

The Teen Times

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In the September issue of *The Teen Times*, the RPL Youth Services Team focuses on going back to school, bringing you book, film, & television recommendations, a spotlight on our teen programming, and some fun activities.

Programming Spotlight

September's programming spotlight belongs to our **Volunteens** event!

Kids in grades 9 - 12 are invited to join us at the library on **Saturday, September 30th** to help us tackle some small projects!

We'll provide breakfast, you bring your willingness to help!

This program will also count towards your hours of community service for graduation!

No registration is required for this program, and you'll cover at least an hour or two of community service.

This program runs on the **30th** from **10AM to 12PM**

Can't make this program but still want hours? Reach out to us via email: kids@rowleylibrary.org



Book Recommendations: School Drama

Her Royal Highness by Rachel Hawkins

Millie Quint is devastated when she discovers that her sort-of-best friend/sort-of-girlfriend has been kissing someone else. Ready for a change of pace, Millie decides to apply for scholarships to boarding schools . . . the farther from Houston the better. Soon, Millie is accepted into one of the world's most exclusive schools, located in the rolling highlands of Scotland.

The only problem: Millie's roommate Flora is a total princess.

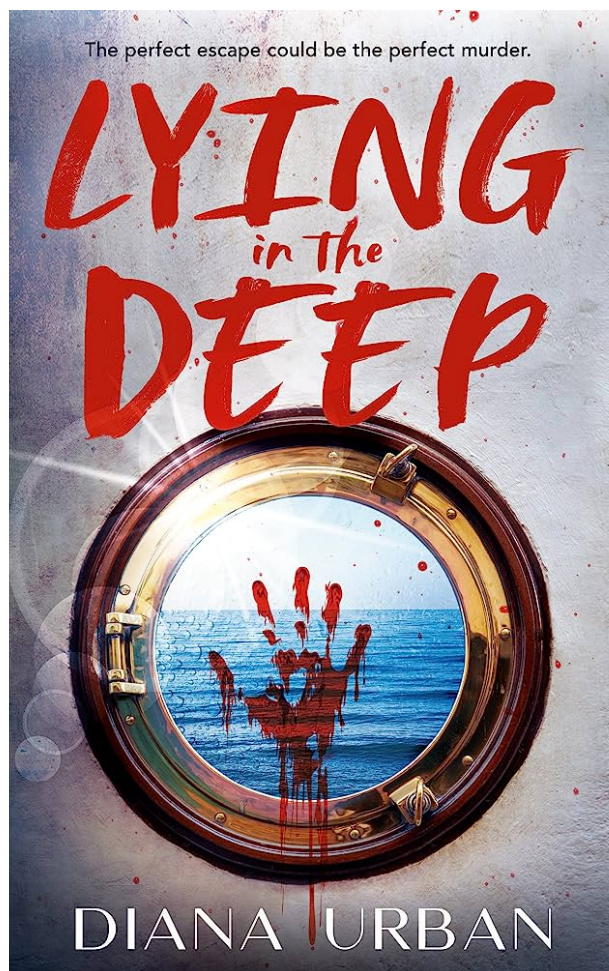
She's also an actual princess. Of Scotland.



Nothing More to Tell by Karen McManus

Three 8th-grade students find their teacher dead in the woods behind Saint Ambrose School in Sturgis, Massachusetts. Four years later, Brynn, a budding investigative journalist and true-crime fan, returns to Massachusetts for her senior year, determined to find out what happened.

If you loved "One of Us is Lying" by McManus, you'll be thrilled by this next mystery as well!



Lying in the Deep by Diana Urban

After being jilted by her ex-boyfriend and best friend, Jade couldn't be more ready to embark on the adventure of a lifetime—11 countries in 4 months, all from the luxurious Campus on Board ship—and to wedge an entire globe between her and the people who broke her heart.

But when Jade discovers the backstabbing couple are also setting sail, her obsession with them grows and festers, leading to a shocking murder. And as their friends begin to drop like flies, Jade and her new crush must race to clear her name and find the killer they're trapped at sea with....before anyone else winds up in body bags.

