

The Buzz Around the Y.A.R.D.

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All events are for teens in grades 7-12 and will take place in the Brodie Room.

Table-Top Tuesdays

Tuesday, January 5th
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Get ready to play both classic board games and indie card games at our brand new Table-Top Tuesday event. Learn how to play games like Settlers of Catan, The Resistance, Splendor, Ultimate Werewolf, and so much more!



Teen Games

Thursday, January 7th
Thursday, January 28th
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Gamers, get ready to smash your opponents on our Nintendo Wii-U. Some of our games include Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, and Just Dance, and if you're not into video games, but would still like to hang out with us, we also have board games and card games for you to try. We hope to see you there!



After School Movie

Thursday, January 21st
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Take a break and watch a movie at the Library for a relaxing and fun afternoon. Or should I say take a thrilling adventure to "Jurassic World." Refreshments will be provided.



TEEN DIY

Thursday, January 14th
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

From ideas on Pinterest to YouTube, we'll be tackling some fun DIY ideas every second Thursday of the week. In honor of the new Star Wars film, we will be creating super cool Star Wars themed origami. Stop by to check it out. May the Folds be with you!



Upland Public Library Teen Lab

Deadline to apply for Spring admission: February 12th
The Spring application period for Teen L.A.B. is now open! Teen L.A.B. (Library Advisory Board) is a group dedicated to helping make decisions about teen programs, volunteering at the library, and helping out the community. Participants have an opportunity to earn volunteer hours, gain leadership skills, and earn letters of recommendation for college. If you'd like to apply, please pick up an application at the Library or download it from our website at the follow URL:

http://www.uplandpl.lib.ca.us/#Teen_Programs

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Upland Public Library Hours

Monday & Thursday:	10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday:	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday & Sunday:	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Welcome back to the Library's Teen Newsletter!

Who am I? I am *the* Voice! I speak reason and wrong, beauty and boil, fortune and fever! Nah. I'm just Gabe. More specifically, my name is Gabriel Navarro and I'm the new Teen Services - Library Associate. **Why am I writing this?** I love to read and write. And I would like for you, our patrons, to get the best reading experience possible. My colleague Stefanie Ulate and I both think it's important for literature to be discussed. **Why should you read?** It's a bit of the proverbial "if a tree falls in the woods and no one is around to hear it..." deal. Books are meant to be read. Only then do we truly, like a lonely tree, recognize and appreciate their truest image and their truest sound. **How we will go about this?** We've brought our monthly newsletter back to life and have dedicated it to giving book recommendations and to sharing creative works written by you, the teens! If there's a book that you'd like us to review or if you have any creative writings you'd like to submit to us to share, by all means contact us at teens@uplandlibrary.org. If you want to contact Stefanie or me separately, our information is in our bios. We can't wait to hear from you. Thanks for reading!

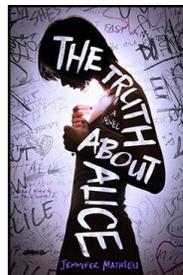
— Gabe

Did you know?

As the new Digital & Teen Services Librarian, it's my job to make sure that you know about the digital services we offer and how they can benefit you; and I have a sneaky suspicion that you're missing out on some of brand new services because you don't know about them yet! Because of this, I'll be taking this section of the newsletter each month to tell you a little bit about some of the databases we offer and how they can be useful for school, creative endeavors, or simply for your entertainment. If any database or resource that I write about sparks your interest, please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have. I'm always happy to spend time walking people through the many digital services we offer. Keep an eye out next month for information on BiblioBoard!

— Stefanie

Book of the Month



The Truth About Alice by Jennifer Mathieu

It's often difficult to understand why our social status, especially as young adults, matters so much. The logic is: its part of our basic sociological wiring. It's where we come from, what we're doing, where we are going, how we are being looked at, and, most importantly, how we then see ourselves that configures us. These perceptions are at the forefront of Jennifer Mathieu's novel, "The Truth About Alice." It tells the story of a community's malicious effort to shame and humiliate a young woman. The main character, Alice, finds herself warped by the isolation from her peers. What's worse is we as the readers want to sympathize with Alice, but we get so wrapped up into the whole ordeal that we share the guilt embedded in following the drama. And while this book might seem all too real and unfortunate, it does dispute social cruxes, giving us room to break these labels. Whether you're in high school or have already graduated, her novel is definitely a familiar and insightful space to visit.

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Hey! I'm the new Teen Services - Library Associate. I'll be working with Stefanie to put together library events and programs. Literature is my passion so I'm happy to work in a place that provides people access to it. I never wear matching socks and my favorite instrument is the electric triangle. If you want to get to know me a little more, stop by and say hello. Between Stefanie and I, I'm definitely the cool one.

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Hey there! I'm the Digital & Teen Services Librarian for the Library. If you've been to a teen program here in the past few years, it's likely that we've already met! I'm a big believer in making the library a fun place to be. Books might be our main gig, but we also have so many more programs and services to offer, too! Ask me about eBooks, databases, and teen programs!