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The 411

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Teen Zone Newsletter

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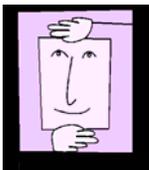
What is The 411?

It's the Young Adult Newsletter published by the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Public Library & our Teen Advisory Board.

- Inside you'll find:
- Calendar of Teen Library Events
 - Reviews of books & movies
 - Original Articles by & for teens

Teen Programs for Spring 2005

Fusing Identities



Come join us for this series exploring minority experiences. We're collecting oral histories among teens, adults and seniors to create a picture of Broomfield past and present. See pg. 2 for more information. Funded by Libraries for the Future.

Role Playing Games



The library will be hosting the Role Playing Games *Dungeons and Dragons*, *Star Wars*, and *Magic the Gathering*. Space is limited so be sure to sign up soon!

D & D	Star Wars	Magic the Gathering
Saturday, Feb 12	Saturday, March 5	Saturday, 3/26, 4/30
from 1-4 pm.	from 1-4 pm.	& 5/28 from 1-4 pm.

Chocolate Tasting



Can you believe it? Free chocolate tasting !!! Become a chocolate connoisseur as we learn about how it's made and taste test the real thing.

Saturday, February 19 from 1-4 pm

Green Thumb Careers



Do you love the outdoors, gardening, and working with plants? Come to this program to meet professionals and learn about careers in botany, landscaping, and more.

Saturday, March 19 from 2-4 pm.

Anime Showings



Attention! Anime showings are on a new night. They're going to be on the **first Tuesday of every month from 6-8 pm**. You may sign up two weeks prior to the showing. Anime showing dates are **2/1, 3/1, 4/5 and 5/3**.

Aromatherapy



Our sense of smell is closely tied to our emotions. Join us for a program that shows us how different smells are translated in our brains and what affect they have on our overall well being.

Saturday, May 21 from 2-4 pm.

Celebrate National Library Week April 10–16

Something for everyone @ your library

Knitting Basics

It's really fun and easy to do! We'll show you the basics and soon you'll be knitting cool stuff on your own!

Sunday, April 10 from 2-4 pm.

Good Clean Fun

Mmmm! Do you love bath time? We'll be making natural bath products like sugar scrubs, bath fizzes, and soap.

Tuesday, April 12 from 4-5 pm.

Wearable Poetry

Wear your words! In honor of National Poetry Month, we'll be making *Dog Tag Poetry* necklaces as well as other cool, word related jewelry.

Wednesday, April 13 from 4-5 pm.

Easy Recipes

Amaze your friends! Yes, you can cook! Learn some easy recipes that you can make at home with little effort.

Thursday, April 14 from 4-5 pm.

These programs are for students in grades 6-12 and registration is required. You may sign-up at the Teen Zone desk or by calling 720-887-2360.

Ongoing at the Library

Fusing Identities By Gigi Yang

Do you love to talk? Or do you love to listen? The library is looking for teens who would like to participate in an oral history project. The purpose of this project is to create a short video exploring what it's like to be a teenager today and what it was like years ago. If you have something to share or know an adult or senior who grew up in Broomfield or Colorado, please join us!

To participate, you can either volunteer to be interviewed, or interview someone else, or work on filming or editing the final product. The first session will cover the scope of the project, assign roles, and introduce a brief history of Broomfield. In the second training session you will learn how to conduct an oral history interview, formulate questions and

topics to cover, and meet your fellow interviewers and interviewees.

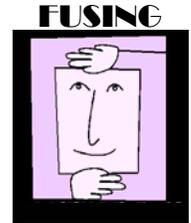
The meeting dates and times are listed below! Sign up at the Teen Zone Desk. This project is funded by Libraries for the Future and the Metlife Foundation.

Introduction

**Tuesday, January 11
From 6:30—8:30 pm**

Oral History Training

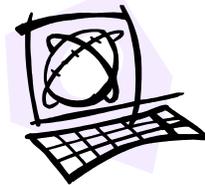
**Tuesday, January 25
From 6:30—8:30 pm**



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Refreshments will be served!

Teen Zone Web Page Updated By Jane Johnston



The Teen Zone website is getting a makeover! This spring the website will get a whole new look with lots of new content just for teens.

The site will be broken down into six different sections: Teen Events, the 411, Your Voice, Your Life, Reading, and Tell Us. The website will be the place to be to find out about all the Teen Zone programs and events for teens, as well as other library events. If you lost your newsletter or want to read back issues look no further than 'the 411' section of the

website. 'Your Voice' will be the place to find out about TAB (the Teen Advisory Board), read and submit creative writing, or read and post reviews about books, movies, and more. 'Your Life' will be a collection of links to help you with everything from doing your homework, to finding out which movies tanked at the box office last weekend. 'Reading' will be your one stop for info on manga, anime, and graphic novels as well as read-alike lists and a featured author of the month.