The Legacies by Jessica Goodman

Immerse yourself in the world of prep schools, old money, and secret societies in upscale New York City. Bernie, Isobel, and Skylar expect to get invited into the exclusive Legacy Club, but they're shocked when a scholarship student named Tori also receives an invitation. All four girls harbor life-altering secrets, and they'll do anything to keep them under wraps—even murder. This year's Legacy Ball will be unforgettable!

Programming Schedule & Highlights

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
SEP 14	4:00 - 5:30 PM	ANIME CLUB
SEP 23	12:00 - 1:00 PM	PAINT N' SIP
SEP 28	4:00 - 5:00 PM	RAINBOW BOOK CLUB
SEP 30	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	VOLUNTEENS

Recommended Video Games:



Hello Kitty: Island Adventure | Apple Arcade, Hello Kitty & friends meets Animal Crossing!



Genshin Impact | Multiple platforms, adventure, battles, quests galore



What Did We Read in August?

In the month of August, Sarah read many things including some cute picture books, but the best book of YA fiction they read last month was **"Always the Almost"** by **Edward Underhill**.

Sixteen-year-old trans boy Miles Jacobson has two New Year's resolutions: 1) win back his ex-boyfriend (and star of the football team) Shane McIntyre, and 2) finally beat his slimy arch-nemesis at the Midwest's biggest classical piano competition. But that's not going to be so easy. For one thing, Shane broke up with Miles two weeks after Miles came out as trans, and now Shane's stubbornly ignoring him, even when they literally bump into each other. Plus, Miles' new, slightly terrifying piano teacher keeps telling him that he's playing like he "doesn't know who he is"—whatever that means.

Then Miles meets the new boy in town, Eric Mendez, a proudly queer cartoonist from Seattle who asks his pronouns, cares about art as much as he does—and makes his stomach flutter. Not what he needs to be focusing on right now.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Film Recs: Retro School Vibes

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Ferris Bueller has an uncanny skill at cutting classes and getting away with it. Intending to make one last duck-out before graduation, Ferris calls in sick, "borrows" a Ferrari, and embarks on a one-day journey through the streets of Chicago. On Ferris' trail is high school principal Rooney, determined to catch him in the act.

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FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF

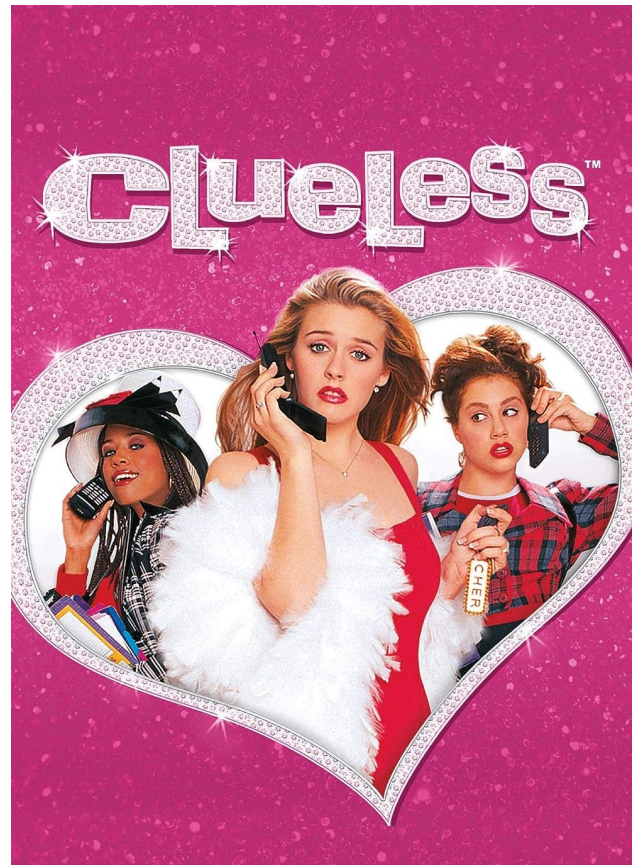


Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Encino Man

California teen Dave Morgan is digging a pit for a pool in his backyard when he happens upon a caveman frozen in a block of ice. Aided by his goofy friend Stoney, Dave transports their discovery to his garage, where the Neanderthal thaws and is revived. When Dave and Stoney find the living and thoroughly bewildered caveman, they attempt to pass him off as a foreign exchange student named Link, resulting in many misadventures.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5



