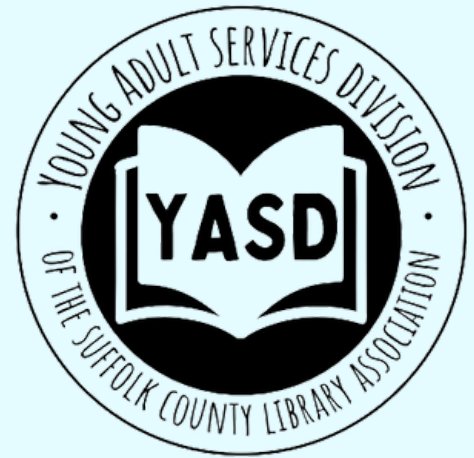


TEEN TALKS

YOUNG ADULT SERVICES DIVISION OF SUFFOLK COUNTY



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Alex Giresi - YASD Webmaster

The Newsletter is back! It's been a while, but like everyone else, we are finally getting back on our feet.

We would love to hear from everyone on things they would like to see in the newsletters going forward. We all want to share our information, ideas, news, and even our woes.

Always feel free to email us at youngadultsd@gmail.com for comments, concerns, questions, and all of the above.

FRAN ROMER MEMORIAL BOOKTALK



THAT WEEKEND

BY LOCAL AUTHOR

KARA THOMAS

Kara Thomas is the author of *The Darkest Corners*, *Little Monsters*, *The Cheerleaders*, and *That Weekend*, Barnes and Noble's YA Book Club Pick for July 2021. Kara's books have been sold in multiple languages and have been nominated for the International Thriller Writers Award. Her book, *That Weekend*, was one of our featured discussions.



A Thrilling Time!

This year for Fran Romer, our theme was Thriller. No one can deny the popularization of this genre over the last few years, and with good reason! After *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*, stories steeped in mystery and suspense have been all we can get our hands on. Kara Thomas is a genuine joy to speak with and perhaps one of the funniest speakers we've had the pleasure of listening to.

We all thank YASD member Katie Brand, who organized this year's Fran Romer Booktalk with marvelling success.

We also read:



I'm the Girl
Courtney Summers



A Good Girl's Guide to Murder
Holly Jackson



Five Survive
Holly Jackson

Program Spotlights



COMMUNITY SERVICE K9 Paw Salve HAMPTON BAYS

Using a recipe from Martha Stewart herself, five teens joined this intensive and somewhat messy community service program to create moisturizing paw salve for dogs. This paw salve helps keep paws happy and healthy all year-round with organic and edible ingredients. After creating several large mason jars of the salve, the teens then divided them up into small, portable pocket-sized containers for dogs and owners on the go!

RECREATIONAL Plum Island Escape Room, Stranger Things EAST HAMPTON

The weekend of April 14th was an amazing one for the East Hampton Library! The library did multiple programs in conjunction with the Hampton's Mystery & Crime Festival. One of the full-time librarians, Cassandra Gurge, set up two escape rooms! One was a Plum Island Escape Room and the other was a Stranger Things Escape Room. They had over 100 sign-ups for this event! This unique celebration and marriage of local history AND popular culture was done perfectly by the staff at the East Hampton Library.



DISPLAYS FOR DAYS



ELWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUBMITTED BY LAUREN WEILLER

"I had the teens make mini libraries in tins for National Library Week. They received it as a take and make and earned 1 hour of community service when they brought it back. I found the idea online and ordered all the materials from Amazon. They will be returned after our display case changes to a new collection. The teens were really creative and they turned out so amazing!"

WHAT ARE WE READING?



Alex is listening to *Certain Dark Things* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

If you like: urban fantasy, vampires, Mexican folklore

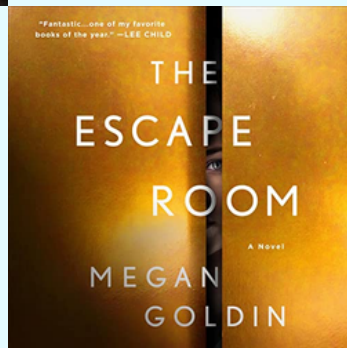


Emily is listening to *On Looking: Eleven Walks with Expert Eyes* by Alexandra Horowitz

If you like: psychology, philosophy, communication

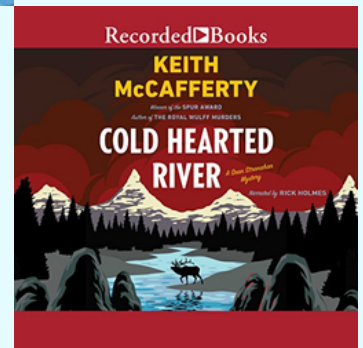
Andrea is reading *The Escape Room* by Megan Goldin

If you like: mystery, thriller, suspense



Emily is reading *Cold Hearted River* by Keith McCafferty

If you like: murder mysteries, westerns, crime



Kyle is reading *Chaos Theory* by Nic Stone

If you like: romance, realistic fiction, mental health issues



Katie is reading *Spare* by Prince Harry The Duke of Sussex

If you like: memoirs, politics, biographies

Lauren is reading *Little Monsters* by Kara Thomas

If you like: thrillers, horror, mystery



Alex is listening to *It's Okay to Be Angry About Capitalism* by Bernie Sanders

If you like: politics, progressivism, democratic socialism





IT'S TIME FOR SUMMER READING

ALL TOGETHER NOW

CSLP firmly stands against all racist practices, violence and continued oppression of our African American community as well as Indigenous and People of Color. We stand in solidarity with those advocating justice and equal opportunity for everyone. We support those protesting against systemic racism and government corruption.

