Wanted: Members for 2022-23 Teen Advisory Board

BY TEEN ADVISORY BOARD LIBRARIANS: LISA & ROBERT

Are you looking for fun ways to earn volunteer hours? Would you like to make suggestions of titles to buy for the library? Do you like to write & want to get published in a county newsletter? Would you like to help try out new programs here at the library? Interested in getting copies of the very latest Young Adult books? The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is a wonderful way for students grades 6 - 12 in Richland County to volunteer & make a difference in their community!

INTERESTED?

TAB meets once a month at the downtown location of the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library September through May during the school year. Starting in August, look for TEEN ADVISORY BOARD applications at all Mansfield/Richland County Public Library locations. If you are new to the Teen Advisory Board, a letter of recommendation is required from an adult who is not related to you.
Zoe

Hi my name is Zoe! I’m 18 and I’m a senior at Lexington High School. This is my 5th year on TAB. I’m a captain on the swim team and this was my first year playing tennis! I love to read and listen to music. My favorite books are The Hating Game, Today Tonight Tomorrow, and the Love Hypothesis. I love Taylor Swift, One Direction, and The Rolling Stones. I’m really digging the song Do ya Think I’m Sexy by Rod Stewart right now. My favorite past time is hanging out with my friends! Fun fact about me is I can rap the whole song, “The Fall of Jake Paul” by Logan Paul. Also, I’m considering entering my reputation era.

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My name is Lathan and I am twelve years old. I am in the seventh grade and I enjoy learning about cell biology. I mostly enjoy reading, gaming, fishing and board games. I’d describe myself as an outgoing, joyful, and nice person. I’m interested in reading because it takes me to a different world, and I enjoy fishing because it’s very calming and relaxing. I also enjoy gaming because it’s a fun hobby and it makes me happy. And I enjoy board games because they’re time consuming and lots of fun.

Mara

I have an older sister and a younger brother. We have 7 cats and 1 dog. I like crafty stuff, cats, oversized hoodies, & big fuzzy blankets. I don’t like cold seats on a cold day, giant puffy coats, cramming a bunch of people in the back seat of a small car, & olives. I have two siblings: an older sister and a younger brother. We have seven cats and one dog. Our cats’ names are: Delphine, Artemis, Nova, Maze, Nico, Riku, and Charleston the Second. Our dog’s name is Hannah. She’s my mom’s dog. I like doing crafty things like painting, making random clay things, coloring, and making bracelets and wire rings. I also like frequently changing my hair color. My favorite foods are my mom’s meatloaf, mac and cheese, and big macs from Mcdonalds. My least favorite foods are olives, ravioli, and pierogis. There's really not a lot of things I won't drink. My favorite drinks are Mcdonald's Sprite, blue lemonade Sunkist, & Coca Cola.

Josiah

My name is Josiah. I am 15 yrs old. I live with my parents, younger sister Molly, 3 fish, and 3 dogs. I am in the 9th grade at OHVA. I enjoy reading, build lego sets, and playing Nintendo Switch. When I grow up I would like to do something in the IT field.
Hi, my name is Mackenzie. I am a Freshman and do online schooling. This is my first time with TAB and I’m so excited! Here are some of the things I like: animals, my friends, my family, art, reading, and the Marvel Universe. My favorite cuisine is Italian and Mexican. My favorite candy is dark chocolate and Reese’s peanut butter cup. I really enjoy reading. The genres I like are historical fiction, historical non-fiction, thrillers, and murder mysteries. My favorite colors are pink, purple, and blue. My favorite season is fall. And I love it when the weather is foggy, cold, raining, cloudy, and thundering. These are just some of my likes.

I have some things I dislike - like clowns, sharks, elevators, and rude people. My pet peeves are when I ask a question and the person doesn’t answer the question that I asked. I also don’t like when I mess up with my art. I’m a huge perfectionist. I don’t like scary movies. These are some dislikes of mine.