Clueless

Shallow, rich and socially successful Cher (Alicia Silverstone) is at the top of her Beverly Hills high school's pecking scale. Seeing herself as a matchmaker, Cher first coaxes two teachers into dating each other. Emboldened by her success, she decides to give hopelessly klutzy new student Tai (Brittany Murphy) a makeover. When Tai becomes more popular than she is, Cher realizes that her disapproving ex-stepbrother (Paul Rudd) was right about how misguided she was.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

The Breakfast Club

Five high school students from different walks of life endure a Saturday detention under a power-hungry principal. The disparate group includes rebel John, princess Claire, outcast Allison, brainy Brian and Andrew, the jock. Each has a chance to tell his or her story, making the others see them a little differently -- and when the day ends, they question whether school will ever be the same.

Sarah's Rating: ★★★★★/5

Activities Corner



BACK TO SCHOOL WORD SEARCH

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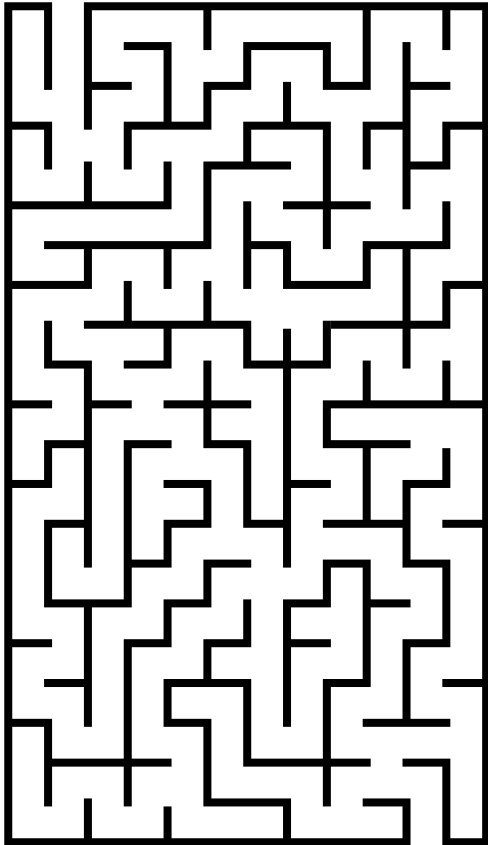
Word Bank:

PENCILS	BACKPACK	SCHOOL
CLASSES	SPORTS	YEARBOOK
CLIQUES	BOOKS	HOMEWORK

Bring back a completed word search for a sticker!

Activities Corner, cont.

Maze Runner:



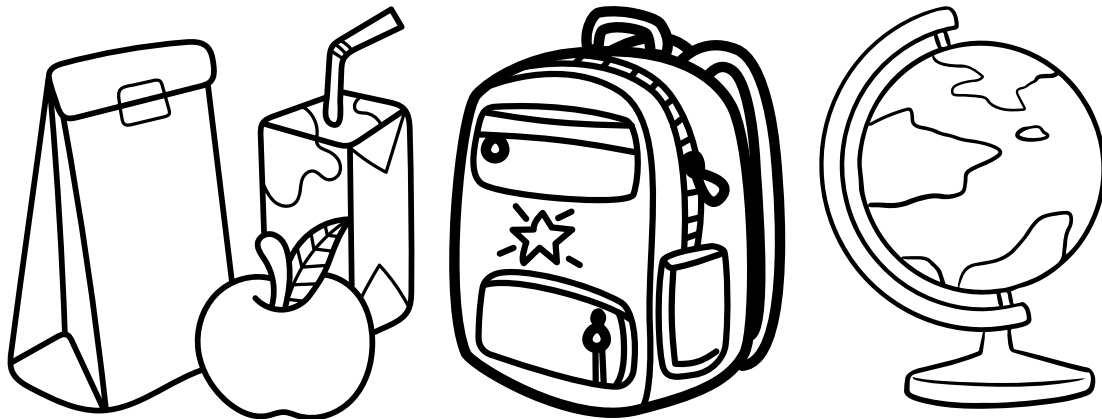
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