

Re: Book Club

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I have a senior, Alex Gilbert" who's considering doing a book club that will open a dialogue between the GLBT and straight communities. He feature the book *Shine*, by Lauren Myracle. It's a great YA novel that focuses on the experiences of the gay community in terms of bullying. It actually opens with a news article about a gay young man who's nearly beaten to death and rendered comatose. His best friend is working on solving the mystery of who assaulted him as she explores what it means to be a true friend. I'll probably sponsor him on this endeavor, and I'm hoping he'll want to open up the book club to include interested teachers who want to learn more about this demographic at our school.

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I will check with Kim, see what she knows/says.

I will look for a junior to work with you this year to get it going for next year. That is a terrific idea.

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>>> Yvette Davis 2/16/2012 5:06 AM >>>

Hi Penny!

I think Kim Kemp has done a book club occasionally with other teachers. I've always been so busy that I couldn't participate.

Kim doesn't act like the book club owner, however, so I think everyone would be open to another. I wonder if the club could meet during "protected" lunches. I think you'd get more participation if folks didn't have to stay after school. A lot have young kids at home, so they hustle out of here in the afternoons. You could even set up to meet in the conference room in the media center. It would be quieter and more comfortable (nothing like upholstery to draw folks in!).

I would really like to do a student book club. We've needed one for a while. I've been hoping to find a responsible senior to spearhead it with me.

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>>> Penny Prichard 02/15/12 3:54 PM >>>

I would love to organize a book club for faculty at WJHS - what do you think? could we meet in the Media Center one Wednesday a month - say the second or fourth Wednesday? Folks could use my class room or we could use one of the teacher lounges as well.

I organized a book club while I was at Wake Tech - we did it during March as part of Women's History Month - it is still going on - been about 5 years now. The club was open to all faculty members although only women ever joined.

What would be the process? Do you think folks would be interested?

Really enjoyed your presentation today - thanks.
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