So, whether you need an idea about what to read next or want to get published on the web, the new Teen Zone site will be the place to go. Be sure to check out the website soon! (<http://www.ci.broomfield.co.us/library/teenwebsite.shtml>)

Teen Articles

A Theatrical Experience by Will Fulton



Last Fall, I participated in a theatre production of "Sleepy Hollow" based on the book by Washington Irving. It is a play about Ichabod Crane and his arrival and departure from a New England town called Sleepy Hollow. He falls in love with Katrina Van Tassel, the girl that Brom Bones, the town rough, is courting. The struggle between them leads to a great plot, involving witches, a spooky story and a surprise ending.

This play was wonderful to watch, but it was more fun to be involved in it. The whole process took almost a month. Despite the harried pace, we actually managed to have fun as we moved from line run-throughs, to figuring out where we were supposed to go, to coordinating lights and sound, to dress rehearsal and opening night.

There were several scenes that we had to run over and over until our director was satisfied with the way that we

talked, moved, and even sat. There were also scenes that we got right away.

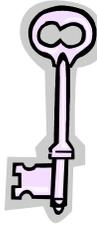
It was very interesting to run the scenes in the beginning, because we didn't have our props for awhile, and when we got them, we had to get used to using them. Also, each scene would be slightly different because lines and motions would be changed just slightly. So, if we reacted to something and it had changed, our reactions needed to change too.

Then, there were group scenes, like a waltz at a party. Interacting with every person at the party was a challenge, and especially so because we had to keep moving, and watching out for "chorus lines". That's when the actors all stand in a line and don't move, and it really looks bad from the audience.

The play did look good, though, and despite some technical difficulties (the sound and lights occasionally had timing or placement issues), the play was spectacular. No matter whether you are watching from backstage or from the audience, being part of a play is a marvelous experience!

More Teen Articles

The Mysteries of the Library Unlocked By Magdalena Wegrzyn



If you are the typical every day library patrons, and I suspect that you are, you may find yourself feeling like a character out the *Wizard of Oz* at times when you visit the good ol' MDE. No, I don't mean feeling like a midget or shiny tin man (although for those of you with those lifestyle choices, I mean no offense). Rather, you may be wondering what is behind those magical doors of the staff entrance in the library. Well, since I have started working at the library as a shelver, I feel that it is my obligation, no duty, to inform you about those things they didn't tell you when you signed your name on the library card.

I wish I could tell you that at the other end there is a rainbow and Bob Barker telling you what you've won. Sadly the truth is far from this. The staff entrance simply leads to the inner sanctum of the library. While its intriguing to see how all the books are organized and shelved, I won't waste your valuable time with that nonsense. After all, have you ever heard of this Dewey person? Instead, I thought I would share with you the new experiences of working in the library as opposed to watching it all happen behind that faux marble counter.

For starters, the best part is The Key. All library staff and personnel are given a key that opens any door in the library. Yes, that's right fellow readers, I now have the power to open a study room, bathroom...or *another* study room or

maybe, if I'm feeling excited, yet another study room. However with this power comes the responsibility of not losing The Key or loaning it to disgruntled patrons who have a history of arson. However, that is a story for another time, so let's move along.

Along with The Key comes access to the employee lounge. While this may only be a slightly furnished room with stale candy in the vending machine and expired orange juice in the refrigerator, there is a certain air of superiority that comes with entering a room marked "No Public Access." Since you are probably known as "Public Access" I will inform you of what that this room contains. Well, there is a bathroom with a stool in the corner (don't ask me why, but personally I'd prefer to leave it a mystery). There are also tables and a sink as well as couches.

While this may all seem rather mundane, I have not told you the most exciting thing I have discovered since beginning my work at the library. No, it's not a secret library cult composed of librarians with bobs and steel rimmed glasses (although I still suspect that all the Young Adult librarians are involved in a conspiracy involving a lack of bean bags in the Teen Zone).

Anyway, the most exciting thing I have discovered is that Willy Wonka's now makes....drum roll....chewy Runtts. Yes that's right folks, your favorite orange, banana, lemon, cherry, and the new and slightly eccentric blueberry now comes in a chewable form. This is a shocking revelation to a person who has always thought that this delightful candy should be easier to chew. And its only 65 cents in the employee lounge. Oh wait, you can't go in there. Silly "Public!"

"A House Divided Cannot Stand" By Jenny Buchtel



I'm sure I speak for the many Americans, voting and non-voting, when I say that I'm glad the presidential election is over. For the past few months, we have been inundated by attack ads constantly running across our TV screens, bleating at us over the radio, and glaring in bright colors on countless campaign posters. Now the wait is over, and the people have spoken (albeit, in an *extremely* close race) and reelected President George W. Bush for another term.

While I know that there are millions of people out there who vehemently disagree with this decision, not to mention President Bush's politics, my issue is not with the President himself, or the election results. I'm more worried about the American public and what the outcome of this election means for our future.

As President Bush has said numerous times during the past week, our country is divided, and not in a good way. Yes, it's only natural for differing opinions to spring forth from democracy ; that's partly what our nation was founded upon.

