

Teen Advisory Board Newsletter

Teen Events in March @ Your Library!

March 2009

Every Thursday at the Royal Oak Public Library, there is something going on for teens in grades 6-12. Here are a few listings of events happening this month:

- **Mar 5**, Corpse

- **Mar 12**, Duct Tape Creations for Teens
- **Mar 19**, Video Games
- **Mar 26**, Families and Financial Well-Being

All events begin at 6:30pm in the

Youth Activities Room on the lower level of the library. In April, our Teen Thursdays include board games, the premier of *Twilight*, an Earth day event, and more!



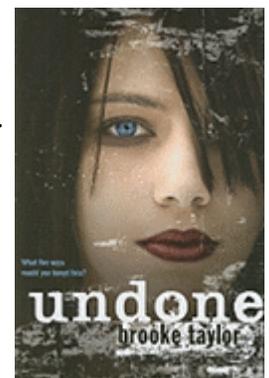
Undone, by Brooke Taylor Book Review

I recently read the book, *Undone*, By Brooke Taylor. It was one of the best stories I have ever read, it was filled with love, conflict, and tragedy. It made me laugh, cry, and cringe, and always kept me turning the pages and not wanting to put it down. *Undone* is about 2 best friends. Kori, and Serena. They met in 8th grade, where Kori was the so called, 'dark angel' of her school. Soon, Kori tells

Serena, "we are more alike than you will ever know," and almost instantly, they are woven together. Inseparable. But when a terrible misfortune takes Kori away from Serena, she is distraught and hopeless. She doesn't know how to live her life on her own. Serena later cleans out Kori's locker, and stumbles across a note that at the top reads, "List of things I don't want to leave undone" and Serena feels like its her duty to complete her best

friend's desires, and not to leave anything undone. So, of course she does it. And the secrets she divulges leave her wishing that she never did it. What will Serena find out about herself and about her 'best friend' while completing Kori's list? The answer will leave you shocked.

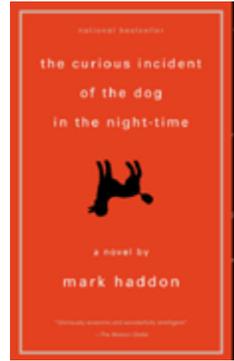
Submitted by Maddie Witkowski



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, by Mark Haddon Book Review

Your neighbor's dog is murdered. What do you do? A) offer them your condolences B) bake them cookies, or C) do your best to find the killer, and eventually travel across London to reunite with a long-lost family member. If you were Christopher Boone you would have chosen 'C'. But then, if you were Christopher, you would hate the colors brown and yellow, not be able to touch people, and have an

uncanny ability to solve complicated math equations in your head. In Mark Haddon's '*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*', Christopher discovers a startling truth about his black-and-white world, and pursues that truth across London,



dealing with unfriendly police officers and dirty bathrooms. He realizes that not everyone can be characterized by a frowny- or smiley-face, and that your opinions of anyone can change in no time. '*The Curious Incident*' is a deep but hilarious novel describing Christopher's unusual mind working on the mystery of a dead neighborhood dog, and solving a much larger mystery in the meantime. *Submitted by Betsy Benedict*

Weezer's The Red Album Music Review

Since 1994, Weezer has been creating alternative rock music with a sound unlike any other. They've made 6 albums, and their most recent was released in June 2008. It is titled *Weezer: The Red Album*. I recom-



mend this to all who love rock music and 90's and are looking for some new music to listen to. Some of the hits on the album include *Pork and Beans*, *The Greatest Man that Ever Lived*, and *Troublemaker*. Their lead singer and lead guitarist, Rivers Cuomo, is a genius songwriter and singer. You may have heard

some of their biggest hits like *Beverly Hills (2005)*, *Perfect Situation (2005)*, *Island in the Sun (2001)*, Or some you may have heard on the video game *Rockband* such as *Buddy Holly (1994)* or *Say it ain't so (1994)*. Quirky and cool, I'd give this CD and the band 5 stars!

