



TAG – Teen Advisory Group

Friday, January 20, 2023

4:00-5:00 pm

Agenda

Sign in, grab snacks, mingle.

Housekeeping –

- new members?
- agreement forms?
- updates on *Information presentations* and *Teen Write-ups*
 - Review to Win Challenge** review counts toward the teen write-up requirement
 - did anyone submit a review to *Review to Win?* (Winter guide p. 6)
- Officer update

Starbursts Game

Review of Last Month's Meeting

- we discussed all upcoming teen programs for Fall and Winter and volunteer opportunities
 - Volunteered holiday cards
 - Countdown to the holidays tree (thank you Madi!!)
 - Elf movie party
 - Finals study blitz with therapy dogs
- we submitted ideas for Spring programs

New Business

- we are still in need of more Teen Artists
- Teen Tech Volunteers for a new program on March 17
- ideas for **Maker Day?** April 29 - Businesses will come to the library and teach people new skills

Upcoming Programs: (pp. 11-13 in Winter Guide)

Winter

- Teen Book Club – “Currently Reading” Thurs, Jan. 26 and Feb. 16, 6-7pm
- Cosplay and Costume Club: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, 12:30-3:30pm – in our new Studio space!
- After Hours Laser Tag, Friday, Jan. 27, 7-8:30pm – sign up and make sure to fill out a permission slip!

-Pringles for Singles, Friday, Feb. 10, 4-5pm
Spring (see handout below)

Volunteer Opportunities

- apply to be a Library volunteer on our website (show on teen page)
- New Life for Old Bags -Feb. 27, 6-7:30pm
- Teen Tech Volunteers
- Ideas for "Volunteer with Tag" programs

Upcoming meetings

- **Feb. 17, April 21, and May 19 ***no TAG meeting on March 17*****
- Information presentations for February?
- volunteer project for February
- Dominic will speak to us next month about "teen tech help" in March

Oreo Tasting

7th-12th Grade
Friday, March 10
4-5pm
Teen Scene Area

Now is your chance to try all of the Oreo flavors you could ever dream of! We'll have them all (well, most of them at least!). Taste and rate an array of various flavors. Pop in anytime between 4 and 5pm.

Poetry Contest

Adults & Teens
Monday, March 13 - Friday, April 14

Calling all poets: Let's celebrate National Poetry Month together! The New Lenox Public Library will be hosting a poetry contest to highlight your creativity. Submit a poem on any topic and in a style of your choosing. For more information, and to submit your poem, go to <https://www.newlenoxlibrary.org/poetrycontest>.

*All poems will be published in our annual poetry booklet.

*Prizes will be awarded to the top poems in each of the following age categories: Grades 7-9, Grades 10-12, and Adult.

*Only one poem per person can be entered.

*Entries accepted only within the U.S.

*Prizes must be picked up in-person and will not be mailed.

Teen Tech Tutor Drop-In: Phone Basics

Seniors
Friday, March 17
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Teen Scene Area

Learn to better navigate your personal devices and apps with our Teen Tech Volunteers. You can register for a time slot in advance or drop in to receive one-on-one assistance. (Our staff and teen volunteers are here to help-- though we may not be able to answer every question or fix every problem, we will do our best to find solutions together.)

"Currently Reading" Teen Book Club

7th-12th Grade

Thursday, March 23, April 27, & May 25

6-7pm

Teen Scene Area

Looking for a fun, informal, opportunity to discuss what you're currently reading or listening to? Join this teen-led group where we talk about books, share ideas, and get inspiration for new reads. We also eat snacks and play games! Come check it out!

Mobile Escape Room

7th-12th Grade

Saturday, March 25

1:00pm and 2:00pm

Library Parking Lot

We will be hosting "Battle for Justopolous" Super Hero Escape Room right here at the Library! In this escape room experience, participants are Super Heroes working together as a team to solve exciting puzzles and riddles in order to capture four Super-Villains. Sign up for 1 session only: 1pm or 2pm. Each session lasts a half hour.

Teen Spring Scavenger and Egg Hunt

7th-12th Grade

Friday, April 14

4-5 pm

Teen Scene Area

This program combines your love of scavenger hunts with your passion for treats! Hop on over to the Library for our first ever teen egg hunt. Clues lead to plastic filled eggs located throughout the second floor. Finish early? Hang out in the Teen Scene, eat snacks, and make a fun Spring craft.

Poetry Café

Adults & Teens

Tuesday, May 2

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Room AB

Join us to celebrate National Poetry Month with a poetry café. Come read your favorite poem, share an original work or just come and listen! Please keep prepared material appropriate for all-ages and limited to 5 minutes. The Library will provide light refreshments. Plus, pick up a copy of last year's annual poetry booklet!

Spring Finals Study Blitz

9th-12th Grade

Tuesday and Wednesday May 23 and 24

3-8pm

Adult & Teen Reference Desk

Come to the library and spread out! We will have everything you need to make your study sessions successful! De-stress activities and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Don't forget to grab a Finals Care Package at the Adult and Teen Services Desk while you're here!

Studio and Board Gaming Night After Hours

7th-12th Grade

Thursday, May 26

7-9pm

Makerspace

Spend an evening after hours at the Library! The new Studio and Digital Media Lab will be open, and we will have some fun creative activities for you to do. We will also have lots of board games and snacks! Enjoy one last night out before the school year ends!