AVOIDING BURNOUT

It's the busiest time of the year, and you may feel you're too busy to take care of yourself, too. But as a recent ALA discussion proved, burnout is a real concern for librarians in all types of libraries. The older millennial generation I'm a part of is sometimes called the Burnout Generation – but library burnout affects all generations – especially if they work in Youth Services, especially in the summer!



What do YOU do to avoid burnout?

YASD NEWS AND EVENTS

Save The Date



L.I. Against
Domestic Violence

Prevention. Support. Healing.

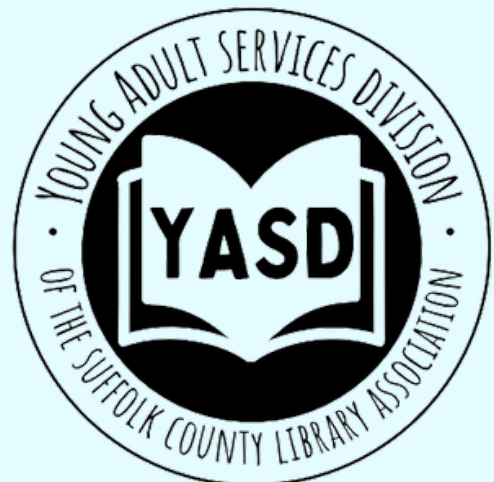
LONG ISLAND AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The presentation describes the dynamics of partner violence among teens, the different forms of abuse, and the challenges presented within the era of social media.

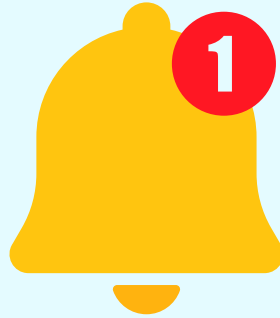
5/17, 10AM-12PM @ SCLS

NEW LOGO!

Thanks for everyone who voted on our new logo! Be prepared for awesome new merch.



IN THE NEWS



BOOK BANS 2022

Attempted book bans and restrictions at school and public libraries continue to surge, setting a record in 2022, according to a new report from the American Library Association released Thursday.

LLANO COUNTY UPDATE

On March 31, a Federal District Court Judge in Texas handed down an injunction stopping the ongoing removal of books from the Llano County library system.



OVERDRIVE LIBRARY EBOOK APP IS SHUTTING DOWN

Starting on May 1st, OverDrive app users who still use it to digitally access a library's collection will need to upgrade to Libby, a newer app from the same company that also lets you rent library ebooks for free.

SCLS EVENTS



SUMMER TOUR TRAINING

Get your training for the new Summer Tour event. Another training will take place on **5/4 AND 5/16 online**.



INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A gathering of library staff to discuss library services for patrons with special needs and different abilities, including programming, spaces, accommodations, and more! **5/18, 10AM-12PM @SCLS**



MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE MINI-FAIR

Please visit SCLS any time between **10:00am and 1:00pm** to meet representatives from a variety of organizations that provide mental health related programs, services and trainings. **5/16**



PROGRAMMERS ROUNDTABLE

A gathering of youth services library staff to discuss programmers and program ideas! **5/24, 10AM-12PM @ SCLS**

LIFE-LONG GAMERS

I think the goal of making life-long gamers is just as important as making life-long readers.



Roll for Persuasion!

By Alex Giresi

This year, I attended the virtual March MiniCon hosted by the ALA Games and Gaming Roundtable. There were a multitude of valuable presentations such as *Community Building with TTRPGs* and *Storytelling Over Stats and Bumblebees Over Battles: Why Wanderhome Could be the Best RPG for Your Library*. While discussion was ongoing in the chat, someone said, "Does anyone think that creating a gamer for life like a reader for life should also be part of the mission for libraries?"

That got me thinking, and I hope it gets you thinking, too. For those uninitiated, a TTRPG is a tabletop roleplaying-game. Generally this involves pen, paper, light math, sometimes rules, and a whole lot of imagination.

The world isn't like it used to be. Of course we all still want teens to read and we should encourage it at every step, but they might enjoy getting their literacy time via reading player manuals or pouring over character sheets or worldbuilding with their friends!

There are plenty of academic articles that prove the benefits of TTRPGs, but Bebarce El-Tayib said it best,

"Even when these games are played without the goal of learning, they still provide educational value. When a player bargains with a town elder over the cost of slaying a dragon, they learn debate skills and financial management. When they solve puzzles to unlock doors on derelict spaceships, that's analytical problem solving. When the team maximizes their characters' unique skills in harmony to solve the mystery of a haunted mansion, they are team building and developing research skills."

Is this the new argument of reading graphic novels isn't reading? Hmm. Time to challenge your biases with some food for thought.

If you'd like to write an op-ed, please email youngadultsd@gmail.com