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Check This Out!

Storytelling in the Early Years



I recently read an article by Susan Engel on the [Zero to Three](#) website entitled [Storytelling in the First Three Years](#). Did you know that the rudiments of storytelling can begin as early as 24 months? At the first stage, children absorb expressions, tones and words. Next they begin to participate. By the time a

child is three years old, they can tell a whole story by themselves.



Teen Tech Week

Celebrate [Teen Tech Week](#) from March 4-10, 2018. The theme is *Libraries are for Creating*. This year's theme encourages teens to use digital resources to share their creations.

C U on Social Media

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Eastern

February 2018 Celebration Weeks and Promotional Events

The links below will show you how to bring these promotions to your library. Don't forget to share your activities with others.

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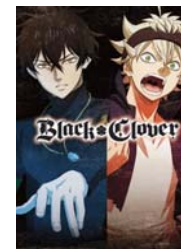
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Manga Café

Tabata, Yuki.

***Black Clover.* (2016-present). New York: Viz Media.**

Born in a world where everyone has magical abilities, teens Asta and Yuno live together in an orphanage. Yuno is a gifted mage, but Asta is the only person alive who has no magic. To compensate, he trains hard to become a skilled fighter. But when Asta summons the rare spellbook, which cancels out all magical effects, he's free to level the playing field. Both Asta and Yuno hope to become the next Wizard-King - but will their rivalry destroy their friendship?



This series is primarily action-based, but the character development and humor are just as important! Cliffhangers at the end of each volume will keep teens begging for more. Mild sexuality makes this appropriate for ages 12 and up. The 10th volume will be published in February, and an anime is being released. Recommended for all libraries serving teens.

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Book Reviews From the Field



Laybourne, Emmy.

***Berserker.* (2017). New York: Feiwel and Friends.**

A whirlwind of Norse mythology, American frontier history, family dynamics, magic and romance blend to create an exciting adventure! In the late nineteenth century, four Norwegian siblings - each one gifted, or cursed - are on the run, searching for a relative in America that they believe is the key to their survival. Aided by a young cowboy named Owen, pursued by both outlaws and law enforcement, the four teenagers set out on a long and dangerous journey across

Montana.

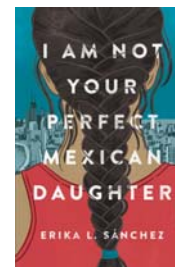
This is not a read for the faint of heart. The book contains various graphic, explicit and bloody scenes when the curse takes control. The pioneer life descriptions have some scenes of hunting and slaughtering of farm animals, also very frankly depicted. These views fit into the context but may be difficult for some readers. If you can get through these, the premise and the execution of the plot is quite engaging and often unexpected. Ages 13 and up.

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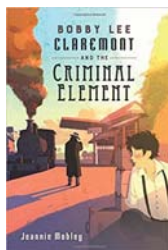
***I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter.* (2017). New York: Alfred A. Knopf.**

I'm Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter is a poignant novel that follows the grief process of a Mexican-American daughter, Julia. In the wake of her older sister's unexpected death, Julia struggles with school, social pressures, a personal identity crisis, fear, grief, her undocumented parents, rigid expectations and love.



Erika L. Sanchez's novel is a page-turner, and incredibly enlightening. Her story is an everyman story, and nearly every character is relatable. It is also emotionally and politically charged. This novel seems to incorporate so many topics, but none of them seems forced or contrived. The novel is part mystery, part coming of age and part comedy. Most of all, it should be part of every Young Adult collection.

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Mobley, Jeannie.

***Bobby Lee Claremont and the Criminal Element.* (2017). New York: Holiday House.**

Bobby Lee Claremont is a streetwise young teen living in New Orleans in 1923. Orphaned, raised by nuns, Bobby Lee is entranced by a newspaper clipping describing the stylish life of Chicago gangsters - so much that he decides to hop a train to Chicago to become one himself. But before he even arrives, Bobby Lee finds himself caught up in a mystery between thugs, a new widow and her baby, and the complicated racial arena of America in the 1920s. At this rate, will Bobby Lee even make it to Chicago? Will he solve the mystery of the dead man riding in the baggage car? This murder mystery is suitable for

ages 8 and up.

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Mathieu, Jennifer.

***Afterward.* (2016). New York: Roaring Brook Press.**

Caroline's little brother Dylan was kidnapped - but against all odds, he and another missing child, Ethan, have been recovered. Told through alternating points of view, all three struggle to conceptualize what happened to them.



Afterward has mature topics and language. I would recommend this book for ages 16 and up.

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Feinstein, John.

***Backfield Boys.* (2017). New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.**

Backfield Boys follows two student athletes who leave New York City to attend a "sports excellence" magnet school in Virginia. Jason and Tom, one white and one black, are thrilled at the chance to chase their football dreams - but they soon discover that race relations are not what they're used to. What follows is a journey of tenacity and standing up for what is right no matter the

cost. How do you deal with authority figures that lack moral and ethical character?

The main characters and a few friends handle the situations outlined in the book with graceful aplomb. High school-aged teens interested in sports will enjoy this book. A perfect illustration of grace under pressure exemplifies good qualities for any young man or woman to have!

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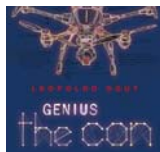
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Gout, Leopoldo.

***Genius: The Con.* (2017). New York: Feiwel and Friends.**

Wanted by the authorities for data theft, Rex, Painted



Wolf and Tunde are currently on the run. *The Con's* opening pages are action-packed, pulse-pounding fun, but are also confusing. Though it's clear that the teens are on a mission (one is trying to locate a sibling while another is trying to save his village), it takes a long time for the pieces to come together so that the narrative makes sense. Those who haven't read the first book in Gout's series might struggle with the storyline here.

The story alternates perspective from chapter to chapter, and visual cues remind the reader who is speaking (i.e., Painted Wolf's sections appear with highlighted and emboldened words). This novel is for those who enjoy over-the-top scenarios with a mix of technology and a dash of romance. Recommended for readers aged 12 and older.

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