Introductions
Jess Woods will be serving on the Edwards Award! Lots of promotions & balancing school / work. Trying to entice high schoolers into the branch when middle schoolers use the space.

MLA Updates
Conference Planning Underway!
- Planning is happening, most is set in stone.
- Theme: Level Up
  - TIG Sponsored Events:
    - Video Game Bootcamp
    - EMERGE: New Adults in the Library
    - Library at Lunch
    - Engaging Teens in Responsible and Responsive Activism
  - We'll be looking at an informal meet up which will be posted through Discord
  - Eventually we'll be putting a call out for the silent auction basket

Kids are Customers Teen Track
- March 30, 9:30am-4pm at Miller Branch of Howard County Public Library
- Keynote Speaker: Jamie Naidoo
- Two teen breakout sessions: period products & public pickup and tweens
- Registration should be open soon!

Discussion
Information Resources & Public Pickup for Teens
- Started with period products in the space
- Information resources for teens
- Homework spaces
- SWAG (services we all get) - pregnancy, STDs
- Freebies - buttons and vinyl stickers
- Teen Community Sketch book
- Coloring books
- Whiteboards with questions of the week or other resources tagged
- Driving manuals and other hot topics
  - Help yourself flyer
  - QR Codes with links to information
Nonfiction Collections as Reference
Wishlisting for Public Pickup Space
- Stress kits
- Bags of toiletry items
- Snacks
- Take & Make Volunteer kits
- Charging stations
- Microwave
- Loanable charging cords

How have we successfully used nonfiction with teens
- Some nonfiction books have been recommended by teens
- Reading a lot of “can’t ask parents book”
- Difference between hobby / interest and identity / issue books
- Focus on LGBTQ Topics (Juno Dawson’s *What’s the T* and *That’s So Gay*)

Resource Sharing
- Talk about your favorite nonfiction book!
- *Slaying the Dragon* by Ben Riggs
- *Welcome to St. Hell* by Lewis Hancox
- *Pandora’s Jar* by Natalie Haynes
- *Spook* by Mary Roach
- *Big Lies: From Socrates to Social Media* by Mark Kurlansky and Eric Zelz
- *Into Thin Air* by John Krakauer
- [https://bookriot.com/nonfiction-manga/](https://bookriot.com/nonfiction-manga/)
- *Itchi-F* by Kazuto Tatsua
- *Culture Warlords* by Talia Lavin
- *How to Money* by Jean Chatzky and Kathryn Tuggle
- *The Book of Non-binary Joy* by Ben Pechey

Agenda Building

Next Meeting: April 11, 2023

Topics to potentially discuss: outreach to teens not coming to the library and in rural areas; community partnerships and outreach opportunities.