

TOP 20 Things To Do March & Spring Break

Amusement Places

Adventure Golf & Raceway
Boondocks Fun Center
Ice Centre at the Promenade
Splitz Bowling
X-Treme Challenge
ROCK'n & JAM'n Indoor Climbing

Museums & Exhibits

Butterfly Pavilion
Denver Art Museum - *Psychedelic Experience: Rock Posters*
Denver Museum of Nature & Science – Free Day 3/18/09
Nature Unleashed: Inside Natural Disasters; Imax: Ring of Fire
Denver Zoo

Performing Arts

Arvada Center – *The Crucible*
Buell: *Phantom of the Opera*
MadCap Improv Theater

Recreation

City Park Recreation Center
City Park Fitness Center (15+)
Swim & Fitness Center
Westview Recreation Center
Disc Golf Course

Sleep

Shop

Movies

Read

Write a novel

Cook

Listen to music

Hike/Run

Ski/Snowboard/Snowshoe

Volunteer tapproject.org

Recycle

Spring Clean

Look for a job

Write a letter: Anysoldier.com

Anime Club 3/26/09

Game On! 3/21/09

TEEN TECH WEEK

CELEBRATE TEEN TECH WEEK in MARCH

Think the library is all about books? Think again.

Check out the College Hill or Irving St Library to **PRESS PLAY:**



Mp3 downloadable books, music and movies

Teen audiobooks on CD

Teen DVDs and Music Cds

Gaming controllers at Game On! 3/21/09 CH

Teen Online Book Club and more!



Congratulations to Elena Moreland, a WPL Teen Advisory Board member, who won third place in the Colorado Council of the International Reading Association's Annual Young Writers' Award contest, in the junior high category.

Elena's story "**No Consequences**" is about a girl who learns that everything has a consequence, or effect, and sometimes it can be disastrous.

Elena is an eighth-grader at Century Middle School.

The Colorado Young Writer's Contest is sponsored by the Colorado Council of the International Reading Association to promote literacy. Participants are invited to submit original short stories based on a subject of the writer's choice. The maximum length of stories for grades 7-9: 1,000 words and grades 10-12: 1,200 words. Each junior/senior high schools may submit TWO entries per level. There is a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner at each level.



Benway, Robin. *Audrey, Wait!*
 Bradbury, Jennifer. *Shift*
 Brothers, Meagan. *Debby Harry Sings in French*
 Caletti, Deb. *The Fortunes of Indigo Skye*
 Colfer, Eion. *Airman*
 Collins, S. *Hunger Games*
 De la Pena. *Mexican WhiteBoy*
 Doctorow, Cory. *Little Brother*
 Dowd, Siobhan. *Bog Child*
 Fletcher, C. *Ten Cents a Dance*
 Geerling, M. *Fancy White Trash*
 George, Madeleine. *Looks*
 Green, John. *Paper Towns*
 Harmon, Michael. *The Last Exit to Normal*
 Jenkins, A.M. *Night Road*
 Johnson, M. *Suite Scarlett*
 Link, Kelly. *Pretty Monsters*
 McNamee, G. *Bonechiller*
 Monninger, Joseph. *Baby*
 Murphy, Pat. *The Wild Girls*
 Ness, Patrick. *The Knife of Never Letting Go*
 Pearson, Mary E. *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*
 Reeve, Philip. *Here Lies Arthur*
 Reinhardt, Dana. *How to Build a House*
 Schmidt, Gary D. *Trouble*
 Scott, E. *Stealing Heaven*
 Shusterman, N. *Antsy Does Time*
 Venkatraman, P. *Climbing the Stairs*
 Voorhees, C. *Brothers Torres*
 Werlin, Nancy. *Impossible*
 Zarr, Sara. *Sweethearts*

TRY SOME 2009 AWARD WINNING BOOKS

Newbery Award

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

The Underneath by Kathi Appelt

Savvy by Ingrid Law

After Tupac & D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson



Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature

Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta

The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Volume II, The Kingdom on the Waves by M.T. Anderson

