

Express Yourself Books for the 2009 Teen Summer Reading Club

Dance

YA Fic Cirrone

Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You

by Dorian Cirrone

When red pointe ballet shoes with threatening messages mysteriously pop up, teenage ballerina Kayla wonders if she's in danger. At the same time, she's trying to figure out how to make her un-ballerina-like proportions fit her dream of becoming a professional dancer.

YA Graphic Fiction Swan

Swan Graphic Novel Series

by Kyoko Ariyoshi

Summary from volume 5 - Bolstered by Dame Margaret Fonteyn's advice to express her inner strength through dancing, Masumi gains the confidence she needs to compete with Russia's prodigy ballerina, Larissa Maximova, for the lead role in a special performance.

YA 790.023 Flender

Cool Careers Without College for People Who Love Movement

by Nicole Flender

A reference guide providing information about careers in dance, exercise, sports coaching, physical fitness instruction, and other fields involving movement.

Music

YA Fic Brothers

Debbie Harry Sings in French

by Meagan Brothers

When Johnny completes an alcohol rehabilitation program and his mother sends him to live with his uncle in North Carolina, he meets Maria, who seems to understand his fascination with the new wave band Blondie, and he learns about his deceased father's youthful forays into "glam rock," which gives him perspective on himself, his past, and his current life.

YA Fic Cohn

Nick & Nora's Infinite Playlist

by Rachel Cohn

High school student Nick O'Leary, member of a rock band, meets college-bound Norah Silverberg and asks her to be his girlfriend for five minutes in order to avoid his ex-sweetheart.

YA Fic Going

Fat Kid Rules the World

by K. L. Going

Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

YA Fic Korman

Born to Rock

by Gordon Korman

High school senior Leo Caraway, a conservative Republican, learns that his biological father is a punk rock legend.

YA Fic Westerfeld

The Last Days

by Scott Westerfeld

As an ancient evil stirs beneath the streets of New York City, infecting rats and people like a plague, five quirky teens come together to form a "New Sound" band whose music seems to have paranormal power.

YA 781.66 Rock

Rock 'n' Roll Camp for Girls: How to Start a Band, Write Songs, Record an Album, and Rock Out!!

edited by Marisa Anderson

This book brings the camp's inspiring, hands-on approach from their all-star crew of female musicians to girls everywhere.

Writing

YA Fic Arnold

Rat Life

by Tedd Arnold

After developing an unusual friendship with a young Vietnam War veteran in 1972, fourteen-year-old Todd discovers his writing talent and solves a murder mystery.

YA Fic Lyga

The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Gothgirl by Barry Lyga

A fifteen-year-old "geek" who keeps a list of the high school jocks and others who torment him, and pours his energy into creating a great graphic novel, encounters Kyra, Goth Girl, who helps change his outlook on almost everything, including himself.

YA Fic Tashjian

The Gospel According To Larry

by Janet Tashjian

Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

YA 808.6 Nobleman

Extraordinary E-mails, Letters, and Résumés

by Marc Tyler Nobleman

Take a look inside for specific ways to write different types of e-mails, letters, and resumes. Project ideas to get your creative juices flowing. Activities to help you start thinking outside of the box.

YA 809.89

Elementia

by Johnson County Library (Kan.) Teen Services

A literary teen zine published to represent and uplift young adults in Johnson County, Kansas.

Drawing

YA Fic Anderson

Speak

by Laurie Halse Anderson

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

YA Fic Brashares

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

by Anne Brashares

Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants.

YA Fic Gallagher

The Opposite of Invisible

by Liz Gallagher

Artistic Seattle high school sophomore Alice decides to emerge from her cocoon and date a football player, which causes a rift between her and her best friend, a boy who wants to be more than just friends.

YA Fic Krulik

Love & SK8

by Nancy E. Krulik

Angie is a skateboard chic and master graffiti artist who paints specialized boards at the local skate shop. She has no time for boys until Carter Morgan Iii, her total opposite, comes along.

YA Graphic Fic Castellucci

The Plain Janes

by Cecil Castellucci

When Jane moves to the suburbs, she thinks her life is over, but she meets three friends, also named Jane, who form a club P.L.A.I.N. (People Loving Art in Neighborhoods), but can art really save a group of misfits from the turmoil of high school?

Fashion and Beauty

YA Fic Maude

Poseur: a novel

by Rachel Maude

Four prep school girls clash when they try to form their own fashion label for a school assignment, but they ultimately discover that their differences make for surprisingly creative results.

YA Fic Rosten

Chloe Leiberman (sometimes Wong): a novel

by Carrie Rosten

Chloe, an aspiring fashion designer, dreams of going to design school in London, but first has to tell her parents that she does not plan to go to college.

YA Fic St. James

Freak Show

by James St. James

Seventeen-year-old Billy Bloom, a drag queen, decides the only way to become fabulous again is to run for Homecoming Queen at his elite, private school near Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

YA Fic Westfeld

So Yesterday

by Scott Westerfeld

Hunter Braque, a New York City teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

YA 745.5 Bonnell

D.I.Y. Girl: Do It Yourself: The Real Girl's Guide to Making Everything From Lip Gloss to Lamps

by Jennifer Bonnell

Crafty girl Jennifer Bonnell brings her unparalleled talents to this user-friendly guide to making the coolest projects imaginable. Step-by-step, easy-to-follow instructions, full-color photos, and fabulous illustrations make D.I.Y. girl the only do-it-yourself book you'll ever need!

YA 745.5 Hantman

I Wanna Re-Do My Room

by Clea Hantman

Presents fifty decorating projects for young readers, including ideas for wall painting, artwork, window treatments, beds and bedding, furniture, and details such as storage containers and light switch covers, none of which requiring power tools.

YA 746.9 Warwick

Injeanuity

by Ellen Warwick

Combines a love of denim with some simple crafts that will have readers thinking and feeling like fashion designers.