Attendees: Stefan Freed (BCPL), Ameerah Al-Mateen (EPFL), Beth Chandler (at large member), Angelique Kopa (HCPL), Elizabeth Slack (BCPL), Micah Mincey (HCPL), LeAnn Farrell (BCPL), Sarah Russo (HCL), Jim Dankiewicz (AACPL).

Excused: Krista McKenzie, TIG Chair.

WELCOME

The meeting of the Maryland Teen Interest Group was called to order by former chair, Stefan Freed at 12:30 pm. Stefan facilitated the meeting in the absence of TIG Chair Krista McKenzie, who was unable to attend meeting due to winter weather in Garrett County.

To begin the meeting, Stefan introduced himself and called to attention some important items for returning or first time visitors to the group. He mentioned that if attendees were not on the TIG listserv, to let him know so they can be added. He also recommended joining the TIG Facebook page.

TIG VOLUNTEERS

Stefan announced that anyone interested in stepping up as the co-chair of the Teen Interest Group should contact Krista McKenzie at kmckenzie0@yahoo.com, and/or notifying Krista via either the TIG listserv or TIG Facebook page.

MARYLAND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2012

Stefan mentioned that MLA’s annual conference is scheduled for May 9-11, 2012 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean City, MD. The overall theme of the conference is: “Don’t Stop Believing.”

As a preview, TIG will be sponsoring or co-sponsoring the following sessions:

- “What About Me?: Services and Programs for Those Inbe ‘Tween’”
- “Street Lit” - co-sponsored with Readers’ Advisory Interest Group (RAIG) and Public Services Division (PSD)
- “Advocating from Within: How to Keep Teen Services a Budgeting Priority”
- Bi-annual TIG meeting

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Numerous TIG members attended Pratt’s recent “Books for the Beast” in October. All agreed that keynote speaker, Kenneth Oppel, was excellent, as were the small group discussions.

Sarah Russo spoke about attending “Trends in YA Services” session at the ALA conference in New Orleans. This led to a discussion of how each of our library systems is handling the most recent innovations regarding technology, apps, etc. Handout included: “Report from Annual 2011: Trends in YA Services – Using Mobile Devices to Serve Teens” (from ALA’s YALSA blog)
PROGRAM IDEAS

This handout included numerous apps that could be used in teen programming, including:

- Hipstamatic
- Pocketbooth
- Wordfoto
- Photo Shake
- Zombie Booth
- Adobe Photoshop
- Photoforge
- Color Splash
- Super 8
- Comic Book

SITES TO KNOW
Other sites that were mentioned at the meeting:

- Tagxedo: www.tagxedo.com: “Tagxedo turns words -- famous speeches, news articles, slogans and themes, even your love letters -- into a visually stunning word cloud, words individually sized appropriately to highlight the frequencies of occurrence within the body of text.”

- American Association of School Librarian’s Top 25 Websites for Teaching and Learning: http://www.ala.org/aasl/guidelinesandestandards/bestlist/bestwebsiteslisttop25

READERS’ ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE (STANDING AGENDA ITEMS)
Stefan distributed YALSA’s “Teens’ Top Ten” book list for 2011:

YALSA: TEENS’ TOP TEN 2011
(http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenreading/teensopten/ttt11)

1. Clockwork Angel by Cassandra Clare (Simon & Schuster)
2. Mockingjay by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic)
3. Crescendo by Becca Fitzpatrick (Simon & Schuster)
4. I Am Number Four by Pittacus Lore (HarperCollins)
5. The Iron King by Julie Kagawa (Harlequin)
6. Matched by Ally Condie (Penguin)
8. Paranormalcy by Kiersten White (HarperCollins)
9. Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver (HarperCollins)
10. *Nightshade* by Andrea Cremer (Penguin)

In addition, these were the titles shared and recommended by TIG members:

- **Beaudoin, Sean.** *You Killed Wesley Payne.*  
  *When hard-boiled, seventeen-year-old private investigator Dalton Rev transfers to Salt River High to solve the case of a dead student, he has his hands full trying to outwit the police, negotiate the school's social hierarchy, and get paid.*

