

Teen Read Week Set For Yankton Library

Teen Read Week is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. It is held annually during the third week of October. This year, Teen Read Week is Oct. 18-24. The theme is "Get Away @ Your Library."

Teen Read Week is a time to celebrate reading for fun while encouraging teens to take advantage of reading in all its forms — books, magazines, e-books, audiobooks and more! It is also a great opportunity to encourage teens to become regular library users.

Several activities are planned for Teen Read Week at the Yankton Community Library. Students in middle school and high school are invited to check out our book display of this year's South Dakota Teen Choice Award nominees. There are twelve middle school books and 12 high school books on the list. Read as many as you like, use the QR code on the back to access the voting website, and rate each book. Contest winners will be announced during National Library Week in April. A ballot box is also part of the display and students are encouraged to vote for their all-time favorite YA book. The

winner will be announced at the end of the week.

While you are at the library, pick up a Teen Read Week Human Scavenger Hunt form and tickets to our after-hours teen event on Oct. 23. Complete the scavenger hunt for treats and prizes and give the tickets to your friends. Instructions are on the form which is available at the circulation desk beginning Oct. 15.

On Friday, Oct. 23, from 7-9 p.m., teens and 'tweens in grades 6-12 are invited to "Get Away @ Your Library!" The library will be closed to everyone but teens. Games and activities have been planned by the Teen Advisory Board, including Capture the Flag, Sardines and more.

If you are in grades 6-12 and would like to have a say in future library events and activities, join our Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Applications are available at the circulation desk and new members are always welcome. The next meeting for our TAB is Monday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions about the TAB, teen activities, or the S.D. Teen Choice Awards, contact Joyce Moore at the library at 668-5275 or email jmoore@cityofyankton.org.

'One Book SD' Talk Oct. 22

Join the staff at the Yankton Community Library for a discussion of the 2015 One Book South Dakota title "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger. The book discussion takes place on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., with Mount Marty

Professor and Humanities Scholar Jamie Sullivan as our facilitator.

Books are currently available for check out at the library.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

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Unravel the mystery behind the Yankton Children's Theatre Company's fall production. Next week, Yankton's Dakota Theatre will be full of familiar fairytale characters, all with something to hide.

In a classic case of whodunit, Charlie Lovett's "Porridgegate" brings together fractured fairytale characters gathered in a forest of crime and deception.

It will take the crack team of investigative reporters and their secret source "Deep Throat" to solve the case. From the bear family's missing porridge to the blown-down homes of Oscora Meyer and Jamie Dean — these protagonists have their work cut out for them.

Director Richard Wright shares his feelings about this clever comedy and why the intertwining of fantasy and reality will have audience members tickled.

"It is a comedy that makes fun of fairytales," he said. "But it also involves a lot of modern references. The audience knows the fairytales and they'll know the references, so I think they will enjoy that combination."

Wright is no stranger to the stage. He has been involved in countless play productions for the Lewis & Clark Theatre Company for the past 12 years. His most

YCTC Tackles A Big Crime In 'Porridgegate'

recent involvement was in the musical "Young Frankenstein" in early August. He also has experience in directing, having helmed "Hydrangea Albright" two years ago.

Wright hopes his past experience as a performer will help encourage his cast to put on its best performance.

"I think they picked me to direct comedy because that is what I love to do on stage," he said. "I like teaching these performers how to be funny and use their body language to make it funnier."

The background information the audience will already have on the characters and their story lines allows Wright, as a director, to add his own suggestions to help the play be successful. With humor being the ideal theme, Wright has gone all out.

"I really tried to put a lot of physical comedy into it, even though there is not a lot of that written into it," he said. "I think that physical comedy makes any kind of a comedy better."

Wright is hoping for not only a good show, but also an environment in which his performers can learn the craft and grow in the process.

"You know you are getting somewhere when they start giving me suggestions on how to make it funnier," he said. "That lets me know that they are thinking about their character and develop-

ing that character to make it their own. That is the goal of any director."

Wright also mentions that the basic set design and the lack of fancy equipment allows him to concentrate on the attention each actor brings to a character.

"Being a children's theatre, you want to focus more on the performers learning how to act and learning how to make their entrances," Wright said. "It's not an easy play. It's pretty wordy. I think we are pulling it off really well."

Although the play theme may be lighthearted, Wright takes the care he gives to his actors and the theatre seriously.

"I don't like to call them kids," he said. "I like to treat them like performers. They are actors like any other performer would be and I want to grant them that respect."

Audiences can witness these talents in action Oct. 22-24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dakota Theatre with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. Oct. 25.

CAST & CREW

Ms. Woodsman – Emma Eichacker
Bernadette – Ginger

Leshar
Ursula Bear – Jasmin Gill
Tedi Bear – Cadynce Bonzer
Builda Bear – Carson Heinemeyer
Lou the UPS Guy – Raleigh Leshar
Kitty Saltine – Stori Westphal
Goldi Locks – Leola Felton
Ralphie Locks – Clark Bonnstter
Mama Locks – Lily Lawrence
Papa Locks – Luke Bernatow
Danielle Hoover – Addison Boese
Sherlock McGarrett – Gage Becker
Amber – Leila Schumacher
Sandy – Kaycee Smith
Tracy – Ashli Acquire
Lindsey – Carley LaFrentz
Jamie Dean – Maya Villanueva
Oscora Meyer – Miley Wilcox
Frances Bacon – Ilyana Becker
Katie – Hope Leshar
Katt – ZoieLee Marcotte
Big Bad Wolf – Korbin Yaggie

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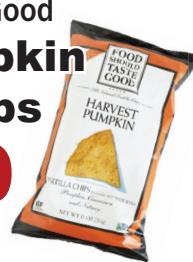
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