And here are some fun facts about me. I have two siblings; both are younger than me. I have two dogs, two cats, and three ducks. My passions are art, helping and making people happy, helping animals, reading, and playing piano. My favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys. I really like pit bulls and Rottweilers. My favorite music is pop, some rock, country, and songs that range from the eras of 60’s to the 90’s. And I really like the 50’s - 90’s because of the fashion and music. I am excited to be in TAB this year!

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Hi, my name is Drusilla. I was born in the Galion hospital on July 22, 2006 in the early morning, that was the only time I’ve ever been an early bird. I lived in Crestline up until the end of 5th grade when my family moved to Shelby. I went to Shelby schools for a year before we started homeschooling.

I have been homeschooled ever since (I’m in 10th grade now) Right before I turned 13 I joined a Naturalist club at Lowe Volk. It’s one of my favorite things to do along with drawing. We get experience with animals and the public, it’s very fun. Speaking of animals, I have 4 cats and a dog (who is very loud considering her size) However I’ve always wanted a Chameleon and recently I’ve also wanted a snake and a dwarf hamster. Some animals I wouldn’t mind staying away from me would be spiders or centipedes.

I have two siblings, they are both younger than me. They are a handful and a half, but I still love them. We all are pretty big fans of Harry Potter (I’m a Hufflepuff) and Disney. We’re planning to go to DisneyWorld and Universal Studios next year, I can’t wait! I’m also very excited to be able to be in TAB. This is a new experience for me and I can’t wait to get started. :)

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Vic
My name is (Aidan) Victor and I have been a part of TAB for only one year, that being last year. I go to Mansfield Christian School. I enjoy playing the ukulele and piano and also writing music. Along with those things, I like playing video games, science, volleyball, and baseball. I also enjoy writing, and I have been working on a story for a long time now. I also enjoy coding with Unity and other programs. I have one sibling and two dogs at the moment. When I get older I wish to be a Quantum physicist or be able to do something in that realm. Victor is not my actual name, it is my middle name, but to be honest I would like to go by my middle name.

Maddie
Hi my name is Maddie; I have one sister named Audrey, she is a senior in high school. I also have three dogs, Basil who is a cavapoo, Tate who is a caton de turear, and Pepper who is a bernadoodle. I do track, swim team and cross country, and play the flute and ukulele. Some of my favorite things to do are write, read, and play with my dogs. One of my least favorite things is soccer, despite the fact that I played it when I was little. My passion is to write because I’ve always loved it, and feel like I could use it to help people one day.

Anna
Hi everyone! My name is Anna, and I am a Senior at Lexington High School. This is my fifth & final year as a part of TAB, and it has been such an amazing experience throughout high school. My favorite hobby is collecting vinyl records, and I have grown my collection to around 40 now. My favorite records I own are Walls by Louis Tomlinson, Harry Styles’s self-titled album, Made in the A.M by One Direction, Queen’s Greatest Hits, and Red (Taylor’s Version) by Taylor Swift. I also run a book review Instagram account, which has been a super fun way to connect with new people. I am a huge Shakespeare fan, but I also love reading classics and romance books - especially anything that Jenn Bennett writes. My favorite books of all time are Hamnet by Maggie O’Farrell and Six of Crows by Leigh Bardugo. I have loved literature of all kinds ever since I was little, and next school year I will begin studying to become a high school English teacher.

Natalie
Hi, I’m Natalie. I’m a homeschooled senior who has been part of TAB for five years now. I love reading and writing. My favorite novel genres are science fiction, fantasy, and dystopian. My all time favorite book series is Harry Potter. Obviously, my Hogwarts House is Gryffindor. I love listening to music, and my favorite musicians are Shawn Mendes, Taylor Swift, and Camila Caballo.
Ellie

Ellie is an eighth grader at the Lexington Jr. High and some of her favorite pastimes are listening to music and curling up to read a good mystery. She does theater at the Renaissance and plays the cello in the Mansfield Youth Strings program. Her favorite color is viridian green and her favorite animal is a narwhal. Some of her favorite books include "The Mortal Instruments Series," "The Lunar Chronicles," and "Red, White, and Royal Blue." She is so excited to be on the Teen Advisory Board for the first time this year.

