

# YA SMACKDOWN

BROUGHT TO YOU BY TEEN SERVICES UNDERGROUND

## WHAT IS YA SMACKDOWN?

YA Smackdown is a grassroots meet-up and idea generation tool for anyone providing library services to teens. Participants pass a cup or hat or receptacle of some sort, and pull out different challenges related to teen services. It is fun, informal, and ~~a clear rip-off~~ not at all reminiscent of the fantastic Guerrilla Storytime.

## SO, WHAT IS THIS?

This is a kit you can print out to host a Smackdown!

## HOW DO I MAKE THIS KIT?

### Things you'll need:

- A printer
- A receptacle (e.g. cup, hat, bucket, bag)
- Scissors
- 6 different colors of printer paper  
(RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT NECESSARY!)

### Instructions:

1. Print off this document.  
(If you have different colored paper, print each category of challenges on a different color.)
2. Cut out each challenge card.
3. Fold each challenge card.
4. Put all the cards into your chosen receptacle.
5. Smackdown!

## ANYTHING ELSE?

Find more info about YA Smackdown on the Teen Services Underground website at [www.teenservicesunderground.com](http://www.teenservicesunderground.com).




















There you'll find where future Smackdowns will be hosted, a form to suggest challenges to add to the kit, and a receptive group of teen services librarians who want to hear from you! Get smacking!

## BUT, HOW DO I SMACKDOWN?

















OK, so this is how you Smackdown...

- There are several categories of challenges:
  - Favorites
  - Readers' Advisory
  - Successes
  - This vs. That
  - What Would You Do?
  - Miscellaneous
- The first participant pulls out a challenge from the receptacle and reads it aloud to the group.
- They then answer that challenge as well as they can with anecdotes, opinions, advice, and whatever else comes to mind.
- Pause for any other anecdotes, opinions, advice, and whatever else comes to mind from the rest of the group regarding the challenge.
- After the challenge has been completed, pass the receptacle along and do it all over again with a new participant!
- **NOTE:** If you've printed on 6 colors of paper, you can ask participants to choose different or specific colored paper from the receptacle to give your conversation more variety!
- **ANOTHER NOTE:** Throughout the kit you'll find bonus cards that are left blank for you and your group to add your own challenges!

# Favorites

<p><b>Favorite pizza topping.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite icebreaker.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite way to incorporate comics/graphic novels.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite way to incorporate technology into literature programs.</b></p> 
<p><b>Favorite way to incorporate literacy into technology programs.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite social media platform.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite prize for a library contest or program.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite teen services pet peeve.</b></p> 
<p><b>Favorite board game to play with teens.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite way you've recycled program supplies.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite non-standard library item that your library circulates.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite source for work ideas.</b></p> 
<p><b>Favorite "they don't teach you that in library school" story.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite productivity app or tool.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite fictional library or librarian.</b></p> 	<p><b>Favorite book club question that could work for any book.</b></p> 
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# Readers' Advisory

<p>What is your favorite book from this past year?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new sci-fi pick for teens?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite teen book that deals with LGBTQ issues?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite teen book that deals with racial/ethnic diversity?</p> 
<p>What is your favorite teen book that deals with issues of body image?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new romance pick for teens?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new realistic fiction pick for teens?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new comic/graphic novel pick for teens?</p> 
<p>What is your favorite new horror pick for teens?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new fantasy pick for teens?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new teen pick for reluctant readers?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite new non-fiction pick for teens?</p> 
<p>What is your favorite new Alex Award-like pick? (Adult book with high teen interest.)</p> 	<p>Pop quiz, hotshot! Give the best book talk in your arsenal.</p> 	<p>What is your favorite banned book?</p> 	<p>What is your favorite readers' advisory resource?</p> 
<p>What is your favorite manga?</p> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> 




# Successes

<p><b>What is your most successful “unprogram”?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful video gaming program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful board game program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful cooking program?</b></p> 
<p><b>What is your most successful creative writing program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful use of social media?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful school partnership?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful community partnership?</b></p> 
<p><b>What is your most successful “maker” program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful information literacy program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful computer/technology program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful marketing or promotional technique?</b></p> 
<p><b>What is your most successful monthly club?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful health/wellness program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful banned books week programming?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful or impressive reference question to answer?</b></p> 
<p><b>What is your most successful teen tech week program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful fandom-related program?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful author visit?</b></p> 	<p><b>What is your most successful TAB/TAG program?</b></p> 



This vs. That

<p><b>Hunger Games or Harry Potter?</b></p> 	<p><b>John Green or Rainbow Rowell?</b></p> 	<p><b>Whovians or Nerdfighters?</b></p> 	<p><b>Snacks or no snacks?</b></p> 
<p><b>3D Printing or Knitting?</b></p> 	<p><b>Overnight programs or no overnight programs?</b></p> 	<p><b>Tea or coffee?</b></p> 	<p><b>“Graphic Novel” or “Comics”?</b></p> 
<p><b>Dewey or Library of Congress?</b></p> 	<p><b>Audiobooks or reading?</b></p> 	<p><b>eBooks or paper books?</b></p> 	<p><b>Afterhours programs or nope nope nope absolutely not?</b></p> 
<p><b>Complete silence or complete anarchy?</b></p> 	<p><b>Fight a teen-sized duck or ten duck-sized teens?</b></p> 	<p><b>Never work a public desk or never have off-desk time?</b></p> 	<p><b>Run a Book Club or a Maker Club?</b></p> 
<p><b>Work only with young children or only with adults?</b></p> 	<p><b>Batman or Superman?</b></p> 	<p><b>Cardigans or no cardigans?</b></p> 	<p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> 


















# What would you do?

<p>What would you do if you overheard teens using offensive/ racist/ homophobic language?</p> 	<p>What would you do if you witnessed bullying? Does the type of bullying make a difference?</p> 	<p>What would you do if an enthusiastic teen was overzealous and dominating a program?</p> 	<p>What would you do if a teen monopolizes your time just chatting at the desk?</p> 
<p>What would you do if a teen was arguing loudly with their parent in the teen space?</p> 	<p>What would you do if teens were playing truth or dare and things were veering into crazytown?</p> 	<p>What would you do if teens were prank-calling strangers?</p> 	<p>What would you do if a non-resident came to a program?</p> 
<p>What would you do if a non-teen came to a program? Does it make a difference if they're too young or too old?</p> 	<p>What would you do if a non-teen hung out in the teen space? Does it make a difference if they're too young or too old?</p> 	<p>What would you do if teens were being rambunctious on public computers?</p> 	<p>How would you deal with teen body odor issues?</p> 
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Miscellaneous

<p>Do you try to seem young and hip for teens, or do you embrace being old and lame?</p> 	<p>What single item could you never do without as a teen librarian?</p> 	<p>How do you ensure your programs are accessible to a diverse array of teens?</p> 	<p>How do you address specific cultural concerns and needs of underserved populations?</p> 
<p>What book do you wish every teen would read?</p> 	<p>What's your biggest piece of advice to new librarians?</p> 	<p>What current library trend do you <i>hate</i>?</p> 	<p>What new teen fad or slang drives you completely bonkers?</p> 
<p>What program was your greatest failure?</p> 	<p>What's the most underrated YA book?</p> 	<p>What's the most overrated YA book?</p> 	<p>What's your biggest library blind spot? How do you work to overcome it?</p> 
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# Write Your Own

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