

## SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST

- Anime Expo  
11/6@6:30
- TAB Meeting  
11/13@6:00
- Video Game  
Night  
11/13@6:30
- Indiana Jones  
and the King-  
dom of the  
Crystal Skull  
11/20@6:30
- Library  
Closed for  
Thanksgiving  
Holiday  
11/27-11/29

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## Anime Expo - Thursday, November 6



Join us for ROPL's first-ever Anime Expo! It will be a night full of anime action and excitement! We'll be watching some of our favorite anime

movies, including Howl's Moving Castle, and discussing some of our favorite anime characters. Check out the latest manga books in our collection and enjoy Pocky, wasabi peas, and more! Cosplay (dressing up as an anime character) is welcome but not re-

quired. The event kicks off at 6:30 pm and wraps up at 8:00 pm. Registration is requested online at [ropl.org](http://ropl.org), by phone at 248-246-3725, or in person at the youth reference desk.



## TAB Meeting & Video Games

Join us for the last TAB meeting of the fall on Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 pm. We need your suggestions for winter



events. After the meeting, join us

for teen video game night. If you haven't been in a while, you may want to check out our brand new Wii!

## Evolution, Me, and Other Freaks of Nature by Robin Brande

### Book Review



Mena Reece was excited to start high school, but her first week of high school ends up being a nightmare. At the beginning of Robin Brande's novel, *Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature*, Mena finds herself kicked out of her church, and isolated from her friends and even her parents after writing a letter that gets members of her church sued. What did Mena say in that letter and why did she write it? You'll have to read to find out. To add to her loss, Mena is constantly harassed and called traitor by her former

friends, who are members of the church youth group. And to add to the complications of Mena's life, she finds her emotions and beliefs put to an unwanted test when her biology class starts a unit on evolution and she is paired up with Casey Connor as her lab partner. Suddenly Mena finds herself at the center of a heated school debate, and developing a hot crush she never sees coming. Will Mena's life and beliefs forever be changed? *Evolution, Me & Other Freaks of Nature* was the 2008 Thumbs Up

Award, and it is well deserved as I found it to be a quite enjoyable book. I breezed through its 265 pages easily, and found it hard to put down at times. I loved the characters and even found myself developing my own crush. The book brings up interesting points on the whole evolution debate, and would appeal to anyone who loves science, or just doesn't know what to think about the whole evolution versus intelligent design thing.  
Submitted by Jessica Remington, Youth Services

## Horoscopes from j-14.com (Check out J-14 magazine at the library)

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Your stress level has been off the charts! Take an afternoon and organize your life--from your room to school notes. It will make all the difference.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The holidays will be here sooner than you think! Start getting on your parents good side and you'll be closer to receiving all of the items on your wish list.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Don't be shy--it's okay to ask questions in class. Not only will your grades get better, but you'll climb the popularity charts.

Aquarius (March 21 - April 19)

You're totally ahead of the game, not only in your school work but in your social life as well. Sit back and relax for a while--you deserve it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

It's time to revamp your style. Grab your friends and hit the mall for a totally new, fab look.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

You'll be glad you saw the movie everyone's talking about this week. You're the go-to gal/guy and you know what exactly will sizzle and fizzle with your friends.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Set a few days aside each week for a little exercise. Just because it's cold out doesn't mean you should lose your bathing suit bod!

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

Being a good person goes a long way, so this week when you face a difficult decision, think long and hard. Doing the right thing will pay off in the long run.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

This week, make the extra effort to help those in need. Whether it's tutoring a classmate or volunteering at a local soup kitchen. Not only will it add to your resume, but you'll feel amazing.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

The stars say next week will bring change for the better! Sit back and wait for the great things coming your way.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Time to update your iPod! Check out some new bands on MySpace--you'll be surprised what great new tunes you discover.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Even though you may not be old enough to vote, it's important to know what's going on. Take some time and research the presidential candidates. Everyone will be impressed with how much you know!

## Tales of the World: Radiant Mythology for PSP

### Game Review



You are a descender born from the world tree. All the world trees create all living things and if the world dies then you will cease to exist along with the world that the tree created. You meet a descender named Mormo

and he asks the world tree to give you birth and together you fight evil. As you are leaving the world tree, you come across a soldier who thinks everyone is an assassin and that's when you have your first battle. In the process, you save a girl named Kanono. She and her friend Chester are back

together after he lost her in the tree. Nevertheless, sadly Kanono loses her memories as soon as you find her. You and Mormo leave to a nearby town and become legends from there.

Submitted by Frank Griffin

## Need a Laugh?

### Jokes from You Must Be Joking! by Paul Brewer

Q: What do you get when you cross a parrot and a hyena?

A: An animal that laughs at its own jokes.

Q: Why was the dinosaur afraid to go back to the library?

A: Its books were 60 million years overdue.

Q: What did dinosaurs listen to?

A: Raptor music.

Q: What did the buffalo say to his boy when he sent him off to college?

A: "Bison."

Q: Why do animals eat raw meat?

A: They don't know how to cook.

Q: Why do geese fly south for the winter?

A: Because they can't drive.

Q: What do you call a dinosaur that knows all the words?

A: A thesaurus.

Q: What's Godzilla's favorite sandwich?

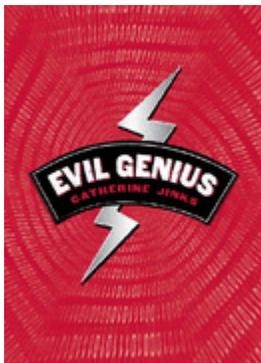
A: Peanut butter and deli.



Submitted by Scott Hejka

## Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks

### Book Review



Cadel Piggott is a genius. His parents think he's dangerous and his therapist thinks he could take over the world. Are they both right? YES! In an action-packed story, Cadel is tricked, used, makes

friends, makes enemies, and learns a lot about himself and the world around him. This is an excellent book for everyone. Not just geniuses.

Submitted by Blaire De Wilde Kohler

## Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math

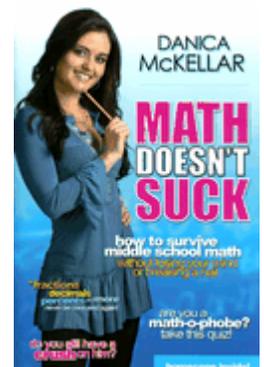
### Without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail by Danica McKellar

Not only can you learn to do math, but by reading this book you can also learn how to excel at math, too. This is so much more than a study guide -- personal anecdotes from this TV star are also included -- as well as stories of other women who have excelled at math. Depend-

ing on your needs, you can read this book entirely or just flip to the chapters you need (such as "Decimals" and "Unit Conversions"). The book also offers time-saving tips and tricks for homework and tests, and shows illustrated practice problems with detailed solu-

tions. This book can definitely provide easy-to-understand help as you get ready for the school year. Also, check out her newest book, Kiss My Math: Showing Pre-Algebra Who's Boss.

Submitted by Stephanie Malosh, Youth & Teen Services Librarian



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## Teen Events @ ROPL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Anime Expo, 6:30-8pm	7 Career Choices @ ROHS, 9am- 1pm	8
9	10	11	12	13 TAB mtg @ 6pm; Video Games, 6:30- &30pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Movie: Indiana Jones 4, 6:30- &30pm	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 Library Closed	28 Library Closed	29 Library Closed
<b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>						