The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks by E. Lockhart

Nation by Terry Pratchett

Tender Morsels by Margo Lanagan



William C. Morris YA Debut Award

A Curse Dark As Gold by Elizabeth C. Bunce

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

Absolute Brightness by James Lecesne

Madapple by Christina Meldrum

Me, The Missing, and the Dead by Jenny Valentine



Schneider Family Book Award

Waiting for Normal by Leslie Connor

Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen



Batchelder Award

Moribito: Guardian of the Spirit by Nahoko Uehashi

Tiger Moon by Antonia Michaelis



Movie Review

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button is a moving story about Benjamin (Brad Pitt) who was born with a rare aging disease. After his father abandoned him on the steps of a retirement home, Queenie, a black caregiver woman raises Benjamin. The movie portrays Benjamin Button aging backwards as an old man from birth to a baby at death. At the retirement home Benjamin meets a variety of people including young Daisy, a granddaughter of one of the residents. As Benjamin grows older he leaves home to work on a tugboat. In Russia Benjamin falls in love for the first time, gets caught up in WW2, returns home to see his dying father, and meets Daisy again who has become a dancer. Later Daisy and Benjamin meet again only to fall in love, and as their relationship grows, Daisy gives birth to a baby girl. Benjamin decides to leave seeing that he can't be a real father due to his getting younger. Years pass by and Benjamin grows older only to mature and die as a small baby. The movie has received 13 Academy nominations including Best Picture. It's a must see movie and I highly recommend it for people who enjoyed the original book by Scott Fitzgerald or for those who just love watching Brad Pitt.

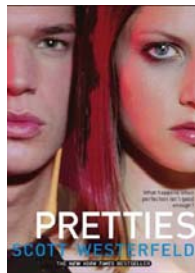
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Book Review



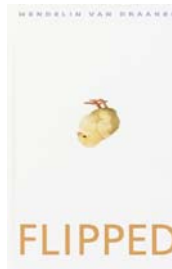
The Princess Academy by Shannon Hale is a classic princess book about Miri, a headstrong girl named after a wild mountain flower, who lives in the rocky mountains of Mount Eskel with her family. Miri's family and friends live off of the linder, the stone of the mountain itself. She's used to the cold weather and the lack of food, but she loves living with her pa and sister. One of Miri's biggest dreams is to work on the quarry and talk in quarry speech with her family but her pa never lets her. Quarry speech is communicating with others by stone and sharing memories. Miri's life changes dramatically when rumors spread that future princess must be chosen in her small village. All the eligible girls are gathered up and they must attend a princess academy to prepare for the prince. Miri finds bitter competition and strict rules amongst her class mates but she befriends a girl named Britta. Miri learns how to read and write as well as her country's government and economy. When danger comes to the academy, it's up to Miri to find a way to save her classmates and the future of their simple village. If you absolutely love books about princesses and fairy tales then you'll love reading this book.

-Thy-Thy



It is commonly believed that sequels can never match up to their predecessors, but Scott Westerfeld proved that belief wrong in his second book **Pretties** of his **Uglies Trilogy**. When it was thought that all hope was lost once Tally Youngblood becomes a pretty, Westerfeld continues to add more twists as an old acquaintance reminds her that the constant parties and fun is not all there is to life. Tally and her new Crim friend Zane are thrown into the wild world of the Smokies and on the run from Special Circumstances. A smooth continuation of the *Uglies*, the journey continues in the last book of the trilogy, *Specials*.

-Jennifer



Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen is an outstanding book, which completely flips one's opinion. Once Julianna set her eyes on her new "friend" Bryce, everything changes. Wendelin Van Draanen has put the true meaning of flipped into this book. And the finishing touch to make it outstanding, she added a twist - yellow, fluffy chickens and, of course, eggs. How is that possible? -Christine

Watch It! Online Video Sites

EXPERT VILLAGE

www.expertvillage.com

Provides more than 120,000 free how-to videos to teach you almost anything.

MY TOONS: EVERYTHING ANIMATED

www.mytoons.com

Dangerously fun! Choices include HAHA, SuperCool, Action, Classics (featuring *Tom and Jerry*), an Anime channel (with *Cowboy BeBop* and *Bleach* episodes), and many more.

FUNNY OR DIE

www.funnyordie.com

This site is hilarious! Great for finding the videos everyone is talking about.

HULU

www.hulu.com

Although YouTube still dominates Internet video, Hulu is quickly emerging as a competitor. It is the best Web site available for high quality digital videos. Hulu is not a video-sharing site, but it is still the best place to watch TV shows and movies legally.

JIBJAB

<http://sendables.jibjab.com>

An outlet for animated videos created by founders Evan and Greg Spiridellis. They release a new video every couple of months.

METACAFE

www.metacafe.com

A useful video-sharing Web site that allows users to search for videos on many topics.



HOROSCOPES: SPRING BREAK



Aries: Experience the outdoors & hit the trails! Make sure you spend time with your friends and take pictures to capture some fun memories. Check out *RV* or *Longs Peak: the mountain and your journeys* DVDs at the library.



