Teen Book Club

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A collaboration of Roanoke Rapids High School and Roanoke Rapids Public Library



Teen Book Club Goals

- Establishing our libraries in the community
- Develop partnerships with teens
- Young adult book selection
- Increase library use and circulation of materials
- Develop life-long readers and library patrons
- Introduce students to book talking and books

How we do what we do!

- Student choice in all areas including book selections
- A set time to meet weekly, and one night a month.
- Students provide food and book selections.
- Email reminders, morning announcements and reminders on the public library and school website.

Who are these Bookie Cookies?

- Approximately 33 members
- 1:2 Ratio Male/Female
- 20% Minority
- 1 Home-schooled student
- Student body president and advisors, swimmers, soccer players, tennis players, Band Members, Cheerleaders, and none of the above.



Book Club Activities

- Volunteer at the RRPL book sales
- Volunteer for the RRPL Summer Reading Program both with programming and planning
- Help plan and participate in RRHS Christmas Dance that is sponsored by school clubs
- Representatives for Snow Court
- Representative on Student Council Cabinet
- January Book Awards Discussion at RRPL

How we know it's working!

- 1 college student planning to major in Library Science
- Student references
- Increased YA Circulation by 20% after year one, increased by 25% over three years
- 1st Book Club President returns from college during Christmas to speak to our current club members

Just a thought.....

"Most children and teens receive support from at least one nonparent adult, why can't that person be a librarian?"

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