Ella

Hello my name is Ella. I am eleven years old. I go to St. Mary of the Snows School in the sixth grade. I participate in these extracurricular activities which are listed here- french lessons, girl scouts (in which I’m a Cadette), academic challenge, and obviously teen advisory board. I am interested in acting, I am actually currently practicing for a play, which will take place at the Renaissance Theater, this April (Descendants- the Musical). Acting or becoming an Astronaut are definitely my dream jobs. My favorite food is steak although I’m now a vegetarian. I am very passionate about the environment and what it has to offer. My favorite book series is the Harry Potter series. I’m currently on the seventh and final book (unless you count The Cursed Child.) Thank you for listening!

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Book Review: They’ll Never Catch Us
by Mackenzie

So the book They’ll Never Catch Us by Jessica Goodman was about twin sisters Stella and Ellie Steckler, who are on the cross country team for their school. Then one day a new girl arrives, Mila, who is a faster runner than Stella. Once Mila goes missing everyone is blaming Ellie and Stella. The story had me guessing why Mila went missing, who was in on it, where did she go, is she ok, is Stella and Ellie going to get in trouble and did Stella and Ellie do something to Mila. My favorite part was most likely when Ellie was opening up more to Stella I thought it was great sister bonding because they are total opposites.

My favorite character has to be Tamara Johnson. Tamara can come off rude but once you get to know her she is a kind person. And I think it is cool once you get to know someone, you learn about how much you have in common. The book was definitely page turning and it pulled me in on the first page. There wasn’t anything I didn’t like. The genre of the book is young adult fiction, thriller, mystery, and bildungsroman. Other than that it was a wonderful book and I would highly recommend checking out They’ll Never Catch Us by Jessica Goodman.

Book Review: Unwind
by Maddie

“Unwind” is one of the worst books I have personally ever read. The idea that the author, Neal Shusterman, came up with was great, but his execution was absolutely terrible. The novel is about the unwinding of children; in other words children were killed and their organs were preserved. The allowing of this unwinding was passed after world war three, which was fought over the right of abortion, and the Earth’s population. After the war it was decided that children could be unwound to keep the population under control, and as a bonus that would give others the healthy body parts they needed. It could have been an amazing book if the characters weren’t so stagnant, and had real personalities instead of just being one sided and boring. For example there was no difference in Connor’s character from the beginning to the end even though he nearly died from almost being completely unwound. Also, the plot really didn’t develop until the end, and throughout the book it felt like I wasn’t reading anything substantial. The three kids Lev, Connor and Risa just go from place to place with a group of runaway unwinds. They didn’t really do anything but sit there and wait to be shipped again, and there wasn’t anything small to add some excitement to the lack of action. Everything actually interesting is just sprung from nowhere, and ends as quickly as it started. At the end Connor was suddenly sent to be unwound and came running out of the hospital building missing an arm and an eye, but the scene quickly ended and was resolved with what seemed like no problem. I had to read “Unwind” for a dystopian unit, and thought I was making the right choice by the description. But everything was very misleading as the things mentioned in the summary weren’t really a big part of the storyline It seemed really interesting but, in the end, it was just another book that I wouldn’t be adding to the shelf. I give this book 1 star out of 5, if I could give zero I probably would.

The Importance of Mental Health
by Drusilla

Mental health includes our psychological, emotional, and social well-being. It affects how we think, act, and feel. It can be positive or negative. Mental health can affect daily living, relationships, and physical health. However, this also goes in the other direction. Factors in people’s lives, interpersonal connections, and physical factors can all contribute to mental health disruptions. Looking after mental health can preserve a person’s ability to enjoy life. Doing this involves reaching a balance between life activities, responsibilities, and efforts to achieve psychological resilience. Sometimes people overlook mental health and think it lesser than physical health, when really it’s just as important if not more. Your mental health affects your physical health, it gives you the motivation to do physical activities. If you want to stay physically fit, you need to be in a mentally well place. To conclude, mental health is very important and people downplay it. You need to take care of yourself in any way that seems appealing to you and your needs.

