

Reader's Advisory Tips from Teen Connect 9/29/2022

1. Ask about their three favorite TV shows/Youtuber/TikToker to gather their types of interest.
2. If you have teens or have raised teens, try to relate to teens that way! Life experiences can unite people.
3. TheStoryGraph.com is similar to GoodReads, and includes things like trigger warnings
4. Follow a variety of BookTokers and try to keep up with trending books on TikTok (akaBookTok). Maybe have a permanent display dedicated to books from BookTok, with a QR code leading to Libby with your BookTok display.
5. Don't forget about graphic novels, even if it's not the parent's preferred choice. Be ready to defend graphic novels as "real reading," because they are!
6. Give 3-5 different options that fit the request, so if they ask for romance, try to find vastly different romance plots rather than similar ones. While we're excited, try not to overwhelm with choices!
7. Tell teens that they are free to say "no" to any of the choices, they might feel obligated to try what they are given, but it's ultimately their choice.