

# TeenTivity

> your library newsletter about programs, events, books, and other interesting stuff for ages 12-18



gaming at the library....



## Library gets grant for teen programs

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library, aka, AVRIL, has gotten a 'Prevention Together' grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Justice to provide programs for ages 12-18 in 4 of its branch libraries. From March until December 2009, you'll see *Teen Lounge* at the Berwick, Bridgetown, Kentville, and Windsor

libraries. (And in Lawrencetown through the summer).

Part of the grant activities included focus groups at area schools. We've been to Bridgetown Regional High School, West Kings High, and West Hants Middle School to ask YOU what kinds of programs and services you'd like to

see at the library. In fact, this newsletter was one of your ideas.

Thanks to all the participants in our focus groups and to the schools for letting us come disrupt the day.

This newsletter will be emailed to interested teens, so that we can keep you up to date with happenings and new stuff at the library. We hope you like it!



A Community Crime Prevention Program



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### Find us on Facebook!

Many of you said we should have a Facebook group. So, guess what? We do! Join us at the group **Annapolis Valley Regional Library for Teens** for news, updates, and program

listings. It is a great place to tell us your ideas as well. And don't forget to friend Anna Valley, your teen librarian!





What is Teen Lounge you ask? It is a 2-hour hang-out time just for ages 12-18. You can come to the library, use computers, chat with your friends, do homework, listen to music, have snacks, play video games, and just be yourself. We are not going to shush you (unless the noise level gets totally out

of hand) , and we are fine if you just want to come hang out. That’s what it is for! We also have Wii, Guitar Hero, and DDR, so sometimes those will be available for you to play. If you want to bring a board game or cards, that’s fine too. Here’s when they are held:

**Berwick** -- beginning March 13- every other Friday, 7-9 PM

**Bridgetown** -- beginning April 2- every other Thursday, 7-9 PM

**Lawrencetown** -- beginning April 3- every other Friday, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Kentville**-- beginning March 9- every 2nd and 4th Monday, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Windsor**--beginning March 17, every other Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Movie Nights**

We will be showing movies once a month at 4 libraries! The movies will be newer releases (unless you request some oldies, we will consider that too).

Lots of you have asked to see movies at the library, and now, with grant money, we can finally afford a movie license. Yes, we have to pay to legally show

movies at the library! You know that FBI warning that every DVD has at the beginning? Read it sometime.

Anyhow, we’ll be showing them on the big screen, and we hope to have popcorn for you when we show the movies. Times, dates, and titles shown will be listed on our website!

**“We are not going to shush you (unless the noise level gets totally out of hand) .”**



**AnnaValley Speaks <http://annavalley.wordpress.com/>**

Check out our blog! Find it on our website, on the Teen Zone page. AnnaValley writes about all sorts of things and she’s waiting to hear your comments.

It is a good place to find new book reviews, contests, and in-depth coverage of upcoming events. Let us know what you think!





### Tell us what you want!

We really do want to know..... what does your library need that is does not already have? If you haven't been in a while, give us another chance. We've got the latest Sarah Dessen books, we have anime and manga, we've got DVDs to rent (though we must admit, you often have to wait for the new ones, but hey, they are FREE).

With our limited funding (yeah, we have a small budget, just like everyone else), we try to buy the newest and most popular books, as well as stuff you need for school reports. We have lots of online resources for school, so just ask!

You can let us know by filling out a survey at the library, or

just send an email to [teensrp@nsar.library.ns.ca](mailto:teensrp@nsar.library.ns.ca). We are always looking for suggestions, and often will buy what you ask for, so, ask away! Of course, we can't buy 20 copies of everything, but we'll be sure to take your suggestions seriously.

We are waiting to hear from you...

## Books— check these out!

### "House of Night" series by P.C. Cast

If you liked the Twilight books, you might enjoy this series. Zoey Redbird is having a fairly normal day at school until a strange tattoo suddenly appears. She knows she's been "marked" — she is now a fledgling vampire and by this time tomorrow, she'll be attending a new school ,

learning how to become a Vamp. Her first day at her new school is filled with strange encounters and new friendships.

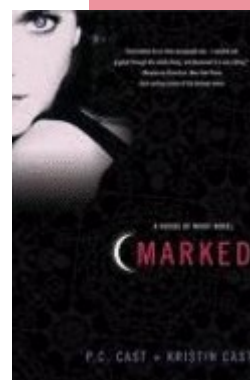
Sounds a little tame (it isn't), but really, if you like a little gore and a lot romance, mixed with mystery and danger, you'll probably like this series. I'm totally hooked on it!

Books in the series:

*Marked*  
*Betrayed*  
*Chosen*  
*Untamed*  
*Hunted*

check out the website at:  
[www.houseofnightseries.com](http://www.houseofnightseries.com)

—a. valley



### paper Towns

This book starts with a dead man... and it Just gets better after that! Quentin and margo were friends as kids, but now that they are in high school, they run In different circles. Q has a huge Crush on Margo, though, and secretly follows her antics. One night she shows up at

his Window, needing a huge favor, and Quentin obliges, even though he Might get into trouble. It is the best night Of his life!

*Paper Towns* is the latest from author John Green, vlogbrother and nerdfighter extraordinaire. Look for his other books, *Looking for*

*Alaska* and *An Abundance of Katherines*. And check out his vlog at <http://nerdfighters.ning.com/>

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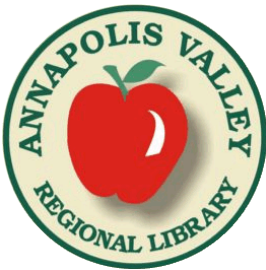
ps read The book for Clues about Capitalization.

this ain't your grannie's library...

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### Visit YOUR local library:

*Annapolis Royal Library*  
285 St. George St.  
532-2226

*Berwick Library*  
236 Commercial St.  
538-4030

*Bridgetown*  
*Dr. Robert Miller Memorial Library*  
271 Granville St.  
665-2758

*Hantsport Library*  
11 School St.  
684-4005

*Kentville Library*  
95 Cornwallis St.  
679-2544

*Kingston Library*  
671 Main St.  
765-3631

*Lawrencetown*  
*Dr. Frank W. Morse Memorial Library*  
489 Main St.  
584-3044

*Middleton*  
*Rosa M. Harvey Library*  
45 Gates Ave  
825-4835

*Port Williams*  
*Murdoch C. Smith Memorial Library*  
131 Main St.  
542-3005

*Windsor Regional Library*  
195 Albert St.  
798-5424

*Wolfville Memorial Library*  
21 Elm Ave.  
542-5760



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## WINNERS...

We have 3 winners from our focus groups. Each will receive a bag of **new books** & some **CANDY!**

They are:

Brittany Ward

Tyler Titus

Rachel Robinson



...and pizza @ the library!