The APL Teen Newsletter is an online newsletter that will be issued monthly.

This newsletter will provide information on programs and other things that are happening in the Teen Lounge. Stories, artwork, reviews and other submitted material are all by the Teens of the APL!
Persona
by
Alex Shelton

The mask is what completes me, the mask is what helps me through the day. Once I place the mask upon my face, I can feel myself changing. My personality is no longer mine but someone else. No longer am I myself. I go around smiling, waving to people I don’t even know why. The highs and lows of my ordinary life no longer hinder me but now a new and more brighter one has taken place. All the saddest memories and moments are loose, they don’t appear in my head any longer. No more pain no more unwanted sadness or grief. I’m filled with joy, bliss and above all ultimate happiness. But then why do I feel so horrible inside? Why does my body reject the mask at certain points of the day? I can feel it burning itself into my skin singing it on my face to permanently keep it there. The tears rolling down my face from the unbearable pain please make it stop. All I wanted to do was make my life worthwhile but, but even this mask doesn’t want to give me that satisfaction. So then it must come off. Now that it is burned into my skin it will be harder to rip off. I grab the mask by the edges and begin to pry it off. I sigh in relief, it’s over, and it’s finally over. I’m free. I touch my face to feel where the mask had left its mark. But nothing was left nothing marked my skin. I close my eyes and open them once more to only find myself in my room. It was all a dream, but it couldn’t have been. I look at my hands and I turn it over several times to make sure what I’m seeing is true. I sit up from my bed, I look over to the side and my eyes grow wide. The pupils dilating and the irises becoming enlarged with disbelief. There it was sitting on the floor. The mask with the blood and flesh still intact.
The Next Step Forward

Watercolor painting by Alice Dragnea. Won second place in NASA’s Apollo Youth Art Contest for grades 9-12.
New Program

Teen Science Book Club
7th-12th Grade

Monday, August 19
5:30

The first book is
A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson

For more information please contact Margie at mwalker@amesburylibrary.org
July Teen Programs
Tie Dye T-shirts
We made Lava Lamps
We made S'mores
Grand Theft Auto 5

Grand Theft Auto 5 was released for PC on April 14, 2015. In the latest update, you can now access the casino. It is a very good game. GTA 5 has a very large open world.
Red Dead Redemption 2 was released on October 26, 2018 for PS4 and Xbox One. The online mode is still in beta, but soon it will become better and more popular than GTA Online.
We are looking for teens that like to write, draw, do book/game/movie reviews, and take photographs to become part of our team.

If you would like to contribute please contact Margie at mwalker@amesburylibrary.org

You will receive Community Service!