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Coming of Age

Coming-of-age refers to the transition from childhood to adulthood. Coming-of-age is something all humans go through at some point in their lives, which is why many books, songs, and films portray it. They do this by using coming-of-age moments. These moments could be the loss of a parent or graduating from high school or even having your first relationship. The list below is what I personally believe are the best coming-of-age movies, books, and songs. So, go give them a try and see what you think of them. You might be surprised about how much you relate to these stories.

Top Three Coming-of-Age Movies:
1) The Hate U Give
2) The Perks of Being a Wallflower
3) To All the Boys I've Loved Before

Top Three Coming-of-Age Books:
1) “Before I Fall” by Lauren Oliver
2) “Little Women” by Louisa May Alcott
3) “The Giver” by Lois Lowry

Top Three Coming-of-Age Songs:
1) “Wake Me Up” by Avicii
2) “Fifteen” by Taylor Swift
3) “First Time” by Kygo ft. Ellie Goulding

If You Like This Book, Listen to this Taylor Swift Song

So if you like this book:

The Julius Bazaar

by Victor

The man stared at the merchant as he grinned back at him. “300 silver, that's it, final asking price.”

The man scratched his head and then tapped on the table. “That's a very high price for a poorly made bauble. You sure it was made in Ceasarea?”

“I didn't say that; I said it was made with gold from Ceasarea, and that it was hand crafted in Alexandria.”

With a suspending look on his face, the man took the bauble in his hands. “Not possible. It can not be gold, the metal is not soft, it is hard.”

“Ceasarea gold is hard.”

The man looked down at the bauble once again, and after that he passed a glance at the merchant. “No, you’re wrong.”

“Still, this is very expensive.”

“The emperor raised the tariff on gold, tungsten, and lead.” The merchant looked right into the man’s eyes. “Only bad thing he has done so far.”

The merchant smirked. “How about I lower it to something like... 280?”

“How about 250?”

“270.”

“What am I going to do with it? No use except as jewelery.”

“Give it to your daughter.”

Smiling, the man looked back down at the bauble in his hand. “I don’t have a daughter.”

The merchant folded his arms. “If you don’t want it just don’t take it. I’ll give it to someone else.”

“No no, I’ll buy it.”

Passing the coins and taking the bauble, the man left the stall and went over to his friend.

“What did you get?,” his friend asked.

“This amulet.” He passed it to his friend.

“Fake.”

“What?" The man turned to look at the shop he had bought it from, only to see that there was no one there.

Top 4 Book to Movie Inaccuracies

by Josiah

1. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
2. Percy Jackson Movies
3. Hunger Games Mocking Jay pt 1 & 2
4. Divergent

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Five classics and their Modern Equivalents

by Anna

It may sound bizarre, but one of my favorite genres of books is classics. Although they are definitely an acquired taste, I definitely think that classics are so well known for a reason. Classics are famous for their jaw-droppingly gorgeous quotes and complex themes, however the stiff language can be a lot to unpack. Often, when starting out with classics, the plot can get lost behind the fancy words and complicated metaphors. This is why my best piece of advice for reading classics is actually quite simple: Pair your book with a modern retelling. One of the upsides of classics being so well-known is that several authors have adapted them to fit the context of today’s society. Whether you’re just beginning to read classics or you want to experience your favorite book in a different context, compiled below is a list of five classics and their modern equivalents.

Frankenstein - Mary Shelley / Vicious - V.E Schwab

Although Vicious is not marketed as a Frankenstein retelling, I couldn’t help but notice many parallels between the two books. Both books take place in a university and use academia to explain a paranormal occurrence, which had me hooked immediately. Both books depict a scientist toying with the limits of death, and their experiments go horribly wrong when they create what they believe to be a vicious monster. The only major difference between the books is that Frankenstein depicts only one scientist while Vicious is about two research partners that become each other’s arch enemies. In my opinion, Vicious personifies the internal struggle Victor Frankenstein faces after creaking life, depicting him as two separate characters fighting about morality. This makes the deep philosophical tones of Frankenstein much more digestible, and I strongly recommend both books to any fan of philosophy or science fiction.

