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Teen Advisory Council & Writing Club

By Emily Dillman

Voice: The Teen Advisory Council is one of the many new teen clubs recently created at the library. Conveniently named Voice, the club's purpose is to serve as a group for teens to *voice* their opinions as to what they would like to see happen at the library.

After just one meeting you can already see the effect that local teens are having on the library. Voice plans to spend a great deal of time volunteering and working hard to make the library a better place for teens to come and enjoy.

The club is open to Midlothian teens who have a passion for libraries and volunteerism. So, if this

interests you at all, come to the next meeting on July 27th at 6p.m. and see what they're all about. Don't be afraid to help out and voice your opinions!

Do you like to write stories? Have any artistic talents? Then the Teen Writing Club is the place for you!

Designed for those who love to express their creativity, this club creates a Literary Magazine (*Fusion Inc.*) that comes out quarterly. This club is also open for any teen join. Stop by the next meeting on August 3rd at 6:30p.m. and show off

some of your talent!

Don't have time to join, but are still interested? Don't worry! You can submit your works to the Writing Club, and get published in the magazine!

Please submit all stories, poetry and art work to



Members of the Teen Writing Club with author, Norm Cowie.

Other Great Clubs for You to Join!

In addition to the Teen Advisory and Writing Clubs, there are many more great clubs available for teens to join.

For example, if you love to read and critique books, the teen book club is great for you!

More into anime and manga? We have a club for that too!

Come in and see what's new in the Teen Manga Group. For more information and details about when these clubs meet, see Ms. Carnes, reference librarian, or pick up a calendar of events today!

All of these clubs have year-round activities, so be sure to join ASAP!

For more information on these and other club activities go to: www.midlothianlibrary.org

Click on "View Full Calendar" all teen programs are highlighted in purple.

Any questions, contact Ms. Carnes, Reference Librarian, or call 708-535-2027

Author, Norm Cowie, hanging out with teens



before and after the



discussion of his book: *Fang Face*

Teen Vampire Author @ the Library

By Jason Jennings

Although it was a stormy evening, teens had no problem getting to the library during their summer break to spend some time with teen author, Norm Cowie. Why? Because this author is funny and wrote a really funny vampire book: *Fang Face*.

He really related to the teens there and answered lots of questions about being a writer. He even gave an interview with the YA Librarian after the program:

- Q:** *When did you realize your knack for writing?*
- A:** *I learned I had a knack for writing back in school, passing notes in class. Another*

kid would usually open up my note, snort out a snot bubble and get caught laughing. I made sure I signed the note with someone else's signature, so that was first experience using a pen name.

Q: *What advice can you give to budding writers?*

A: *The writing business is extremely competitive, but more new venues are pop-*

ping up. The Internet itself has created opportunities for writers, especially with ebooks and blogging.

Good writing will always find a home.

That is a sample of the fun stuff that Norm Cowie shared. I learned that books have more purposes than just school assignments. They can also be fun!

I, and the other teens, really enjoyed the program!



"I learned I had a knack for writing back in school, passing notes in class."

*Norm Cowie
Humorous Fiction Author*

AWESOME ANIME ART INSTRUCTION

BY JUSTINE WESSELHOFF

On Tuesday, June 29th the library had a teen anime art instruction program. About 16 people showed up, with the crowd ranging from beginners to people who have been drawing for years.

The instructor taught on how to draw different manga styles of eyes, noses, and mouths; and how to place them on the face. We then learned how to draw



the bodies and clothes for our characters, and we could choose a

bulky body or a slimmer one.

My favorite part was when the instructor showed us his work! He has amazing talent. This program was very inspiring and interesting. So remember, practice your drawing everyday and stick with it. It's all worth the work.



Dancing Up A Storm At Irish Fest!

By Maeve McDermott

This year's Irish Fest was a great success. This fest is annually held on Memorial Day Weekend at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest. Due to rain, attendance may have been a little less than usual, but the fun never stopped.

This year's entertainment, food, and events were bigger and better than ever before. There were lots of carnival rides and games for kids to enjoy. Parents were provided with tents where they could watch many different kinds of

demonstrations, eat, drink, dance, listen to music, or just relax. There were also plenty of shopping areas where you could buy anything from exquisite Irish clothing, to handmade jewelry, to donkeys!

Irish dancing performances were held throughout the entire weekend, but the competition got rained out. Sheep shearing demonstrations were even given.

There was also a playground

where kids could just hang out for a while. Everyone that went had a great time.

