikely escapes. Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist.



The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune

Linus Baker is a by-the-book case worker in the Department in Charge of Magical Youth. He's tasked with determining whether six dangerous magical children are likely to bring about the end of the world. Arthur Parnassus is the master of the orphanage. He would do anything to keep the children safe, even if it means the world will burn. And his secrets will come to light. The House in the Cerulean Sea is an enchanting love story, masterfully told, about the profound experience of discovering an unlikely family in an unexpected place - and realizing that family is yours.



Gallant by V.E. Schwab

Olivia Prior has grown up in Merilance School for Girls, and all she has of her past is her mother's journal—which seems to unravel into madness. Then, a letter invites Olivia to come home to Gallant. Yet when Olivia arrives, no one is expecting her. But Olivia is not about to leave the first place that feels like home; it doesn't matter if her cousin Matthew is hostile, or if she sees half-formed ghouls haunting the hallways. Olivia knows that Gallant is hiding secrets, and she is determined to uncover them.

The Bone Spindle by Leslie Vedder

Cursed princes are nothing but ancient history to Fi - until she pricks her finger on a bone spindle while exploring a long-lost ruin. Now she's stuck with the spirit of Briar Rose until she and Shane can break the century-old curse on his kingdom. Dark magic, witch hunters, and bad exes all stand in her way - not to mention a mysterious witch who might wind up stealing Shane's heart, along with whatever else she's after. But nothing scares Fi more than the possibility of falling in love with Briar Rose.

Programming Schedule & Highlights

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DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
NOV 4	12:30 - 1:30 PM	BUTTON MAKING
NOV 17	4:00 - 5:30 PM	ANIME CLUB
NOV 23	12:30 - 2:30 PM	FAMILY MOVIE
NOV 28	4:00 - 5:00 PM	TEEN CRAFT

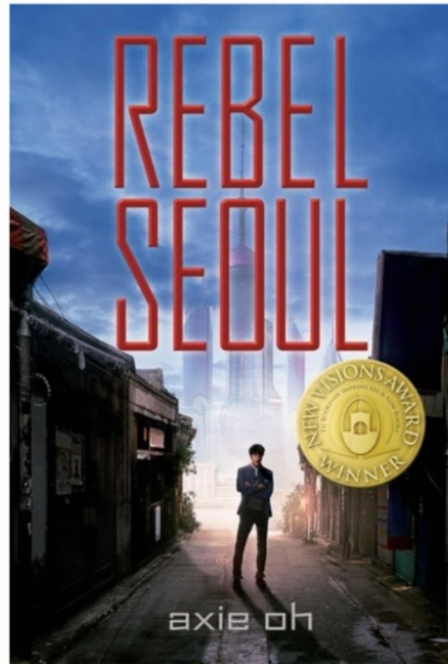
Upcoming Anime Club Showings:



November 17th: Haikyuu!!



December 29th: Naruto



Rebel Seoul by Axie Oh

Just Another Chapter: Book Club

Just Another Chapter is a book club meant for tweens & teens who enjoy reading a new piece of fiction once a month. This club meets on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM. Light refreshments will be provided! No registration is required. For kids ages 12 to 18.

November 19th's meeting is at 12PM due to a conflict.

Teen LitCrate Boxes

If you're 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!

Film/Television Reviews

Avatar the Last Air Bender

Set after the world has become divided into four nations, it's up to Aang, the Last Airbender to save the world before the Fire Nation threatens to conquer it all. Thankfully Aang isn't alone, and he relies on Katara and Sokka to help guide him towards his guest.



Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Teen Titans

While much of the show focused on the Teen Titans working together to defeat villains, the show also focuses on the friendship these characters share and the family they create. Robin, Beast Boy, Cyborg, Raven, and Starfire come to rely on each other not only on the battlefield but also in personal matters much like that of a family.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5



Steven Universe

A team of intergalactic warriors fights to protect the Earth, but the combination of three highly trained beings and one quirky young boy leaves the team struggling to overcome the dangerous scenarios that are put in front of them.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Buffy the Vampire Slayer

Buffy is a Slayer, one in a long line of young women chosen for a specific mission: to seek out and destroy vampires, demons and other forces of darkness. Unlike her predecessors, Buffy establishes a group of supportive friends who aids her in her battles with evil, including Willow, Xander and Cordelia. Her battles with evil are frequent, since Sunnydale, where Buffy and friends live, sits atop a gateway to the realm of the demons.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Activities Corner



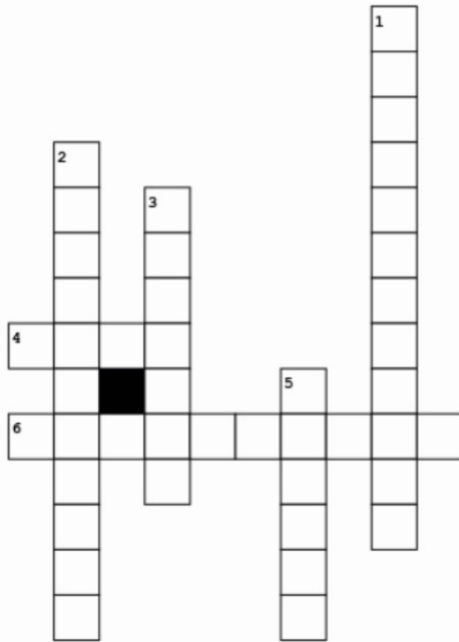
Word Bank:

COMMUNITY	THANKS	DONATIONS
SHELTER	CHARITY	CARING
PARTICIPATION	FOOD PANTRY	GIVING BACK

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

Activities Corner, cont.

Family Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 4. You may live here with your family.
- 6. Fun things you might do every year with your family around holiday times.

Down

- 1. These are what you call the people who raised your parents.
- 2. These are physical proof of memories we made with our friends or family.
- 3. You make these outside of the home. You don't need to be related to them to consider them family.
- 5. If you have a female sibling, you might call them this.

Sudoku 6x6

1				4	
6			1		
	1	3	5	6	
5			4		1
3	4	1			
	6	5	3	1	

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