

Teen Read Week – Books With Bite

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Sink Your Teeth Into Teen Read Week!



Teen Read Week, an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), is an opportunity to showcase the literacy opportunities that exist within the school library doors, and within the covers of books.

Celebrate Teen Read Week's theme **Books With Bite** from October 12-18th, 2008, with these fang-tabulous ideas!

Get Bitten

Showcase novels short stories and novellas by today's masters of the macabre for teens.

Distribute gummy vampire fangs to each patron who reads a book from this genre.

Entice participation in reading by offering a copy of *Breaking Dawn*, by Stephanie Meyer, for each patron who reads a book.

Books With Bite

Display dark tales accompanied by teen recommendations. Sample titles could include:

- *Bloodline* by Kate Car
- *Vampire Academy* by Richelle Mead
- *The Wish List* by Eoin Colfer
- *Looking for Alaska* by John Green,
- *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
- *Jade Green: a Ghost Story* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Life As We Knew It* by Susan Beth Pfeffer
- *Lord Loss* by Darren Shan
- *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *Tantalize* by Cynthia Leitich Smith
- *Peeps* by Scott Westerfeld
- *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare

Sink your teeth into ... the horror genre. Feature tales with vampires, ghouls, and scary folk as the topic of this week's booktalks.

Horrific Book Club

Introduce books that belong to the horror genre.

Discuss the horror genre:

- What defines a novel as belonging to the horror genre?
- Compare the horror genre with science fiction and fantasy.
- How did the author scare, unsettle, or horrify the audience?

Invite book club members to assimilate their discussions into the creation of a short horror flick. Podcast teens reading published or created scary short-stories and place the Internet

Showcase the podcasts and/or films at the Lunch Terror party (described below).

Invite readers to listen to Night Bites, hosted by readergirlz.com. Night Bites is a series of online live chats with an epic lineup of published authors. The chats will take place October 13-17, 2008 at 6 PM PST/9 PM EST. Participating authors include:

- Coe Booth (TYRELL)
- An Na (THE FOLD)
- Mitali Perkins (SECRET KEEPER)
- Lorie Ann Grover (ON POINTE)
- Stephanie Hemphill (YOUR OWN SYLVIA)
- Lisa Ann Sandell (SONG OF THE SPARROW)
- Ally Carter (CROSS MY HEART AND HOPE TO SPY)
- Justina Chen Headley (NORTH OF BEAUTIFUL)
- Maureen Johnson (SUITE SCARLETT)
- Holly Black and Ted Naifeh (THE GOOD NEIGHBORS)
- Dia Calhoun (AVIELLE OF RHIA)
- Tamora Pierce (MELTING STONES)
- Holly Cupala (A LIGHT THAT NEVER GOES OUT)
- Christopher Golden (SOULLESS)
- Annette Curtis Klause (BLOOD AND CHOCOLATE)
- Mari Mancusi (BOYS THAT BITE)

Lunch Terror

Host a costume party for book club members.

Serve punch the colour of blood, bat (chicken) wings, and witches' fingers (shortbread cookies rolled into a finger shape with dyed almond slices place on end of each finger).

Show an old black and white horror film. [Classic Horror Movies](http://ClassicHorrorMovies.com) has free movies that can be downloaded as part of their public domain.

Ask your teens to vote for the [2009 Teen Read Week theme](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mZmFQ97_2fx5kC4C_2bGLM0F6w_3d_3d!) (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mZmFQ97_2fx5kC4C_2bGLM0F6w_3d_3d!). The choices are: Seek the Unknown @ your library, Read Beyond Reality @ your library, and Unbelievable Reads @ your library.