

Check It Out Column for week of Jan. 17-23

Teens...come hang out at the Library!

By Erin Reifsnider, WCPL Young Adult Program Planner

I would like to personally invite every teen to check out the programs being offered at the Warsaw Community Public Library. My name is Erin Reifsnider, and I have been given the awesome job of ordering books and planning events just for teenagers!

Some of our past events included a New Moon Premier Party with over 40 teens attending and 2 tickets to the movie given away, video gaming competitions with fabulous prizes to Game Stop and the movie theatre, a "Found Art Photo Contest", a Dance Dance Revolution Halloween Party, a "Whose Line is it Anyway" Improv Workshop, and movies including *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, and *Get Smart*.

And we are just getting started! This year plans to be even more exciting, and fun. A kick-off and planning meeting for teen-girl centered events will be on Tuesday, February 23rd, from 6-7:45 PM. We will be watching "Wild Hearts Can't be Broken" and discussing book clubs, movies, and service opportunities.

With the WW2 slogan, *We Can Do It*, as our motto, the girls of the Warsaw Community Public Library will be given the opportunity to participate with the intent of building up their repertoire of abilities, confidence, knowledge, and service through information and encouragement. This is not a club; so feel free to come with no strings attached! You might even find some things to put on that college application!

But guys, don't feel left out! There's room for you to grow too! Keep coming to The Drop in Zone, and Unplugged Zone and give your ideas for future programs!

On-going Monthly Events:

The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest: This is a national trivia contest giving teens the chance to win great prizes! Information on participating books and directions for entering The Hunt can be found in the Young Adult Alcove near the children's room.

The Drop in Zone: 13-18 year olds are welcome to come on scheduled days for 4 hours of video gaming, snacks, and movies.

The Unplugged Zone: Held on the first Monday of every month from 4-6 PM. 6th-12th graders play board games, both strategic and fun. Enjoy gaming for 2 hours without electricity!

Teen Advisory Board: 6th-12th graders. This volunteer group, which meets the third Saturday of every month throughout the school year, has advised me in matters of selection, program planning, and has even planned the *Super Smash Brother Brawl Tournament!*

The Writers Club: Adults and Teens attend this monthly meeting to share their writing. All levels and interest are welcome to attend. Contact Margaret Fritzel in Programming Services for more information.

Hooked on Crochet: Bring a project and enjoy the company of others who share an interest in crocheting. Instructors will be available for those needing help. Meets monthly October-May, on the third Tuesday evening. Teens welcome to attend! Come and make something to keep you warm in this weather!

For information on other events, check out our website and look out for fliers! The more you participate, the better our library will become! So come to an event! Make the library the place you go to hang out! It's free! There are usually snacks, and it's not home or school! What more could you want?

Join us on the web to give ideas, be up-to-date on all events, connect to other teens, and read book reviews @ Facebook (WCPL Teen Lounge) and our teen Blog (warsawteen.blogspot.com).