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BJB2 waves hi to everyone

BJB2: here for the K-12 Language Arts Discussion?

SharenW: si

AlexandrMB: yes

LindaDK: me too

BJB2: great.

BJB2: we'll wait just a couple minutes and then get started

LindaDK: sounds good

AlexandrMB: k

SharenW nods

BJB2: we usually start all Tapped In discussions with introductions...

BJB2: can you please tell me where you are located, what you teach and what interests you in this discussion?

BJB2: I teach communication in Pennsylvania

SharenW: Vista, CA - teach middle school language arts and social studies - always looking for recommended reading.

AlexandrMB: I am from Edinburg, TX and I am not a teacher yet still studying to be a high school English teacher

BJB2: so middle school and high school...

AlexandrMB: yes

LindaDK: I am a long term sub In La Mesa Ca...looking for a contract. I am in class right now trying to clear my credential, this is part of our class assignment...glad to be here

LindaDK: I teach elementary school

BJB2 smiles. Thanks, Linda.

BJB2: The topic for this discussion is fun summer reading for kids and teens, which covers all of today's participants...

BJB2: does anyone have a favorite that they would like to share?

LindaDK: favorite book?

SharenW waves at David

AlexandrMB: hello David

DavidWe: Hi, Sharen. Want to know my favorite book?

DavidWe waves to Alexandra

BJB2: yes, favorite book or literature...let's work from adult down ;-)

DavidWe: Hi, Alexandra

SharenW: Cold Mountain is one of my favorites

AlexandrMB: The Awakening

BJB2: why is that a favorite, Sharen?

DavidWe: <http://www.amazon.com/Fup-Jim-Dodge/dp/0933944047>

BJB2: and why is that your favorite, Alexandra?

DavidWe . o O (very short, wonderful fable)

SharenW: I like the setting and the theme of the power of love

BJB2 . o O (just trying to get a feel for what topics interest you all)

DavidWe . o O ("Power of Love - Huey Lewis and the News - right?)

BJB2 pokes David...behave yourself!

LindaDK: I like the book of Psalms

SharenW: That's the power of love!

AlexandrMB: because I like the way that Edna is portrayed it breaks all literature barriers back in the day and in some way I connect to her

AlexandrMB: I like Psalms too

BJB2: nice, Alexandra....so the books we want to introduce to our students should have some way of connecting with them?

DavidWe: Kate Chopin (very forward-thinking woman around the turn of the 20th century) wrote a book called "The Awakening", I think

AlexandrMB: yes

AlexandrMB: yes sir that is the author

SharenW: I've read some short stories by her.

AlexandrMB: early 19th century

DavidWe: early 20th, right?

AlexandrMB: I think?

AlexandrMB: I guess that sounds right

SharenW: Yes, we should help them find books they can connect with

DavidWe: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kate_Chopin

DavidWe: . o O (born 1850)

AlexandrMB: yes

BJB2: take a look at this site and let me know what you think

BJB2: <http://www.oceancountylibrary.org/Teens/reads.htm>

AlexandrMB: yes I like book that I can connect too

BJB2: lots of great authors listed...especially Crutcher, Soto, and Cormier

KarenL joined the room.

SharenW: Good variety in the book categories

BJB2 sighs happily. Karen!

BJB2 . o O (stuck in traffic?)

BJB2 wonders if Karen is actually connected

KarenL: how about stuck in cybertraffic

AlexandrMB: I like the topics they have

KarenL: computer kept crashing. . .

AlexandrMB: in some way teen can relate

BJB2 nods solemnly to Karen. I just showed this group
<http://www.oceancountylibrary.org/Teens/reads.htm>

BJB2: you have one middle school teacher, one high school teacher and one elementary teacher here, Karen

KarenL: ooh, nice!!!

KarenL: Hello everyone. Welcome to the K-12 Language arts group!

AlexandrMB: hello

KarenL: I'm Karen Lemmons, occasional moderator of the group.

LindaDK: hello

AlexandrMB: nice to meet you

KarenL: Thank you for joining us.

SharenW smiles

SharenW: Hello!

KarenL: What websites have you seen so far?

AlexandrMB: <http://www.oceancountylibrary.org/Teens/reads.htm>

AlexandrMB: that's all so far

DavidWe waves to Karen

KarenL: Okay. I was attempting to show my public library's website, but I seem to be having problems accessing the website.

KarenL: I'm going to try my public school's website because they had a summer reading list.

KarenL: Let's give that a try. <http://www.detroitk12.org>

BJB2: another good site is

http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Librarians'_Choice:_100_Super_Summer_Reads_for_Teens

SharenW: Detroit Library, where from there, what link?

LindaDK: I still do not see the link

BJB2: Karen showed us <http://www.detroitk12.org/>

BJB2: but we're not sure where to go on that site

KarenL: Okay, I can't see it on our website. We had a summer reading list a few days ago. Now it is gone.

BJB2 nods...melted in the heat!

SharenW: Middle school girls LOVE the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.

BJB2: I loved that book!

BJB2: it was fun

KarenL: Okay, I'm zero for two.

SharenW: I better read it, huh? Heard plenty of reports. :)

KarenL: Tell me about the book!

LindaDK: I really like the story of Tuck Everlasting

AlexandrMB: I liked the movie too

AlexandrMB: me

AlexandrMB: 2

SharenW: LOVE TUCK EVERLASTING. I always show the movie after we read it!

LindaDK: I have never seen the movie

SharenW: Great the mes. Movie is well done.

BJB2: you can never go wrong with YALSA
http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Librarians'_Choice:_100_Super_Summer_Reads_for_Teens

SharenW: Books are better

BJB2: why are books better, Sharen?

