



# TEEN INITIATIVES AT THE NORTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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# TEENS NEED LIBRARIES

- Teens ages middle-high school receive the least financial support from government, philanthropic & non-profits (Alliance for Excellent Education, 2015)
- Approximately 14 million middle & high school students are on their own after school (YALSA, n.d.)
- 51% of youth today live in low income families (YALSA, 2017)
- 55% of all public high school grads report feeling unprepared for college (YALSA, 2017)
- 66% of U.S. eight-graders read below the proficient level (YALSA, 2017)



# KEY SERVICES THE LIBRARY PROVIDES TEENS



- Workforce development
- Digital literacy
- Traditional literacy
- Year-round learning
- A voice
- ❖ Libraries need teens, too
  - ❖ NPL's teen services mission

# WHAT DOES TEEN SERVICES LOOK LIKE AT NPL?

- Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
  - Voice for Northfield teens
  - Help plan events & new teen groups
  - Suggest purchases for YA collection
  - Promote library awareness



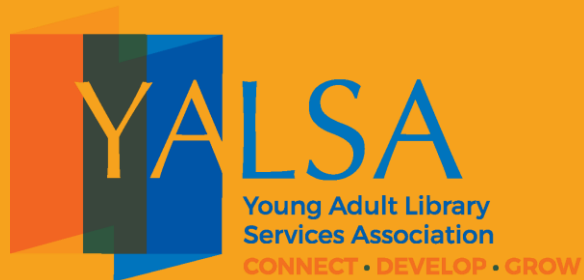
# WHAT DOES TEEN SERVICES LOOK LIKE AT NPL?



- Programs
  - July 2018: Marvel Party
  - October 2018: Harry Potter Halloween
- Groups
  - Dungeons & Dragons
  - Anime & Manga Club
  - Fan Fiction Writers Group

# TEEN READ MONTH

- **October 1-31, 2018**
- Literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Service Association (YALSA)
- Celebrate & encourage teens to read for fun and to visit their local library
- Teen Read Month at NPL:
  - Teen Fine Waiver October 1-31
  - TAB Booklist & display
  - Collection of book recommendations in YA section
    - Reader's advisory for teens by teens
    - Grand prize at the end of month



# TEEN FINE WAIVER

ONE-TIME FINE WAIVER TO TEENS DURING TEEN READ MONTH, OCTOBER 2018

- Purpose → bring teens into the building that may have not been here for year
  - → (re)introduced to teen library programs & groups
- Fines at NPL
  - Patrons' accounts blocked after accruing \$10.00 in fines
  - A blocked patron may no longer check out items
  - What does this mean for teen patrons?
- Financial impacts of fine waiver
  - Number of teen cardholders at NPL: 6% (roughly 1,000 teens)
  - Outstanding, unpaid overdue teen fines, not including lost items: \$3,774
  - The impact is loss of users more than loss of fines

QUESTIONS?



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