

# Teen Scene

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***Congratulations  
to the  
2006 Creative  
Writing Contest  
Winners!***

• **GRADES 9-12**

Tehreem Rehman  
Alicia Frank  
Alix Nicodemo  
Hannah Faiguenbaum

• **GRADES 6-8**

Justine Park  
Rubab Rehman  
Sara Ging  
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**Join This Year's "Battle of the Books" Team**

By Hassina Naeemi

Over the summer, South Huntington Public Library's Battle of the Books Team will read and memorize questions from twelve exciting young adult novels. At the end of the summer, representatives for the team will compete against other libraries in Suffolk County for the title of Battle of the Books County Champion.

The rules are very easy. There are twelve books that are covered in about six weeks (about two books a week). At the end of that period, members are quizzed on the books and the six individuals with the highest scores are chosen to represent the library for the annual, interlibrary Battle of the Books championship competition.

South Huntington Battle of the Books Team has a formidable history in the competition. The library was recognized twice as County Champion, once with the Sportsmanship Award and once with the

***"Battle of the Books is both exciting and challenging."***

— Coach Janet Scherer

Team Spirit Award. Indeed, one of the most popular South Huntington traditions has been the creation of a entirely unique and extremely unusual

team name each year.

As a representative, each team member is assigned two particular books to specialize in. Practice questions are drilled, with additional emphasis on rapid answering techniques.

This year's Championship competition will be held on Saturday August 19. Traditionally, there are four rounds with twenty questions each. After all four rounds, each team member receives a trophy for participating.

On Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> 2006, there will be an additional Awards Night in which all the teams are recognized and a Champion team is determined. There are also "Creative Uniform", "Team Choice", "Team Spirit", and "Good Sportsmanship" superlatives.

Team members must be in grades six through nine to participate. Anyone interested in joining this fun-filled, exciting program shouldn't hesitate to come. Practice is held weekly on Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 PM starting June 29.



**TAB Executive Board Elected by Justine Park**

In May, the Teen Advisory Board held the first annual vote for a new Executive Board. Out of the many candidates for the new Board, the votes were counted and the new Board consists of: Danielle Burby, Hannah Faiguenbaum, Alicia Frank, Sara Ging, Alix Nicodemo, Justine Park, Rubab Rehman, and Tehreem Rehman.

Bylaws for the TAB were established last September and include regulations for the

annual elections. Anyone interested in a position must be entering eighth grade or higher; must have been an active member of TAB for at least one year and remain an active participant; and must be willing to attend the monthly executive board meetings in addition to the TAB meetings. All of those chosen to serve on the Executive Board have demonstrated their hard work and commitment to being a representative for the South Huntington Public Library. Congratulations to the new members of the Executive Board.

## Schedule of Events

- July 5, 4:00 pm-Board Games
- July 6, 4:00 pm-Battle of the Books
- July 7, 3:00 pm-High School Musical
- July 10, 7:00 pm-Hip-Hop Workout
- July 11, 4:00 pm-Book Buddies
- July 12, 7:00 pm-Fingerprint Program
- July 13, 4:00 pm-Battle of the Books
- July 14, 3:00 pm-Auquamarine / 7:00pm DDR
- July 17, 7:00 pm-Hip-Hop Workout
- July 18, 4:00 pm-Book Buddies
- July 19, 5:30 pm-Babysitting Workshop
- July 20, 4:00 pm-Book Battle
- July 21, 4:00 pm-Pink Panther
- July 24, 7:00 pm-Hip-Hop Workout
- July 25, 4:00 pm-Book Buddies
- July 26, 4:00 pm- Stamped Greeting Card Craft
- July 27, 4:00 pm-Book Battle
- July 28, 6:00 pm-Pizza and a Movie
- July 31, 7:00 pm-Hip-Hop Workout