Romeo & Juliet - William Shakespeare / These Violent Delights - Chloe Gong

Romeo & Juliet is my absolute favorite classic, and there have been plenty of adaptations of the play that appeal to a wide audience. From West Side Story to Gnomeo & Juliet, many of these adaptations have been on the movie screen, however there are still plenty of modern novels that took inspiration from the iconic play. These Violent Delights by Chloe Gong places Romeo and Juliet (Now Roma and Juliette) in Shanghai in 1926, where their families are in rival gangs. If you find yourself becoming bored from trying to decipher Shakespeare’s language, These Violent Delights provides even more excitement than you could hope for. Perhaps the best aspect of These Violent Delights is its completely unique setting. Even if you have already read Romeo & Juliet, the amazing Shakespeare references and the new sub-plots make These Violent Delights a thrilling read for absolutely everyone.

The Odyssey - Homer / Circe - Madeline Miller

We all learn about ancient history in school, but other than reading the Percy Jackson series, not many people learn about the mythology of Ancient Greece. The Iliad and The Odyssey, both by Homer, are vivid stories of war and gods, yet they are often overlooked because of how long ago they were written. This is exactly why I love Madeline Miller’s work, because she captures the poetry and vivid imagery of Homer’s works while making the stories readily available for a modern audience. Circe tells the story of the powerful witch of the same name, who was a really fascinating character in The Odyssey. Madeline Miller’s retelling combines several of the most well-known figures of Greek mythology in a way that perfectly captures their sanctity and legend. As a lover of Greek myth and ancient history in general, Circe is absolutely worth every bit of its praise.

Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen / Pride and Premeditation - Tirzah Price

As their names suggest, Pride and Prejudice and Pride and Premeditation are separated by one thing only: murder. Although Price most likely did not intend for her adaptation of Pride and Prejudice to be read as a substitute for the original, her novel is a great way to warm yourself up to reading the real deal. The whodunnit aspect of Pride and Premeditation helps keep you captivated throughout the entire story, and the modernization of language helps provide context to better understand the story’s plot. Although I don’t recommend reading Pride and Premeditation instead of the original, I think reading it before Austen’s novel can help you appreciate Austen’s work even more.

Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte / The Flight of Gemma Hardy - Margot Livesy

The story of Jane Eyre has inspired girls since it was first published, however it can be a difficult one to digest because of how long ago it takes place. Not many people have background knowledge of the 19th century, which can cause Jane Eyre to be more confusing than it should be. In The Flight of Gemma Hardy, Margot Livesy takes the plot of the famous classic and tweaks it so that Jane (Now called Gemma Hardy) lives in the 20th century. Although it is not so modern that the themes of Jane Eyre are lost, The Flight of Gemma Hardy is a great way to experience the story in a way that may be more accessible.

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In 2016, an art piece called “I can’t help myself” was installed in the Guggenheim museum. This art piece is a robot with movement recognition sensors that detects when a red colored liquid moves too far away. The robot senses it, and puts its arm with a specially made shovel down and tries to scoop up this liquid and put it closer to itself. Everytime this robot would try and clean up this liquid, it would just make an even bigger mess. It would splatter this red liquid on the clear walls around it, and smear it on the white floor. When humans saw it, we humanized it. This robot had several dance moves programmed into it. So it would “clean” up the mess, then do a dance move. As the years went on this robot started slowing down. Humans thought the robot seemed sad, or like it just wanted to be done with this task. This robot was just simply wearing down from this mundane task. Every single time this robot tried to clean up this mess, it just ended up making a bigger one. People thought that because the robot was slowing down, it wanted a break from this job. People thought that this robot showed human emotions, and yet it was just a simple robot doing the only task it was programmed to do. This piece eventually died in 2019. It was just a robot, and yet it seemed to affect so many people.

