WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
The meeting of the Maryland Teen Interest Group was called to order by chair, Stefan Freed at 12:30 pm. To begin the meeting, Stefan introduced himself and called to attention some important items for returning or first time visitors to the group.

- Stefan announced TIG’s in-person meetings for 2011 are scheduled for:
  - Fri, May 6, 2011 at 11:15am during the annual MLA Conference.
  - Thu, Dec 8, 2011 at 1:00pm in the meeting room of the Linthicum Branch of Anne Arundel County Public Library.
- Stefan mentioned that there are two ways to be in contact with members of the TIG group: 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
  - If you are interested in being put on the listserv, please contact Stefan Freed at sfreed@bcpl.net

TIME CHANGE FOR DECEMBER MEETINGS
It was suggested that the annual meetings in December begin at 1:00pm, rather than 12:30pm, as this later time would more likely work better for branch schedules, etc. The idea was approved, and all meetings in December will now run from 1:00-3:00pm.

OPEN MIC NIGHT – BEST PRACTICES
Leanne Farrell (BCPL) brought up for discussion suggestions on how best to handle various issues in running an Open Mic Night. Specifically, ways of handling self-segregation of the teens, as well as the disparate groups of teens who are there to perform seriously vs. those there to socialize.

DEVELOPMENTAL TRANSITIONS IN ADOLESCENCE
Katie George (HCL) shared the highlights of a recent workshop she attended, “Developmental Transitions in Adolescence,” which was sponsored by the Maryland Mentoring Project on Nov 17, 2010 at the Eastern Shore Regional Hospital in Cambridge, MD.

To supplement the handout Katie provided, she also recommended these two sources:

YALSA CONFERENCE 2010
Anna Ellis (BCPL) could not attend but sent Stefan with highlights from YALSA 2010 to share. A link to the YALSA Conference 2010 website can be found on TIG’s Facebook page.
READERS’ ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE (STANDING AGENDA ITEM)
Titles recommended and discussed included (annotations from Novelist):

- **Little Blog on the Prairie** by Cathleen D. Bell. 13-old Genevieve's summer at a frontier family history camp in Laramie, Wyoming, with her parents and brother is filled with surprises, which she reports to friends back home on the cell phone she sneaked in, and which they turn into a blog.

- **Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can’t Have** by Allen Zadoff. 15-old Andrew Zansky, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.

- **An Off Year** by Claire Zulkey. Upon arriving at her dorm room, 18-year-old Cecily decides to postpone her freshman year of college and return to her Chicago home, where she spends a year pondering what went wrong while forging new relationships with family and friends.

- **The Rock and the River** by Kekla Magoon. In 1968 Chicago, 14-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.

- **Adios, Nirvana** by Conrad Wesselhoeft. As Seattle 16-year-old Jonathan helps a dying man come to terms with a tragic event he experienced during World War II, Jonathan begins facing his own demons, especially the death of his twin brother, helped by an assortment of friends, old and new.

- **Threads and Flames** by Esther Friesner. After recovering from typhus, 13-year-old Raisa leaves her Polish shtetl for America to join her older sister, and goes to work at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory.

- **Everything Matters** by Ron Currie. Junior Thibodeau, who was encoded at birth with a prophecy about the world ending in 36 years, grapples with the question of whether or not anything he does matters.

- **Catching Fire** by Suzanne Collins. By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

- **Peak** by Roland Smith. After Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in Juvenile Detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand.

- **Pay the Piper** by Jan Yolen. When Callie interviews the band, Brass Rat, for her school newspaper, her feelings are ambivalent, but when all the children of Northampton begin to disappear on Halloween, she knows where the dangerous search must begin.

- **Into the Wild Nerd Yonder** by Julie Halpern. When high school sophomore Jessie's long-term best friend transforms herself into a punk and goes after Jessie's would-be boyfriend, Jessie decides to visit "the wild nerd yonder" and seek true friends among classmates who play Dungeons and Dragons.

- **Hush** by Eishes Chayil. After remembering the cause of her best friend Devory's suicide at age nine, Gittel is determined to raise awareness of sexual abuse in her Borough Park, New York, community despite the rules of Chassidim that require her to be silent.
- *Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan. Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

**HANDOUTS**

Handouts included the following:

  The family that games together, stays together...at least, according to Houston Public Library’s current gaming program for all ages.

  An interview with Kurt Squire, director of the Games, Learning, and Society Initiative at the University of Wisconsin, is presented. Particular focus is given to video games, board game design, and the power of play among children. Suggestions for librarians charged with game selection are also provided.

  A listing of specific titles that are recommended for multiple copies in the collection based on popularity.

  More recommended titles, this time from Gayle Forman of NPR.  

  Survey results on teens and reading!

  Excellent Readers’ Advisory listing, both fiction and non-fiction, of titles that fall under the broad heading of “Teen Angst.”

**NEXT TIG MEETING**

The next in-person TIG meeting will be Fri, May 6, 2011 at 11:15am during the annual MLA Conference. Room location TBA.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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