



October 2008

Children's Room News

Summer Reading Success!

So many children caught the reading bug this summer! We had 331 children complete the Summer Reading Club and together the children of Valley Stream read over 3000 books! Thanks to all the kids who participated as well as their parents who read along with them and supported our Summer Reading efforts!

Changes in the Children's Room

You may notice some changes around the Children's Room as we attempt to better serve our patrons. Check out our parenting collection, media, seasonal books and series collections in their new locations around the story time/craft

Young Adult News

Summer Reading Wrap Up

Over 100 students signed up for the Summer Reading Club this year. That's a huge increase over last year! We are very proud of our students. Collectively they read a total of 300 books. Titles included "Maximum Ride" by James Patterson, "Princess In Love" by Meg Cabot, "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams and "Snakehead" by Anthony Horowitz. We're looking forward to seeing more new faces next year.

Author Appearance

Niki Burnham, YA author of *Goddess Games* and *Sticky Fingers*, will be joining the YA/Parent Book Club (formerly the Mother-Daughter Book Club) on October 17th to dis-

area. If you cannot find something please do not hesitate to ask! We're here to help you.

Halloween Fun

Witches and princesses and superheroes, oh my! Join us on October 31st for our Halloween Parade! Children ages 4 and up are encouraged to come visit the children's room for a Halloween treat and a march around the library to show off their costumes.



cuss her novels. Students are encouraged to come and meet this talented author. Sign up and pick up her book, *Goddess Games*, at the Reference Desk.

Teen Read Week!

October 12-18th

Hosted by the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, this year's theme is "Books with Bite." Throughout the month of October read and review one scary book, watch and review one scary movie (or TV show), come to one program and complete one puzzle to qualify for raffles and prizes. Students will receive one raffle ticket per item completed. See Ms. Kenney for more info.

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Upcoming YA Programs

October 10th
Game Night

October 17th
Author Visit from Niki
Burnham

October 24th
Craft Night

*All programs start at
6:30pm. Sign up at the
Reference Desk.*

What's Happening in the Children's Room in October?

Age	Name of Program	Date & Time	Description
3-11 months With Caregiver	Bouncing Babies	10/7/08 & 10/21/08 11:00am	Join us for age appropriate stories, songs and fingerplays. (25-30 min)
12-23 months With Caregiver	Toddler Time	10/8/08 & 10/22/08 11:00am	
24-35 months With Caregiver	Totally Tykes	10/7/08 & 10/21/08	
3 months - 3 years With Caregiver	Snuggly Stories	10/30/08 6:30pm	Join us for some stories, songs and fingerplays at this special Halloween Snuggly Stories. Children are encouraged to come in costume.
1 - 4 years With Caregiver	Story & Snack	10/18/08 11:00am	Bring a snack and join us for storytime. (25-30 min)
2 years & up With Caregiver	Kraft Korner	10/31/08 11:00am	Join us for do it yourself Fall and Halloween crafts. Meet and socialize with other parents and children. Each child may choose up to 2 crafts each.
3 - 5 years With Caregiver	Alphabet Soup	Session 1: 10/15/08 11:00am Session 2: 10/16/08 1:30pm	L is for Leaf It's Fall! Come listen as we read <i>We're Going on a Leaf Hunt</i> , and make a leaf craft.
	Alphabet Soup	Session 1: 10/29/08 11:00am Session 2: 10/30/08 1:30pm	H is for Halloween Come join us for a Halloween story and make a Halloween scene craft!
4 & up	Halloween Parade	10/31/08 4:00pm	Show off your costume as we march around the library in our annual Halloween Parade! Each child will also receive a Halloween treat.
5 & Up With Caregiver	Family Game Night	10/3/08 6:00-8:00pm 10/23/08 6:00-8:00pm	An evening of family fun with board games, a scavenger hunt and prizes!
K-2 nd Grade	Storycraft Jr.	10/22/08	Come hear a Halloween story and make a Halloween craft.
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Book Bunch	10/14/08 4:15pm	Pick up a copy of <i>Knights of the Kitchen Table</i> this month and join us for a discussion of the book and a trivia game.
3 rd - 6 th Grade	Storycraft	10/23/08 4:15pm	Come hear a Halloween story and make a Halloween craft.
5 th & 6 th Grade	Review Crew	10/16/08 4:15pm	Pick up a copy of <i>Out Standing in My Field</i> this month and join us for a discussion of the book and a trivia game.
K - 6 th Grade	Saturday Storycraft	10/11/08 11:00am	Get ready for Halloween with a story and a craft.

Pictures from Recent Children's and Young Adult Events



"Reptiles on the Move"
July 24, 2008



"Circle Games"
July 22, 2008



"Reptiles on the Move"
July 24, 2008



YA "Are You Smarter Than Your Parents?"
August 15, 2008



"YA Fear Factor"
July 25, 2008



Recent Reads and Reviews from Our YAs

Snakehead by Anthony Horowitz

Alex Rider, a teenage spy, is on a mission with the Australian secret service. He uncovers information about his parents. They were murdered by terrorists.

Kaushik, Grade 7

Silent to the Bone by E.L. Konigsburg

Branwell, a normal kid, is accused of injuring his sister. When his friend, Connor, tries to communicate with him he won't speak. The babysitter is the one who didn't take care of the baby. Everybody told Connor about the babysitter. Branwell finally speaks and tells what happened at the end.

Lamont, Grade 7

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

This story is about a boy named Ponyboy and his two brothers. Ponyboy is a part of a social group called the "Greasers" a rival gang of the "Socs." After a rumble between the two social groups, Ponyboy and the rest of the Greasers are forced to run from where the fight took place and this is where the real story begins.

Christopher, Grade 8.

Kitty, Kitty by Michelle Jaffe

This book is about a 17-year old girl named Jasmine Cahhihan and she is back with her crazy, mysterious adventures. She's in Venice with her family and friends and she still hasn't received a phone call from her boyfriend, Jack. The mystery Jasmine has to solve is who killed Mr. Neal and Arabella.

Cassandra, Grade 9.

Read My Lips by Teri Brown

Serena, a deaf teenager at a normal high school, isn't looking to fit in. She's a skater chick and finds the kids at her new school to be cookie-cutter preps. But when the schools most popular group starts to notice her for her lip-reading talent, she finds it hard to resist to become just like them. And the longer she stays in the group, the bigger the secrets she must uncover with her talent.

Kristina, Grade 9.