If you've never been to Irish Fest, next year's definitely the time to start going. Don't worry about being Irish, everyone's welcome!

You don't want to miss out on all of next year's fun!

Chicago Gaelic Park



May 28 through
May 31, 2010!

Teens Volunteer At St. Christopher's VBS

By Nicole Ames

Many Midlothian teens volunteered to be counselors at this year's Vacation Bible School or VBS. The theme for VBS was: "miracles."

Throughout the week, children learned about parts of the Bible that were about miracles. Each day's activities, which included games, crafts, and snacks fitting the theme, were shaped around a miracle story.

The children came in, got their name tags, and sat down. The day started with the children learning a new song accompanied with hand motions. The Bible story would be read, followed by a reflection given by one of the leaders.



Games were held either inside or outside, depending on the type of game. All of the crafts were done in the cafeteria. At the end of each day the children got together and sang the new song that they'd learned that morning or day before. All of the children and counselors got t-



Teen volunteers at St. Christopher's VBS

Teen Volunteers At St. Stephen's VBS

By Christina Bravo

This year's Vacation Bible School at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church was held June 14th—18th, and as usual was a hit. A record-breaking 107 children attended throughout the week.

The many teens who helped out played a huge role in the suc-

cess of this year's VBS. As soon as the teens arrived, they immediately went to work helping the children. Teens worked hard while teaching children about the Bible, helping them with crafts, teaching them songs about God, and much, much more.

The teens who helped with the children were told how greatly appreciated their help was, and without them, them this year's VBS may not have been as successful. The teens had tons of fun with the kids, and look forward to doing it again next year!



"Pick up a book and read. Read everything that you can!

Get involved in your community and school.

It all helps later when applying for scholarships."

Words of wisdom from Jenny Borgman 2010 Graduate, Bremen High School

TEEN SPOTLIGHT: INTERVIEW WITH JENNY BORGMAN

BY MS. CARNES, LIBRARIAN

Jenny Borgman, a recent graduate of Bremen High School, is a part-time Library Page and active member of *Voice*, the Midlothian Public Library's teen advisory council. Some of her passions include reading, volunteering and working with children.

Congratulations Jenny, on a job well done!

Q: How does it feel now that you've graduated from high school?

A: *Fantastic! And, a bit scary.*

Q: What are your future plans?

A: *My plans are to attend South Suburban Community College and then proceed on to a 4-year college to study child psychology, because I love working with kids.*

Q: How has the library impacted your life?

A: *In a lot of positive ways. Coming to, as well as working at the library, started making me read. I've gotten to learn a little bit about just about everything. Plus, reading a good book is relaxing.*

Q: What does being a part of *Voice* mean to you?

A: *I love volunteering and helping out others, especially children. It helps me feel needed and that feels great.*



JENNY BORGMAN: THIS MONTH'S TEEN SPOTLIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midlothian Public Library

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ◆ **July 6th** "Horror" Book Discussion at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **July 13th** Art Workshop Part II: Manga at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **July 20th** "Haunted Chicago Stories" with Ursula Bielski at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **July 27th** VOICE Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ **July 27th** "Mysteries" Book Discussion at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **July 27th** Game Night at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Aug. 3rd** Writing Club participates in "Sharing Scary Stories for teens" program at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Aug. 10th** Book Club at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Aug. 10th** Manga Group at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Aug. 11th** "Program Finale" Baseball Event w/ the Windy City Thunderbolts in Crestwood, IL at 6:30 p.m.

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COMING SOON!

A new and improved teen website is on the way!

This new site will be a link on the Midlothian Public Library's homepage and will contain some of the following:

- ⇒ Information about upcoming teen events at the library
- ⇒ Listing of teen club meeting dates and activities
- ⇒ Pictures from past events
- ⇒ Suggested reading and reviews of hot, new YA books
- ⇒ Online version of *Vague Ink*, the new teen library newsletter

Also coming, a new teen literary magazine!

TWC, the Teen Writing Club, is in the process of creating a new teen literary magazine. It will be a collection of drawings, poems, and other literary works created solely by the Midlothian Public Library's teen writing club. The first issue of *Fusion Inc.* will be released on September 1, 2010.

Dates To Remember

By Maeve McDermott

July 14th-July 18th

St. Christopher Parish will be holding their annual FIESTA!, complete with carnival rides, music, dancing, food, and drinks.

You won't want to miss this family event!

Stop by St. Christopher's Parish Office if you wish to purchase Mega Wristbands for the rides. More information is available at:

<http://www.stchrisfiesta.com/home.php>