Meeting was brought to order by TIG Interest Group Chair Stefan Freed at 4:00 pm in Suite 317 at the Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD, during the annual MLA Conference.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
The meeting of the Maryland Teen Interest Group was called to order by chair, Stefan Freed at 4:00 pm. To begin the meeting, Stefan introduced himself and called to attention some important items for returning or first time visitors to the group.

- Yellow TIG bookmarks are available with the listing of the two TIG in-person meeting locations and times. The next meeting will take place on December 9, 2010 at the Linthicum branch.
- There are two ways to be in contact with members of the TIG group. They are the TIG listserv and the TIG Facebook page. To become a member of the TIG Facebook page, simply add it from the profile [http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=81626980980&ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=81626980980&ref=ts)
- If you are interested in getting put on the listserv, please contact Stefan Freed at sfreed@bcpl.net

SERVICE TO TEENS THRU THE YEARS
Stefan brought up an interesting discussion about some of the research he has encountered on the creation of city of Columbia. He found an article that addressed the issues of teen services in the last 1960’s. Many of the issues librarians faced then, we are dealing with now. Contact Stefan Freed for more information about the article.

CRAFT IDEAS FOR TEEN SUMMER READING CLUB
TIG Vice-Chair/Secretary Krista McKenzie worked with everyone to create easy and no-mess tie dye.

**Marker Tie-Dye**
No-mess tie-dye with permanent markers!
Kids can make great tee shirts, socks, aprons, bandanas, even shoe laces.

**You need:**
- Permanent Bold Tip Markers
- White Garment Such as Socks, Tee Shirt or Bandana
- Rubber Bands
- Rubbing Alcohol (Optional)
- Spray Bottle or Paper Towels
Instructions:

- **SOCKS:** If making socks, loop rubber bands tightly around socks about 1 1/2" apart.
- **OTHER:** If decorating a larger garment like a bandana or tee shirt, bunch up sections and rubber band every inch.
- Scribble with marker to make large areas of color around the areas of the rubber band. You will get best results by limited your colors to two, three or four colors; too many colors will get muddy.
- If working on a larger garment, you'll want to take off the rubber bands and use them again and again for other areas until you have the desired results.
- Pour rubbing alcohol in a spray bottle and lightly spray the garment. You can also blot with paper towels dipped in rubbing alcohol; set aside for 20 minutes; this will blend the colors to get a more tie dye look. (If working with younger children or a larger group, you can skip this step and still have great project).
- To set the colors with heat, iron the garment or tumble in a hot dryer. Wash separately in cold water. Tumble dry.

source: [http://www.makingfriends.com/summer/tiedyesocks.htm](http://www.makingfriends.com/summer/tiedyesocks.htm)

**PROGRAMMING FOR OLDER TEENS**

Ideas for Best Practices were shared around the room.

- **After Hour Programming**
  - Get teens involved
  - Have structure from the beginning because you can’t implement later.
  - Have them come up with the rules
  - Basic behavior contract signed by all of them and re-read every single meeting
  - Limit ages and stick to it
  - Provide snacks
  - Ask Friends of the Library to provide some funds for snacks

- **Open Mic Nights**
  - Have sign up ahead of time
  - Make a simple set of rules to guide behavior
  - No talking

**READERS’ ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)**

Titles recommended and discussed included:

- *Going Bovine* by Libba Bray - recommended as an excellent book for teen boys.
The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference by Malcolm Gladwell – recommended for Teen Librarians, as it contains excellent insight into how to get something “off the ground.”

Numbers by Rachel Ward – “Fifteen-year-old Jem knows when she looks at someone the exact date they will die, so she avoids relationships and tries to keep out of the way, but when she meets a boy named Spider and they plan a day out together, they become more involved than either of them had planned.” CIP Annotation.

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead – this year’s Newbery winner.

The Pigman by Paul Zindel – there was some discussion about whether this “modern classic” still holds up over time.

GIVEAWAYS

Attendees were encouraged to take any YA books (which were primarily Advanced Reading Copies), posters, bookmarks, etc that were available displayed over several tables.

NEXT TIG MEETING

The next in-person TIG meeting will be Thu, Dec 9, 2010 at the Linthicum Branch of Anne Arundel County Public Library.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista McKenzie, TIG Vice-Chair/Secretary