

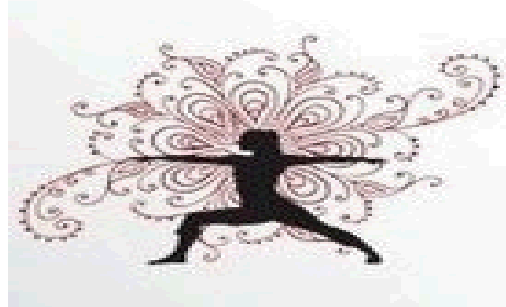
“Empower, Educate, and Encourage”

GIRLS IN ACTION (GIA)

Bi-Weekly Talk

June 6, 2011

“Readers Are Leaders” Book Club~ Fun Fiction for the Thinking Girl



“Girls Empowered”

Girls In Action **hosted it first “Readers Are Leaders” Book Club meeting**, Saturday, June 4, 2011 at 4PM. We had a total of 12 girls in attendance and 3 volunteers.



We have three (3) groups in the GIA Readers Are Leaders Book Club. The three groups are tweens (8-9), pre-teens (10-12), and teens (13-16). Each group was assigned to read a different book. The tweens read and discussed “Brand New Ruby Brand New School” while the pre-teens read and discussed “Worst Enemies/Best Friends” and the teens read “Getting Even.” The books were all based on the general subject of “Friendship” and “How to be a good friend.” The teens informed us that the girls in the book “Getting Even” were in a group similar to Girls in Action called the “Good Girlz.” The girls were asked to think about the main character and give reasons “Why or Why Not” they could relate to them. The tweens were asked who made a positive change in their book. And, how can her/his character help them make positive choices in the future. They were also reminded to take notes in their journal about what they would like to share at the next meetings.

The GIAgirls were really excited about discussing the book and lots of stories to share. They were also excited about the next book selections, “Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer” and “Caught Up In the Drama” The tweens and pre-teens are both reading the Judy Moody’s books so they can compare and contrast the book with the movie at our next book club meeting.

SPECIAL THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS & GIAgirls

I want to give a special thanks to all the GIAgirls and volunteers who attended and donated food to our GIAgirls Talk session. The volunteers who attended were LaJuan Little, Gloria Snow and Barbara Little. I want to also give a special thanks to Mrs. Irvie Ozier who was unable to attend the session, but made a monetary contribution to purchase food. I also would like to thank Mrs. Jennifer Witherspoon for purchasing Judy Moody books for the this month's GIAgirls book club selection.

Girls In Action needs SPONSORS to sponsor girls to attend GIA's first Field Trip to the Movies. In Collaboration with the RAL Book Club is the Teach With Movies Program. The GIAgirls who are currently reading the "Judy Moody and Not Bummer Summer" book will be able to go see the movie that premiered June 10, 2011. We have a total of 15 girls who are reading the book. So far, we have sponsorships for 9 girls thanks to Ms. Gloria Snow, Deborah "Ann" Little, Lajuan Little, Leslie Hunley, Tangela Anderson, and Shecara Vardiman who volunteered to sponsor GIAgirls on this field trip. Their sponsorship includes the cost of a movie ticket. We also need sponsors to make a donation to purchase popcorn and juice.

One of our goals each month is to inspire youth to read --- and to keep reading. "The purpose of the Teach With Movies program is to use movies to further the learning of academics and social-emotional learning."

GIA would like to thank Ms. Kimi Tucker for purchasing all of the July 2011 Readers Are Leaders books for the tweens and teens. The GIAgirls are scheduled to read, Trivia Queen, 3rd Grade Supreme (Ruby And the Booker Boys) by Derrick D. Barnes. The young GIAtweens enjoy reading the Ruby Series. They love Ruby and look forward to reading about her adventures. The teens will read, "Who I Am Without Him?" by Sharon Flake. The Pre-Teens are reading Accidentally Friends (Candy Apple) by Lisa Papdemetriou.

Amazon.com Editorial Review of "Who I Am Without Him?"

"Who I Am Without Him?" Grade 7 Up-Written in the vernacular of urban African-American teens, which Flake captures flawlessly, these 10 stories have universal themes and situations. Some are funny and uplifting; others, disturbing and sad. In "So I Ain't No Good Girl," a teen wants to be with a good-looking popular boy, so much so that she tolerates his disrespect and abuse. In "Wanted: A Thug," Melody writes to a columnist for advice on how to steal a friend's boyfriend, unaware that the friend is the columnist's younger sister. Two of the stories are told from a boy's point of view. The concluding story, "A Letter to My Daughter," in which an absent father gives his daughter his advice about boys and men is sad, poignant, and loving. Flake has a way of teaching a lesson without seeming to do so. Addressing issues and situations that many girls face in today's often complex society, this book is provocative and thought-provoking. ~ Mary N. Oluonye, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH

"Literature Matters— it has something to tell us." Donald Kartigan



TO SUPPORT GIRLS IN ACTION LITERACY INITIATIVES to inspire reading amongst our female youth, Please visit our Amazon.com Books Wish List TO PURCHASE & DONATE A BOOK(S) - <http://amzn.com/w/2GGK5MPGI6S8W>

GIAgirls SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH:

Girls In Action would like to honor and congratulate GIAgirl Miss Montira aka Future Miss Olympian for winning so many medals in track and field. She also received a certificate and medal for being a participant in the FBI program. **Go Tira, YOU ROCK!!!!!!**



The next rap session is Saturday, June 25, 2011 at 12PM.
Topic: "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun: MOVIE DAY FIELD TRIP"
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Washington DC 20001

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