Submitted by Mia Walker

Horoscopes from J-14 Magazine

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18)

You're determined to stand out with your brand-new shoes, but hold off until major plans come your way.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Express your fun, flirtatious mood by adding new accessories to your outfit.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

It's your time to shine! Try out for the school play or a sports team.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Don't spend all your money in one place.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Don't stress, all your hard work will pay off soon enough.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Keep your comments positive or someone will gossip about you.

Leo (July 23-Aug 22)

Feel free to splurge on something for yourself.

Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22)

Be sure to help others who are in need of a small self-esteem boost!

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22)

Take a minute to collect your thoughts before you jump into anything.

Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21)

Use exercise to de-stress yourself from school. A little laughter helps too!

Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21)

Overcome your shyness by making an effort to speak up in class.

Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19)

Volunteer to help out a teacher in need.

Sonic and the Black Knight Video Game Review

If you thought Sonic the Hedgehog games were getting really bad and were never going to get better any time soon, you just might want to think again!

Sonic and the Black Knight, the newest Sonic the Hedgehog game comes out this month and I'm here to tell you a little about it.

Sonic is enjoying a meal of chili dogs when a sorceress named Merlina summons Sonic to help free the mystical realm of King Arthur, who has been possessed by an unknown



evil. Sonic's speed alone will not end The Black Knight's reign, so he must take up the sword Caliburn in order to break Arthur's curse and save the kingdom.

You will enjoy seeing many of your favor-

ite characters such as Shadow, Knuckles, Blaze, Amy, Tails, and my favorite character, Silver. Blaze (Percival), Knuckles (Gawain), and Shadow (Lancelot) are all Knights of the Round Table. Amy appears as

the Lady of the Lake and Tails appears as the local blacksmith. It is unknown what role Silver plays, but he is seen in the paper crafts section on the official website as a knight.

The mission-based system from Sonic and the Secret Rings will also return, but thankfully the missions will be easier to complete.

This is going to be an awesome game. It's been getting some great reviews from the game magazine "Nintendo Power". 4 out 5 stars!

Submitted by Brittany Burke

Need a Laugh? Riddles from Riddles.com, Submitted by Scott Hejka

Q: What is it the more you take, the more you leave behind?

A: Footsteps.

Q: What can bring back the dead, make us cry, make us laugh, make us young; born in an instant yet lasts a life time?

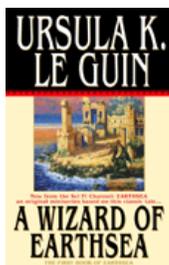
A: Memories.

Q: Where will you find roads without cars, forests without trees, and cities without houses?

A: On a map.

Q: A thing that runs but cannot walk, sometimes sings but never talks. Lacks arms, has hands; lacks eyes and nose but has a face. What is it?

A: A clock.



A classic fantasy story, Ursula K. Le Guin's *A Wizard of Earthsea*, tells the story of Ged, a powerful wizard of Earthsea. When sent off to the wizard school on the island of Roke, Ged excels at his studies and shows great promise. But he is too proud and overconfident in his abilities, leading him to unleash an evil shadow on the world. *Earthsea* follows Ged's quest to right a wrong

Earthsea, by Ursula K. Le Guin Book Review

and rid the world of the shadow. Ged's epic quest leads him to many mini adventures in between, from confronting an ancient dragon to sailing all the way to the edge of Earthsea. What will it take to defeat the shadow? Well, you'll have to read *A Wizard of Earthsea* to find that out. While Le Guin's text can be tough, perhaps even challenging at times, it is well worth the challenge to get through this excellent fantasy book. For those who love fantasy sto-

ries of wizards and dragons, and good versus evil, this is a must read classic. It is due to Le Guin's in depth text that make her science fiction and fantasy stories stand above the rest. Which means you can read her books, such as *Earthsea*, before your English class starts and not be embarrassed if your teacher catches you.

*Submitted by Jessica Remington,
Youth Services Library Aide*

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Teen Events @ ROPL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Teen Movie Night, Corpse Bride 6:30-8pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Teen Craft: Duct Tape Creations!, 6:30-7:30pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Teen Video Games, 6:30-8pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Families & Financial Well-Being for Teens, 6:30-7:30pm	27	28
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