Taurus: Take your mind off school by focusing on relaxing. You've worked hard, so spend time with friends and family re-energizing. Hang out at the mall! See a movie! Read a good book like *Heroes of the Valley* / Stroud.



Gemini: Do something you've never done before - try a cooking class. Prioritize your life and do some spring-cleaning. It'll make you feel energized and content. Check out Sam Stern's *Real Food, Real Fast* at the library!



Cancer: Look for a summer job at the mall, a restaurant or a theme park. Remember to include recommendations on applications. Don't panic - Spring Break is a great time to start planning for a little extra cash and security.



Leo: Do all the fun stuff you've waited for - go on a shopping spree, check out all your favorite DVDs at the library, download music, or go see a play or musical! Dream of stardom like *Hairspray* or *Step Up 2: The Streets*



Virgo: You'll have a lot of time to do volunteer work during Spring Break so spend your time by helping others. Volunteer at your church, hospital, or library. It'll make you feel great, plus it looks good on college applications.



Libra: Spring Break means sleeping in and having sleep-over parties. Dream with your friends about planning your summer activities and vacation trips together. Remember to bring the popcorn, soda, and candy.



Scorpio: Get fit! over Spring Break. Exercise or play a sport at your city rec center. Spend time with your siblings at the park. Stop by the library and check out a book like *Hunger Games*/Collins or *Little Brother*/Doctorow.



Sagittarius: Travel the world by visiting the zoo, the IMAX at the Natural History and Science Museum, or learn about some of the world's greatest artists by visiting the Denver Art Museum.



Capricorn: Catch up on all the books you've been dying to read. Check out the Teen Underground website Teen Reads lists: *Eon: Dragoneye Reborn*/Goodman, *Scat*/Hiaasen, *Paranoid Park*/Nelson, *3 Willows*/Brashares



Aquarius: Play video games! Try to beat your score in *Guitar Hero* or *Dance Dance Revolution* at the College Hill Library's Game On! 2-4pm, 3/21/09. Play some old Mario Brothers video games. They're super fun.

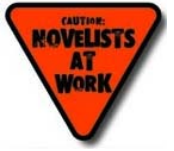


Pisces: You are in the music zone. Jam with your friends to all of the new music with bands like 3oh!3, Fall Out Boy, or Paramore. Or invite your friends over and have a karaoke night to sing all of your favorite songs.



The Malefactor Kidnapping Conundrum Obfuscation

An original novel by your WPL Teen Advisory Board



Chapter Five

I knew sometimes that dreams could be weird, but this...this is completely different.

I dreamt that I was being carried. By whom or what, I did not know. Where, I knew even less. I just knew from the undulating motion of somebody's steps and the soothing harmony of breathing and heartbeat next to my ear that I was being carried. And the smell...it was so familiar, yet...yet I could swear that I never had smelt it before in my life. I couldn't describe it, for there were no words. But it filled my nose and swirled in my mind, bringing back fond memories that I knew didn't exist, hazy emotions that I never experienced, obscure thoughts that I never conjured...

Suddenly I wanted nothing more than to know who carried me. Whose strong, gentle arms lifted me from the ground and helped me when I couldn't go on. No—I didn't want to know; I *needed* to know. So I opened my eyes.

I know that I didn't know what to expect, but I wasn't prepared for this.

All around me were swirling saffron clouds. They were opaque and viscose, slothfully dragging across my vision. Immediately I felt the arms leave me, and I fell gentle to the ground, landing on my knees. The floor was made of the same clouds, but solid, like warm marble.

I felt motion pass me, in the same way you do when somebody walks by you when your eyes are closed. A small wake of air movement ensued, accompanied by that same indescribable fragrance.

Wait! I shouted into the space, but my mouth never opened. Yet, the words discharged out into the condensated void I was left in. *Wait!*

I ran forward a few steps, trying to chase what I couldn't see, but my efforts were negated when I realized I wasn't moving. Trapped. Trapped alone, with ephemeral hope fleeting away. My mental cry also was to no avail; whatever to which I was vainly howling either was unaware, or simply paid no heed.

Or so I initially thought.

Kevin.

I heard it. Like a clarion bell into the foggy bay it chimed, a voice nostalgic and familiar. I still could not recognize the source, but still it struck my very soul with a rich chord that simultaneous put chills down my spine and tears in my eyes. With all my willpower I could not reply. And so the voice continued.

I cannot be there, but I am always here.

Whether I really saw it or not, I could not be sure, but, for a single, fleeting moment, the there was a small break between the clouds, through which I could see for a moment before the clouds close again a pair of kind, round eyes.

My mother's eyes.

I woke with a start.

To be continued...