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Monthly Newsletter
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Welcome to the July edition of Teen Librarian Monthly! This month we bring you some exciting news, there is a new UK-based Youth Library blog – YA Library UK. It was launched on the 17th July and already has a number of excellent and informative articles on Youth Library work; there is more information and a link to the site below.

Redbridge celebrated their seventh Children's Book Award on the 1st July, with the selections being made for and by the young people themselves.

The always Brilliant Booksmugglers bloggers have launched their second Young Adult Appreciation Month on their site, so to view the best in YA literature take a look between the 18th July & 21st August for everything YA book related.

The Japanese Embassy is hosting their annual Manga Jiman ('Having Pride in Manga') competition, they always offer fantastic prizes and it is open to any UK citizen aged 14+ - so if you have any budding mangaka in your libraries it is worth encouraging them to participate.

This month's Eight Question's With... interview is with P.C. Cast, author of the House of Night series and more recently *The Avenger*.

I am interested in compiling a national list of Children's/YA book Awards. If anyone is involved with an award could you please let me know? All responses to the newsletter e-mail please.

YA Library UK

YA Library UK is a new blog dedicated to collecting and disseminating information for anyone and everyone involved with Young Adult* library services across the United Kingdom. Ever wonder where you can apply for funding for your public library-run youth project, or wish you could access a list of the fifty most essential YA books? Curious about sources of weird, fringe media for youth,

or where to go to get more information about information privacy and young people? YA Library UK is primarily dedicated to gathering this sort of information. Hopefully the blog will create a space where information and best practice can be shared amongst varied groups.

Please visit the blog at <http://yalibraryuk.wordpress.com/>, follow us on Twitter @yalibraryuk, or email comments and queries to yalibraryuk@gmail.com

*Young Adults are very broadly defined as anyone ages 11-25. in libraries.

Redbridge Children's Book Award 2010

Budding young readers and writers were celebrating at the seventh Redbridge Children's Book Awards on Thursday 1 July, organised by the Schools Library Service.

Students from 16 secondary schools across the Borough, 1 primary school and a library reading group voted for their favourite Children's and Teenage book published in 2009.

Love Aubrey by Suzanne LaFleur won the Children's category and Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins won the Teenage category.

A number of the shortlisted authors - Anne Cassidy, Anna Perera, Paul Adam, Sally Nicholls and Joe Layburn signed autographs and answered questions from eager students while Wizard stories provided some highly entertaining storytelling.

It was also a chance for the winners of the writing and poetry competitions to be presented with their prizes by the Mayor,

CLlr Jim O'Shea.

Aashik Chhibber won the poetry competition, which was judged by David Fulton, lecturer in English at Brunel University. Tom Nelson won the short story competition, which was judged by author, Joe Layburn. Winners were presented with a book token and a signed children's book.

All shortlisted students were given an anthology containing their work.

<http://bit.ly/9yKzMt>



This year, YAAM runs from July 18th to August 21st, and is the Booksmugglers month-long celebration of all things Young Adult. Over the course of the month (actually, if you look at the dates, it's a five week celebration – because in the Smuggliverse, 1 mo = 5 wks), we will be exclusively reviewing YA – everything from dystopian SF to GLBT, from contemporary to paranormal, and everything in between. We'll also be having our very favorite YA authors over for guest blogs about their writing, including Sarah Rees Brennan, Michael Grant, Zetta Elliott, amongst many others.

<http://bit.ly/cXRynT>

Manga Jiman 2010

The Embassy of Japan is once again launching the major manga-writing competition, MANGA JIMAN 2010, with fantastic prizes and open to anyone fourteen (14)* years of age or over.

The amazing First Prize is two (2) return air tickets to Japan, courtesy of All Nippon Airways!**

The Second Prize is a fabulous TOSHIBA laptop computer.

Third Prize is a superb digital camera from RICOH UK Ltd

Runners-up will receive and a selection of manga publications, available in the UK from various UK manga publishers amongst others prizes.

The winners' works will also be displayed in a special MANGA JIMAN EXHIBITION at the Embassy of Japan.

This competition is open to all UK residents. All creations should be original and between six (6) to eight (8) A4-sized pages in length and although entrants are free to choose their own theme, restrictions do apply, and importantly the manga should in some way make reference to nani or 'wave'. The closing date for the submission of entries is Monday, 1 November 2010.

Should you wish to enter, please read the full [MANGA JIMAN COMPETITION 2010 RULES & REGULATIONS](#) and then carefully fill out and submit the [official entry form](#) along with your entry by post or in person to Manga Jiman 2010 Competition, JICC, Embassy of Japan, 101-104 Piccadilly, London W1J 7JT.

* The competition is open to all legal residents of the United Kingdom who are, or will be, over the age of fourteen (14) by 1 January 2011.

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All submissions of articles, reviews & ideas are welcome and can be sent to teenlibraryservice@gmail.com

Eight Questions With... P.C. Cast

Q1 What influenced your decision to write for Teenagers?

I was a high school English teacher for fifteen years. Writing YA was a natural fit for me.

Q2 How do you get into the heads of your characters?

I spent most of the past 15 years being surrounded by teenagers. Getting inside their heads was easy!

Q3 Do you know instinctively what will appeal to Teens or is it more a hit or miss process?

Again, I have lots of experience with teens, so I absolutely know what appeals to them.

Q4 What is the most satisfying part of the writing process for you?

Typing: THE END on an excellent book.

Q5 Do you ever read the works of other Teen/YA authors? If yes what can you recommend?

Not while I'm writing YA, but I have enjoyed the works of: Robin McKinley, Ann McCaffrey, Jeri Smith-Ready, and Amelia Atwater-Rhodes (among many others).

Q6 Are any of your novels based on personal experiences?

All of my novels have pieces of my life in them, whether it's setting or character I tend to cannibalize my world to create new ones.

Q7 Are you working on anything new at the moment or do you have anything planned?

Beginning in December my Goddess Summoning Series will be released in the UK, starting with GODDESS OF CAMELOT. I love this books and hope my UK fans will enjoy them, too! I'm working on pre-production for a film adaptation of one of my Goddess Summoning Books, GODDESS OF THE ROSE, which is a retelling of Beauty and the Beast.

Q8 Do you ever do Library visits to Teen Reading Groups? If yes, what is the best way to get into contact with you or your agent about it?

I do, but it has become increasingly more difficult for me to commit to speaking engagements. My deadline schedule and my tour schedule tend to eat up most of my time, which is sad because I love libraries and youth groups! To check and see if I have availability you can contact Tory Lyne Pirkis at:

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