# July 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 <i>Library Closed</i>	5 <i>Game Night</i>	6 <i>Book Battle</i>	7 <i>Movie</i>	8
9	10 <i>Hip-Hop Workout</i>	11 <i>Book Buddies</i>	12 <i>Fin-gerprints</i>	13 <i>Book Battle</i>	14 <i>Movie and DDR</i>	15
16	17 <i>Hip-Hop Workout</i>	18 <i>Book Buddies</i>	19 <i>Baby-sitting Workshop</i>	20 <i>Book Battle</i>	21 <i>Movie</i>	22
23	24 <i>Hip-Hop Workout</i>	25 <i>Book Buddies</i>	26 <i>Craft</i>	27 <i>Book Battle</i>	28 <i>Pizza and a Movie</i>	29
30	31 <i>Hip-Hop Workout</i>					

## Recommended Books: A Selection of Novels from Various Genres

Compiled by Justine Park

Are you looking for a good mystery to bring to the beach this summer? Are you interested in a long fantasy novel to keep you up at night? Are you ready to be transported back in time through the pages of historical fiction? If so, feel free to peruse this list of young adult novels from a variety of genres. For more recommendations, visit the YA Online website Book List at <http://shpl.suffolk.lib.ny.us/ya/books.asp>

### Fantasy:

Eragon by Christopher Paolini  
Artemis Fowl series by Eoin Colfer  
The Secret of Platform 13 by Iva Ibbotson  
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift  
Downsiders by Neal Shusterman  
A Wrinkle in Time, by Madeleine L'Engle  
Crispin: the Cross of Lead by Avi  
The Chronicles of Narnia by C.E. Lewis

### Historical Fiction:

Ashes of Roses by Mary Jane Auch  
Catherine, Called Birdy by Karen Cushman  
Daughter of Venice by Donna Jo Napoli

Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen

### Romance:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen  
Rose in Bloom by Louisa May Alcott  
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

### Mystery:

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin  
The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

### Adventure:

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne  
Running Out of Time by Margaret Petersen Haddix  
The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm by Nancy Farmer

### Realistic Fiction:

Driver's Ed by Caroline B. Cooney  
All American Girl by Meg Cabot  
Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan  
Swallowing Stones by Joyce McDonald  
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli  
Shooter by Walter Dean Myers  
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer  
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer



**Every page you read during YA Fantasy Summer translates into Points that can earn you great prizes!**

# August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Book Buddies	2 Craft	3 Book Battle	4 Movie	5
6	7 Book Battle*	8 Book Buddies	9 Mind Reading	10 Book Battle*	11 PIZZA PARTY!	12
13	14 Book Battle*	15 Book Battle*	16	17 Book Battle*	18	19 Battle of the Books!
20	21	22	23	24	25 Pizza and a Movie	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Schedule of Events

- August 1, 4:00 pm- Book Buddies
- August 2, 4:00 pm-Hippie-Swirl Craft
- August 3, 4:00 pm-Book Battle
- August 4, 3:00 pm- The Last Holiday
- August 7, 4:00 pm-Book Battle\*
- August 8, 4:00 pm- Book Buddies
- August 9, 7:00 pm- Secrets of Mind Reading Program
- August 10, 4:00 pm-Book Battle\*
- August 11, 7:00 pm-PIZZA PARTY!
- August 14, 4:00 pm-Book Battle\*
- August 15, 4:00 pm-Book Battle\*
- August 17, 4:00 pm-Book Battle\*
- August 19-County Battle of the Books
- August 25, 6:00 pm-Pizza and a Movie

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE PROGRAMS, ASK IN THE YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT OR CHECK THEM OUT ONLINE.

\*THESE MEETINGS ARE FOR BATTLE REPS ONLY!

## Afternoon Crafts and Friday Movie Nights at the Library

By Tehreem Rehman

Take full advantage of your local library this summer! The Young Adult Department is offering numerous activities to compliment the "YA Fantasy Summer" Reading Program.

On Friday nights, at 6:00 PM, different new movies will be shown in the Program Room. Additionally, pizza and drinks are served one Friday each month, specifically aimed at young adults. Anyone interested can start registering for these showings two weeks in advance. Why waste money going to the theater when you can watch movies on a big screen with complimentary pizza and beverages at the library? To make the most of your time, bring some friends along.

