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Celebrate 'Teen Tech Week' with TeachingBooks.net

MADISON, WIS. (March 5, 2007) – According to Pew Internet Research, 71 percent of teens reported that the Internet is their primary source for completing school projects. Yet studies show most teens lack the critical thinking skills and technical expertise to use the Internet and other electronic resources effectively. To address this growing problem, the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), announces “Teen Tech Week,” a new celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there, such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, electronic games and more. Teen Tech Week is being celebrated for the first time March 4-10, 2007.

TeachingBooks.net, an online tool specifically designed to generate enthusiasm for reading, offers educators several ways to celebrate Teen Tech Week with students:

Host a poetry slam using Jacqueline Woodson’s reading of “Locomotion” as a starting point:
<http://www.teachingbooks.net/jwoodson>.

Download MP3 audio files from *TeachingBooks.net*’s Author Pronunciation Guide, then have students tell stories about the origin and pronunciation of their own names:
<http://www.teachingbooks.net/pronunciations.cgi>.

Conduct a book talk with the Printz honor books, which exemplify literary excellence in young adult literature, by sharing the following audio excerpts:

- “The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing” by M.T. Anderson
http://www.teachingbooks.net/book_reading.cgi?id=2059.
- “An Abundance of Katherines” by John Green
http://www.teachingbooks.net/book_reading.cgi?id=2058.
- “Surrender” by Sonya Hartnett
http://www.teachingbooks.net/book_reading.cgi?id=1991.
- “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak
http://www.teachingbooks.net/book_reading.cgi?id=1840.

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