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# Rod Library Newsletter

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## Join Us in The Circle

**Harry Potter, Twilight, The Hunger Games, Where the Wild Things Are...**...are adults reverting back to their childhoods? Although crossover literature is not a new phenomenon, the proliferation of youth books that are on the bestseller lists and that are nominated for major adult literary awards is. Approximately 5000 youth books are published each year, and even in our hard economic times, youth book sales are still very high. But, why are so many adults (19 and up) reading children's and young adult literature so voraciously? Why now? Good literature is good literature, regardless of its intended audience.

So, what is good youth literature and what isn't? Does it even matter if it's considered good literature as long as you like it? Have you been wanting to pick up a youth book but thought it was frivolous? It's not. Join us in the Youth Collection on Thursday, November 19, 2009, 3:30-5pm, for The Circle, a book discussion group for adults who read youth literature. We will concentrate on the newest books that are published and that arrive in the Youth Collection.

We will discuss the books listed below. You don't have to read them, you

can simply come for the discussion, but it will be much more engaging if you read at least two of the books. You can purchase your own copies online or at major bookstores or check out a **reserve copy** from the library:

### Picture Books (Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry)

- Hook* by Ed Young
- Applesauce Season* by Eden Ross Lipson
- What Bluebirds Do* by Pamela Kirby
- We Troubled the Waters* by Ntozake Shange

### Full Length (Fiction)

- If I Stay* by Gayle Forman
- The Magician's Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo

We'll see you there!!  
Yolanda Hood, Youth Collection

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## Teen Read Week *Hunger Games*



Teen Read Week is an opportunity for librarians and teachers to promote reading for the fun of it. This year,

## Congratulations!

Winner of the Family Weekend Drawing

Amjad Albu- UNI senior in

Management Information Systems



Teen Read Week was October 18-October 24 and the theme was *Read Beyond Reality*. As part of our continued efforts in community outreach, Rod Library, in collaboration with Cedar Falls Public Library and Waterloo Public Library, held the first ever Cedar Valley Hunger Games. The Hunger Games, an overnight information literacy scavenger hunt contest, is based on Suzanne Collins' bestselling young adult novel, *The Hunger Games* (2008), a dystopian novel in which kids are chosen once every year to battle for their lives. Eight teams competed from middle and high schools across Iowa. Over sixty-five students, faculty, and staff volunteered from UNI as well as community members. Not only did the teens have a wonderful time at Rod Library, but they also collected 518 pounds of food for the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. Reading + Collaboration + Fun = A great community effort! Yolanda Hood, Youth Collection

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## Public Fax Service

There is a new public fax service for sending US and international fax located at the end of the Interlibrary Loan counter. Patrons can send a US fax for \$1.50 for the

first page and \$1.00 for each additional page. International faxes can be sent for \$4.95 for the 1st page and \$3.45 for each additional page. A credit or debit card is required for use. Instructions for use are located on the fax machine, however, if you have any additional questions contact the Access Services Staff. Linda McLaury, Access Services



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## Lost and Found- We've got it!

**Gloves, hats, mittens, scarves, jump drives, keys, cell phones, glasses, earrings, calculators, rings, notebooks, water bottles...**

You name it...We might have it in our Lost and Found. Lost and found items may be claimed at the front circulation desk. Please note that the computer lab has it's own Lost and Found. You may inquire about lost items in person or by phoning. 319-273-2462. Good luck!  
Robin Darland, Access Services