The library is once again offering a variety of summer craft programs to young adults. For example, teens will make their own stylish flip flops out of duck tape (June 28 at 4:00 PM) or they could learn different crime-solving fingerprinting techniques (July 12 at 7:00 PM). Hip-Hop Dance workouts are offered every Monday at 7:00 PM.

In order to check the date of the next movie or craft, go online or call the library at (631)-549-4411.

## Book Review: Peeps

by Scott Westerfield

Reviewed by: Gillian Sobocinski

Peeps is about a parasite that makes people hate everything that they once loved and gives them cannibalistic qualities, along with super-human abilities (such as seeing in complete darkness). Basically it transforms them into vampires/parasite positives, or peeps. Peeps is a good book with a fast paced plot, making it hard to put down. In every other chapter the author describes a different real-life parasite and what it does to it's host. This can be a bit gruesome but also very interesting. I wouldn't recommend this book to younger teens because of minor sexual references. Peeps also demonstrates a different spin on vampires, allowing people to look at them from another angle.



The author's ability to add humor to even the most creepy of situations is one of my favorite aspects of the book. Any high-schooler looking for a good sci-fi novel should definitely read Peeps. It's quick, enjoyable, has interesting facts and a few laughs along the way.

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## What is the Teen Advisory Board?

The South Huntington Public Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an active organization that works on behalf of the library's Young Adult community. The Advisory Board plans and hosts a variety of local events, including the yearly Summer Reading Program, monthly "Kids and Teens" activities, and an annual Writing Contest. The TAB also contributes ideas concerning book or CD selections, future programs, and guest speakers.

Membership in the Teen Advisory Board is open to all teens in grades 6–12 and qualifies as community service. Meetings are held in the program room on the third Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8 PM. The Board is lead by a small group of committee leaders under the supervision of YA librarian and advisor Janet Scherer. New members are always welcome!

Within the general Teen Advisory Board, the 'Newsletter Committee' was formed for the purpose of promoting the organization and reporting its activities to the YA community. Committee members have acted as writers and editors for the newsletter, working diligently to ensure its successful production.

<http://shpl.suffolk.lib.ny.us/ya>

## Community Service at the Library

By Alicia Frank

With homework, tests, and term papers fading into not-so-distant memories, young adults are faced with a myriad of summer opportunities. As teens fill their busy summer schedules, the value of community service should not be underestimated. Indeed, the South Huntington Public Library offers various enjoyable forums through which young adults can volunteer and have fun at the same time — all while appreciating the benefits of the library's proficient air conditioning system.

Book Buddies, one of the Young Adult Department's annual programs, allows teens to read aloud to children ages three to eight. The weekly sessions run on Tuesdays from July 8 through August 18 and last from 4:00 – 4:30 PM or from 4:30 – 5:00 PM. This is a convenient way to earn

community service credit while still having a great time. All volunteers must attend an organizational meeting on July 11 from 4:00 – 4:30 PM.

Another opportunity to perform community service is through the Kids and Teens activities. Hosted year round, these programs bring young adults and children together through crafts, video clips, stories, contests, and much more. This summer, the Kids and Teens Game Night is being held on Monday August 14 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

The library frequently offers courses in babysitting and childcare. Once again, teens can participate in a YA Babysitting Workshop that focuses on the important responsibilities implicit in a babysitting position and the skills required to perform the job successfully. The workshop is

being held on Wednesday, July 19 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Anyone interested may sign-up beginning June 23 with a five dollar registration fee.

In addition to being a fun, convenient, and inexpensive way to spend the long summer days, community service has numerous benefits as well. Volunteer hours will look impressive on any resume, whether its for a part-time job, the National Honor Society, or college applications. At the high school level, community service hours can translate into half or full year course credits.

Whether you're reading to children at Book Buddies, doing a victory dance at Game Night, or learning the fundamentals of childcare at the Babysitting Workshop, the South Huntington Public Library is replete with opportunities to serve the local community. For more information on any of the programs mentioned above, see Librarian Janet Scherer.