In 1991, Felix Gonzalez-Torres put an installation of two clocks in the Dallas museum of art. There are two clocks, perfectly in sync with each other. These clocks also represent two machine-like heartbeats. As time goes on these clocks will fall out of sync. This piece represented Felix’s partner who was inevitably going to pass away. He used these clocks to show all the time spent with his partner and how it was never time wasted.
Bonjour! Je m'appelle Ella. Comment ça va? For those of you who don’t know, that means, “good morning my name is Ella, how are you? As you can see, I love the French language, and actually everything that relates to European culture! I would like to share some facts about European culture, specifically the culture and people of Paris. A lot of times we do not stop to think about other life styles and are so focused and set in one direction, ours. So, I ask this of you to not only read this but soak it all in, maybe even share a few facts with a family member or friend!

Paris is one of the most beautiful and influential cities in the world, from the cafe balconies to the chic, romantic, breathtaking views of the Eiffel Tower. And as you may know they take fashion very seriously. Watchout! Princess on the catwalk much? But, what people don’t know is that it has so much more to offer. Like, science, history, warm filling food, and gorgeously expressed art work. So, who would I be to keep you from learning about these hidden beauties of the city of Paris? Starting with art, of course! The Louvre is one of if not the most popular art museums in the world filled with tearfilled and heartfilled pieces such as the Mona Lisa, The Lacemaker, and more! There is one catch though even as Michelangelo was a pretty interesting artist and expressed his emotions in a more mysterious different way, though the work of stone, hand, willpower, self discipline, and labor I wouldn’t recommend showing to many of his pieces to smaller children because they are very…revealing.

Next, we will move on to history. Paris is filled with history even as you may not know it. Now as I said history is everywhere but there is one place in specific I think you should hear. The Eiffel Tower, it is more than just stunning views you know. The date was May 6th, 1889 The World Fair located in Paris, France. It was the first fair in history, it had so much to offer like the first ever Ferris Wheel, and as for being so long ago they were just starting to showcase ice cream and cones had not been invented yet so they used bowls. As you might know this was a problem because bowls were usually either damaged, broken, or not returned as people were roaming around the fair. They saw this problem and eventually fifteen years later in 1904 came up with the idea of cones.

Next up food, from the warm, freshly baked, baguettes that melt in your mouth to enchanting smells that flow around the bakeries. You can find these delicate sweet delights all over Paris. Overall I recommend trying the French Onion Soup-popular French cuisine. They also have escargot-snails in which I’m not so sure how I feel about that. Although there are many other yummy things too. Like macarons, apple tart tartians, chocolate mousse, and lemon tarts.

In conclusion, Paris has many great things to offer, and if you ever get the chance to go make sure you use some of these amazing ideas to ensure you have a great vacation. I’m sure you’d love it! Remember there is more than just one kind of culture and everyone is unique! Thank you for listening, and have a great day!

And the last thing they had to offer was Nikola Tesla (no, not the car) who came up with the idea of electricity to light up houses instead of candles. He was showcasing it there and people thought he was crazy, but Tesla (once more no, not the car) didn’t care because he had come there for a specific reason, not just to showcase his idea, to light up Paris. Yes, he was actually invited to light up The Eiffel Tower! Because despite what people thought of him he just kept reaching and reaching up to the top. Sadly, though Thomas Edison, his supposed best friend, stole his idea and now we normally honor him, not Tesla for the wonderful creation of the light bulb/ electricity. And yes, even though he was a good inventor and a very smart man, if I do say so myself, he did not, not, not, not create the light bulb.
Book, Song & Movie Recommendations by Ellie

1. How would you most like to spend your time?
   1. In a quiet corner reading a book
   2. Going to a party with friends
   3. Watching Netflix with your family
   4. Going on a picnic with your special someone

2. What is your favorite animal?
   1. Hedgehog
   2. Tiger
   3. Penguin
   4. Swan

3. What is your favorite food?
   1. Sushi
   2. Hamburger
   3. Pizza
   4. Spaghetti

4. What is your favorite genre of music?
   1. Indie/Alternative
   2. Rap/Hip-Hop
   3. Pop/Rock
   4. Classical/Jazz

5. Favorite color?
   1. Dark Green
   2. Bright Pink/Red
   3. Purple/Blue
   4. Black/White

6. Favorite movie of all time?
   1. Spirited Away
   2. Clueless
   3. Frozen
   4. Casablanca

7. Who inspires you?
   1. Artist/Author
   2. TV Show Character
   3. Family Member/Friend
   4. Actor/Actress

8. Favorite sport?
   1. Swimming/Rugby
   2. Football/Basketball
   3. Tennis/Soccer
   4. Dancing/Skating

If you got mostly A’s I recommend...