- **Bray, Libba.** *Beauty Queens.* *(recommended as audio)*  
  *When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island’s other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition.*

- **Brown, Mike.** *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming.* *(non-fiction)*  
  *The astronomer who inadvertently triggered the "demotion" of Pluto in his effort to officially recognize the solar system’s tenth planet describes the ensuing debates and public outcry while revealing the behind-the-scenes story of his discovery.*

- **Galliano, Joseph, ed.** *Dear Me: A Letter To My Sixteen-Year-Old Self.* *(non-fiction)*  
  *In Dear Me, 75 celebrities, writers, musicians, athletes, and actors have written letters to their younger selves that give words of comfort, warning, humor, and advice. These letters present intimate, moving, and witty insights into some of the world’s most intriguing and admired individuals. By turns funny, surprising, raw, and uplifting, this singular collection captures the universal conditions that are youth, life, and growing up.*

- **Green, John & David Levithan.** *Will Grayson, Will Grayson.* *(recommended as audio)*  
  *When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other’s best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.*

- **Hautman, Pete.** *The Big Crunch.*  
  *June is starting at her sixth school in four years when she meets Wes, who has just broken up with a girlfriend, and although they do not share an instant or intense connection, attraction turns to love and they wonder where it will lead.*

- **Kumeta, Koji.** *Sayonara, Zetsubou-Sensei 1: The Power of Negative Thinking.* *(graphic novel/manga)*  
  *(first in a series)*  
  *Nozomu Itoshiki is depressed. Very depressed. He’s certifiably suicidal, but he’s also the beloved schoolteacher of a class of unique students, each charming in her own way: The stalker. The shut-in. The obsessive-compulsive. The girl who comes to class every day with strange bruises. And Kafuka, the most optimistic girl in the world, who knows that every cloud has a silver lining. For all of them, it’s a special time, when the right teacher can have a lasting positive effect on their lives. But is that teacher Itoshiki, a.k.a. Zetsubou-sensei, who just wants to find the perfect place to die?*

- **Levithan, David.** *Dash and Lily’s Book of Dares.*  
  *Told in the alternating voices of Dash and Lily, two sixteen-year-olds carry on a wintry scavenger hunt at Christmas-time in New York, neither knowing quite what--or who--they will find.*

- **Riggs, Ransom.** *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children.*  
  *After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there.*

- **Roth, Veronica.** *Divergent.*  
  *In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she*
discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

• Schreiber, Joe. Au Revoir Crazy European Chick.

Perry's parents insist that he take Gobi, their quiet, Lithuanian exchange student, to senior prom but after an incident at the dance he learns that Gobi is actually a trained assassin who needs him as a henchman, behind the wheel of his father's precious Jaguar, on a mission in Manhattan.

• Scottoline, Lisa & Serritella, Francesca. Best Friends, Occasional Enemies: The Lighter Side of Life as a Mother and Daughter. (non-fiction)

New York Times bestselling author Lisa Scottoline and her daughter Francesca Serritella are the best of friends—99.9% of the time. They’re number one on each other’s speed dial and they tell each other everything—well, almost everything. They share shoes and clothes—except one very special green jacket, which almost caused a catfight. In other words, they’re just like every mother and daughter in the world. Best friends, and occasional enemies. Now they’re dishing about it all—their lives, their relationship, and their carb count. Inspired by their weekly column, “Chick Wit” for The Philadelphia Inquirer, this book is one you’ll have to put down—just to stop laughing.

• Wrede, Patricia. The Thirteenth Child.

Eighteen-year-old Eff must finally get over believing she is bad luck and accept that her special training in Aphrikian magic, and being the twin of the seventh son of a seventh son, give her extraordinary power to combat magical creatures that threaten settlements on the western frontier.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Nestor Slack, TIG Member/PSD President
Stefan Freed, TIG ex-Chair