BJB2: . o O (I agree, but am curious about your answer)

LindaDK: they always are

BJB2: why, Linda?

SharenW: THAT book is better. More depth.

LindaDK: There is much more to leave to the imagination...

AlexandrMB: but we have to admit students find it easier to watch a movie

SharenW: Not always. I liked the movie version of Horse Whisperer better than the novel.

KarenL: let's see about the younger set. <http://www.ala.org/alsc>

BJB2: YES...imagination is not nurtured by our education system any more

FrankL joined the room.

BJB2: hi, Frank

FrankL: hi everyone I am new at this

SharenW smiles

AlexandrMB: don't worry its easy I just began too

SharenW: These are the nicest folks. Everyone will help!

FrankL: Thanks Alexandra

SharenW: Where on the ALA site should we go?

LindaDK: obviously I am new at this too

AlexandrMB: umm we are right here <http://www.ala.org/alsc>

MaureenB joined the room.

MaureenB waves to all

KarenL: Okay, you have two resources to check. One is the bibliographies for a home library. The second is great resources for parents and children.

FrankL: I can not find the url

KarenL: Hi Maureen and Frank!

KarenL: Welcome!

KarenL: oops. the url is <http://www.ala.org/alsc>

BJB2 waves hi to Maureen

BJB2: get that, Frank?

FrankL: yes I did thanks

AlexandrMB: umm where is the reading list on that site

SharenW: When I Was Young in the Mountains

SharenW: I like Cynthia Rylant for younger readers.

AlexandrMB: I can't find the reading list

LindaDK: My all time favorite children's book is The Napping House

KarenL: Love the Napping House, too. Plus The Kissing Hand. . .

LindaDK: that is a great story to start the year with for younger children

KarenL: Okay, I was attempting to get my public library's website, but I'm still having problems. So I got my "neighbor's" website. Chicago.

KarenL: let's see if I can get that right. <http://www.chipublib.org>

AlexandrMB: it works Karen

BJB2 cheers

AlexandrMB: http://www.cps.k12.il.us/Parent/Your_Child/your_child.html it goes straight to the reading lists

MaureenB . o O (loves how most libraries are allowing the downloading of audio books)

KarenL: Thanks, Alexandra!

BJB2: audio books really change your perception of a story.

AlexandrMB: u can call me Alex

BJB2: I read the Kite Runner and hated it. I listened to the audio of that book recorded by the author and loved it

AlexandrMB: it's short for Alexandra

DavidWe . o O (NPR program "Selected Shorts")

SharenW: How does it change? I don't use audio much.

DavidWe: wonderful to hear people read stories that you know - but with emphases and expressive voices

SharenW: Yes

BJB2: the audio of a story is like reading a story and then looking at a graphic novel of the story. You SEE it differently...

AlexandrMB: yes that's true

BJB2: the sounds give you a different perspective

AlexandrMB: yes and gets ur mind wondering as you follow w the audio

MaureenB: I like the audio books to give all my students access to literature especially if they cannot read it independently. They can still join in the discussion

BJB2 agrees with Maureen

AlexandrMB: umm I see that's good

SharenW: Absolutely Maureen!

SharenW: I've used it for that purpose also. Never thought about how different the story may seem.

KarenL: I'll have to listen to an audio book.

AlexandrMB: it also goes well with poetry

SharenW: Me too. Something new, rather than the same stuff I teach and am too familiar with. :)

MaureenB: I guess it gives you what a good story teller does for a story

BJB2: Karen, try the Artemis Fowl books. I subscribe to SimplyAudiobooks

DavidWe: Listen to a short story, Karen - "Selected Shorts" is carried on a lot of NPR stations - it's wonderful

DavidWe:

<http://www.symphonyspace.org/genres/seriesPage.php?seriesId=71&genreId=4>

AlexandrMB: that is a useful site David

DavidWe smiles

SharenW: I've been bookmarking everything! Great resources.

BJB2 . o O (a reminder that all urls will be in your transcript)

AlexandrMB: yes they are

KarenL: Cool!

AlexandrMB: BJ u took the words out of my mouth haha

BJB2 smiles. Karen, this group is wonderful...they've been so supportive of each other and anyone new that enters the discussion

MaureenB . o O (wonders if BJ did her Festival pitch)

BJB2: nope

SharenW: July 25?

BJB2: PITCH FOR FESTIVAL....

DavidWe: Big, wonderful TI Festival next Wednesday - starting at 11am EDT

BJB2: yes, Sharen, July 25. 12 hours of wonderful events...

BJB2: all on the theme of Playing to Learn

MaureenB: I pitched it in a class on Wiki's that I took today

SharenW: I can't join until after 5 or so, but will do!

BJB2: storytelling, literature, games

AlexandrMB: umm that sounds fun

AlexandrMB: what is it?

KarenL: It is fun, although I may not be able to participate:(

BJB2: <http://tappedin.org/tappedin/web/festival/>

KarenL: You get a certificate for participating.

BJB2 nods to Karen. If you participate in three festival events you get a certificate

SharenW: Cool!

LindaDK: MAN!

LindaDK: I will get a transcript for all this right...so I can get the links I missed?

AlexandrMB: me 2

KarenL: Yes, you can.

SharenW: It was really great. Thanks to everyone for all your ideas and sites!

BJB2: yes, Linda. When you log out you'll get the transcript...takes about 10 minutes

KarenL: Thank you for coming. Next month, back to school resources. . .

AlexandrMB: thanks it was fun

SharenW: Bye everyone!

SharenW waves

AlexandrMB: bye bye