However, when we become so different that we're not even sure who to elect to lead our country, something is wrong. People were randomly choosing which presidential candidate to vote for, either because they didn't know enough about Senator Kerry's and President Bush's platforms, or simply because they hated each candidate equally. *That* is not democracy or healthy competition. This election showed that America is becoming an ugly nation; its head is becoming too big. We're spending too much time yelling at each other, and not enough helping those to whom we make promises.

America is truly divided—the public honestly doesn't know what it wants. President Bush is going to have to work hard to gain back the trust of close to half the population. This time around there will be little time for the "honeymoon" period when presidential approval ratings are high. Simply put, not enough Americans like Bush to ensure him an easy route to his second inauguration in January.

It was America's 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, who once said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." That statement still holds true today. The United States can't continue to be split the way it is. Not if we want to remain the most powerful, most democratic and *greatest* nation on earth.

And still more Teen Articles

Mage Craft- Issue Two By Molly Enright



She tiptoed towards the bushes and stopped, hesitantly. She wanted to know what was there. She felt like she needed to know. But when she pushed open the bushes, she found...

a deer. It was male for it had antlers. Its right hind leg was badly bruised and was most likely broken. Tela stroked its head as she looked for bread in a small bag that was tied to her belt. The deer sniffed the food and took it.

Tela thought that this was odd; deer were naturally timid and were always running from even the kindest people. There was something special about this one and naturally, Tela wanted to find out more. She helped the deer up onto the three legs that it could use as she removed her bandana from her head.

In no time, Tela had a small splint for the deer. She tried to make it rest, but it wouldn't lay down. Tela then had another idea. She led the deer forwards with food and kept moving for many miles until it was well into the night. She knew that the deer needed rest. When the girl realized that she wouldn't get this animal to rest, she lay down for a moment and slowly went to sleep.

When she awoke, she expected the deer to be gone but she was surprised to see it laying next to her, waiting for her to lead it onward. Tela continued to make it follow her with bread for days without anything happening, until its leg healed. Then Tela took off the splint, she expected the deer to bolt, but it just continued to follow her.

After an hour, Tela found herself talking to it. "Well, we can't have me calling you 'deer'. I suggest Cervus, it means deer in Latin." To her amazement, the deer nodded in agreement as if it understood her. Tela asked in amazement, "How did you understand me?! ...Never mind, Cervus."

The Incredibles By Natalie Osborn



We all love Pixar. After all, movies like *Finding Nemo*, *Toy Story*, and *Toy Story 2* are all common classics. Their newest movie, *The Incredibles*, is indeed another masterpiece.

The animation is stunning and well worth commendation. The images are creative, show the hard work that was put into them, and most importantly are **original**. Such things are hard to find in animated movies or movies in general.

The plot is much darker than other Pixar films, with implied character death etc., but still very light violence. Could this be a sign of a matured younger generation? The rating did rise from G to PG, but that is hardly any indication. The story also seems to realistically display the

absolute despair of the fallen superheroes and what they might do with their normal lives. The children deal with the reality of having super powers but they are never able to use them, while the adults wistfully remember the good old days. Honestly, how many of us would be able to experience this situation? And still, slightly overused but present none the less, is the idea of families working together or siblings learning to work together, blah blah. (The stuff we learned from other kid's movies.) That's alright though; *The Incredibles* is this generation's cooperation informative film.

The only disappointing aspect was the traditional short film at the start of the movie. It was quite frankly a little weird and seemed entirely unnecessary and not entertaining. Just so you're warned, it includes a jackalope and a naked sheep...I rest my case. Maybe if we ask real nice, they'll bring back that spiffy old man who plays chess.

Teen Advisory Board

T.A.B. members volunteer their time to help us make the library a cool place for teens. They are in grades 6 through 12 and are a pretty crazy bunch. This month we asked T.A.B. members two questions... 1. What's your favorite fictional character? 2. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being messy), how clean is your bedroom?

Montana— Fred Weasley/ 5
Jessica— Spongebob/ Patrick/ ∞

Maggie— Jabba the Hut/ purple

Will— Martin the warrior/ Redwall/ 19

Mindy— Vainomoinen/ The Kalevala/ 10+

Kelsey— Frodo, Eowen, Legolas, Galadriel, Aragorn, Sam, Pippin, Merry/ L.O.T.R./ 10,000

James— Count D./ Petshop of Horrors/ -

Joe E.— Tamahome/ Fushigi Yugi/ 42

Patrick— Mandy/ Grim Adventures of Bill & Mandy/ -0

Blai— Harry Potter/ 3



TAB Members : (counterclockwise from lower left) Montana, Jessica, Maggie, Will, Mindy, Kelsey, James, Joe F., Patrick, Blai, Natalie, Molly and Sam. Missing: Joe C.

Natalie— Sirius Black/ 10

Molly— Numair/ Immortals series/ 1

Sam— Invader Zim's / Grr!/ -