- Seraphina by Rachel Hartman
- Sunlight by Yuno
- Willow

If you got mostly B’s I recommend...

- One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus
- Breaking Me by Topic & Ays
- Hotrod

If you got mostly C’s I recommend...

- Better Together by Christine Riccio
- I’m a Believer by Smashmouth
- Soul

If you got mostly D’s I recommend...

- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- This is what Falling In Love Feels Like by JVKE
- La La Land
Summer Library Program 2022

WEEK 1: Paint Your Own Sea Shells!
Love going to the beach and picking up shells but you don’t think you’ll make it to the beach this year? Come to your local branch to pick up some shells and some water color to paint them!

WEEK 2: Flip Your Flops!
Dude, surf on over to grab a pair of flip-flops to customize. There are a variety of sizes & styles but catch a wave to pick one up fast, supplies are limited. They shore will be gnarly.

WEEK 3: The Call of Kawaii Cthulhu Stuffed Sea Monster
Sci-Fi/Fantasy aficionados will love to create this adorable version of H.P. Lovecraft’s infamous creature creation. No sewing or knitting is required!

WEEK 4: Beaded Under the Sea Creatures
Make a beaded sea creature to accompany you on all your voyages. Choose between an octopus and a crocodile. It will have a handy clip so you can stow it away easily wherever you go! All your friends will be so jellyfish!

WEEK 5: Show Your Scales SkinArt : DIY Temp Tattoos
Rock some fish scale tats, just like Aquaman Jason Momoa! Or if you prefer, show off your inner mermaid.

WEEK 6: Diamonds in the Surf Painting: Sea Edition
You dolphinitely want to jettison to the library this week to create a sparkly sea creature! Catch a seahorse or maybe even a dolphin! In person only so don’t let your chance be washed away.

WEEK 7: Aquarium in a Bottle!
Have you always wanted an aquarium but your parents won’t let you or you just don’t want that kind of responsibility? Then how about an aquarium in a bottle? We give you the bottle, sand, shells, and ocean creatures and you just add the water!

WEEK 8: Beach Party in a Bag
Stop by the last week of the Summer Library Program and snag your bag of goodies. Limited supplies so hurry in!

Shark-day-oh! Interactive Movie
You’ve never seen this incredibly windy cult classic film like this before! Viewers will be surrounded by a flying storm of sharks, scream at Ian Ziering and Tara Reid, and enjoy some sweet treats. This movie is rated TV-14.

Take a Selfie with Aquaman!

Get a pic with the King of Atlantis this summer!

Aquaman will be calling Main Library his home most weeks of the Summer Library Program but will be swimming around the county. He will also surface at Belleville, Plymouth, & Crestview briefly during the summer. Take a selfie with him and tag the Teen Zone on Instagram to be entered into a drawing to win him for yourself.

Tiny Art Show

Display your artistic talents at the 1st Tiny Art Show @ MRCPL!
Register to receive a mini art kit to create your masterpiece! You can use the materials provided or use your own. Open to all ages! A random prize drawing will be held for each group October 3rd:
- Adult
- Teen
- Children
Don’t Miss Out–While Supplies Last!
*Register and begin picking up kits: August 1 - 15
*Return your art: August 16-26
*Art on display at MRCPL Main Branch: September 5-30

Registration required! Call your local MRCPL branch to reserve your kit today!

Nerfin’ In The School Year!

Looking for something to do with your friends before the school year starts? Take note & pencil us in on August 19th. There will be two sessions of Nerf; registration is suggested but walk ins permitted if space is available. A waiver must be signed by your adult & returned to the library before you can participate.

* Don’t be tardy!