

Panel:
**What Does it Mean to
Serve Teens in the Library?
A Whole Library Approach**

Libraries across the country have made great strides bringing teen services from nonexistent to spectacular, but can we do more? What would it be like if the whole library got in on the game? In our closing panel session we'll hear from libraries that do just that; from the Goodnow Library in Sudbury, MA offering "Teen Study Week" to collaborating with your school librarian to get the books kids want into their hands, as the Marlborough Public and School libraries have done. You'll be inspired to open up your whole library to teens.

Megan Statza is the former Young Adult Librarian at Goodnow Library. She currently works as the Young Adult Librarian at Bedford Free Public Library (MA)
Esmé Green is the director at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury (MA).

Jessica Bacon is the Young Adult Librarian at the Marlborough Public Library.



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Keynote

Maureen Hartman
“Why Change is Essential:
The Future of Library Services
to Teens”



Library services to teens has come a long way — from some copies of Sweet Valley High on a paperback spinner, to technology-rich makerspaces — libraries and library staff must continue to evolve their thinking in order to continue to serve teens into the future and create lifelong library users.

Maureen Hartman is the Coordinator for Youth Services at the Hennepin County Library in Minnesota and serves on the YALSA Board of Directors.

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AM Breakout Sessions

Starting From Scratch: My 18-Month Quest to Fill the Library with Teens, Convert my Colleagues, and Keep My Sanity

Presenter: Jennifer Cournoyer, Cumberland Public Library, RI

Location: Ballroom

Jenn will reveal the simple steps she took to change the culture at Cumberland and will share tips and strategies for building and maintaining your teen programs, utilizing your space, and bringing your colleagues on board. There will be a brainstorming session at the end to ensure that everyone leaves confident in the small changes they can make to increase teen comfort and participation at the library. Jenn started at the Cumberland Public Library in Rhode Island at the end of March 2013.

Capturing The Elusive Teenager: The Teen Artists Coalition of Cape Cod

Presenter: Megan McClelland Nickerson, Barnstable Library, MA

Location: University Room Theater

Youth Services Librarian and co-founder of The Teen Artists Coalition of Cape Cod, Megan McClelland Nickerson, will share her vision, success and insights gained through the first 18 months of this movement (not a program) aimed at luring teens back into the Library. With all of the temptations young adults face, the goal of the TAC is to establish a healthy addiction - one that empowers, builds self-esteem and helps manage stress - ART! This monthly gathering of creative minds is a safe haven for local teens to stretch their wings and explore techniques of self-expression they've never experienced before. The result is powerful.

PM Breakout Sessions

Teen Career Fair in the Library: What you can do to help your teens land their first job

Presenter: Erica Cote Medfield Memorial Public Library, MA and Jennifer Forgit, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, MA.

Location: Ballroom

Searching for a job is one of the most vital 21st century services that libraries can provide. Make sure that you are doing everything you can to help teens in your community learn about the local job market and use library resources to land their first job. Erica Cote is currently in her last year at Simmons and will receive her Master's of Library and Information Science in May 2015. She has been the Teen Services Librarian at Medfield Memorial Public Library since May 2013. Jennifer Forgit has worked in public libraries for 14 years, and has spent the last 5 years as a teen librarian.

Connect through Clubs: Nerdfighters at the Library

Presenter: Jordan Funke, Baird Middle School, Ludlow, MA.

Location: University Room Theater

Nerdfighters are followers of the VlogBrothers YouTube channel and their mission is to increase awesome, fight Worldsuck, and “make cool things with people we like.” Libraries are natural havens for nerds. Harness those passions and connect with the international Nerdfighter community for great teen programming.

Jordan Funke is in her fourth year advising the Nerdfighters Club at Baird Middle School in Ludlow, MA, where she is the library media specialist. She has worked with teens in both public and school libraries for twelve years.