

# KEENE TEENS ZINE

## KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY STARTS TEEN ZINE

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### WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?

- Go geo caching challenges every Thursday in may.
- Manga with teens workshop with Marek Bennett. Registration online before spaces fill up.
- Get involved with the Teen Advisory Council.
- Help make new articles and illustrations for the Newsletter.

Welcome to the first zine made for and by teens of the Keene Public Library. This newsletter is a great way to stay informed and to get involved with all our activities in the Library.

On Tuesday April 14 at 4:30, there will be the first meeting for the teen advisory council. The Council will give teens the

### SHELTER CRISIS:

BY: ERICA BABCOCK

Over the past few years, the economic status of the country has declined so rapidly, it's caused more and more people to become homeless. With the rising cost of food and shelter, more and more people are ending up on the streets. We are not talking about just a few people; we are talking about dozens of families being turned away from the few shelters we have because there isn't enough room. As we all know the people of Keene have decided to build a new middle school. But what do they plan to do with the old one? Some people are saying we should make this historic building into an office building. In my opinion, I don't think we need anymore offices. What we need to do, is make the soon to be former

opportunity to help create programs, connect with other teens and help shape the young adult section of this library. The council will also be a big part in the development of this newsletter. Positions that we will be looking to fill for this newsletter are journalists, photographers, illustrators and editors. This newsletter

will only get better with the energy, insight and creativeness of the teens at the library. So I hope to see you all on April 14 at 4:30. big changes are happening and you can be that change.



Keene Middle School into another shelter! I believe that many people would agree that this building would make a perfect shelter. We as a community and



as a country need to remember and realize the meaning of citizenship. Also, we need to understand that very soon a lot of people are going to need our help. It

is our duty as good citizens of the Cheshire County to open our arms and our hearts to provide that help. If we all work together we can get through these hard times without a lot of stress. People of Keene, take into consideration what I say; we can work together and turn the old middle school into a shelter. We need each other to survive these rough times. My name is Erica Babcock, I am fifteen years old, and I am a former student to KMS. I know what the building is capable of. Listen and think; we CAN make it! Turn KMS into the biggest shelter in Cheshire County!!!

## AFTERNOON JUGGLING

By: Crystal

Wednesday, February 18th Jen Shaw and Tony Duncan visited the library to teach our after school visitors how to juggle. They appeared in a show at the Keene High School and agreed to share their talents to the public, which was a treat on it's own. Starting off with a show, they explained the different tools and styles jugglers often use as well as allowed us to see a few tricks slowly as they were performed.

Many people, ranging from child to adult, attended this showing and joined in doing a trick or two. A little later in the evening, Jen and

Tony taught everyone how to spin a plate on the end of a stick as and how to juggle up to 3 balls at a time. Starting with small square scarves they showed everyone how to do the hand movements required to perform a simple juggle and then followed it with bean bag balls. The audience got the hang of juggling quickly with their teachings, showing us how talented they are and how anyone can juggle if they practice. Before the night was over, Jen took half of the group aside to teach them how to use the Devil Sticks while Tony took the other half to learn to use the Diablo, a tool based off a Chinese yoyo. The afternoon flew by with the activities and entertainment that Jen and Tony provided us all.



Everyone would agree they would attend again if given the offer. We would love to thank them for their time and enthusiasm and for showing us a good time.

## GAME ON! GAME REVIEWS

TIMESPLITTERS: FUTURE PERFECT

THIS GAME IS RATED M FOR MATURE 17+

By: Kyle moody & Zach Robinson

In this game your mission is to save the world, the way you do this is by collecting crystals. You play as the character Cortez. Cortez is a member of the Government in the future. Your objective is to go through out time and gather the crystals to save the future from an evil scientist, Dr. Victor Crow, who wants to take over the future.

The story starts with your character waking up from a crash landing. When you get on the ground, you get a weapon called the sci-fi hand gun.

Hint: If you hit up on the d-pad you will be able to ricochet bullets off walls, around corners and off the ceiling.

In the second level you meet a guy named Harry Tripper. Harry ends up becoming your partner and helps you throughout the level. Your main weapon is a 9mm pistol.

Hint: hit up on the d-pad and the pistol becomes silenced with a scope. There are many weapons but here are the best weapons for player vs. player. The best scoped weapons are the vintage rifle and the 9mm pistol. The best automatic rifles in this game are the SBP-500, the ksmg, the mini-gun, and the soviet rifle.

(Spoiler) If you are successful at collecting all the time crystals and beating Dr. Victor Crow then you can close all the time portals for good and save the universe.

### OTHER GREAT GAMES

- Rayman: Rated E for everyone. Rayman is a classic 2D platform for the computer and playstation system. This game is fun for all ages. The game play is inventive and the different characters you interact with make this game a lot of fun.

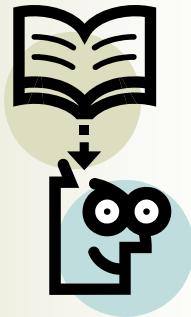
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## YA REVIEW PROJECT

The Keene Public Library's YA review section is a great way to read brand spanking new books and give feedback to the publisher. Most books are for ages 11 to 18. You can sign books out by filling out a card in the youth department. When you take a book, take a review form as well. When you are finished with the book return the form and the book to the youth department.

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## BOOK REVIEWS



**REVIEWER: LAURA DAMATO**

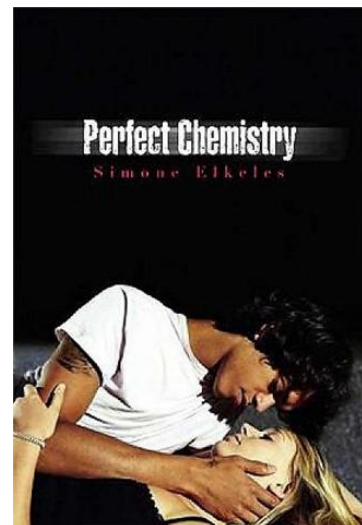
**TITLE: PERFECT CHEMISTRY**

**AUTHOR: SIMONE ELKELES**

**PUBLISHER: WALKER BOOKS**

This novel is a full blown, modern take on Romeo and Juliet. The well developed characters cap-

ture and hold the readers attention. The most compelling aspect is the fact that the racial divides and school cliques can be breached to form an amazing bond. This book is appropriate for ages 14 and up in my opinion. This book has a broad general teen appeal and this book is at the top of the quality scale.



**WILDERNESS ADVENTURE BY GALVA****Wilderness adventure**

*By: Galya Cornelius*

Soft snow drifts down like confetti at a party. The wind stings my face, as the scene flashes past my eyes. The rhythmic beating of paws on the ground, and panting sends me into a sea of tranquility. My hand begins to sweat; I let go of the handle and let my arms dangle at my sides. My feet glued to the wooden rudders as we plunged straight into the white. Then the air is filled with a rank smell, the speed slows as the break bites into the thick padded snow. There are few whines from

dogs complaining about a bathroom break, they stop when the speed comes up.

I feel like I'm in a star ship watching the snow come at me like stars in hyperspace. Branches are dragged down by the weight of the snow. I duck to avoid the arm like branches from knocking me off. My partner holds tight as we plunge down a hill. My heart is in a flutter, my hands hurt as my grip tightens on the handle and using both feet on the break as I keep the line tight. Then it levels and I relax letting the wind cool my face as the dogs pull

us towards our destinations. I hear the dogs bark, we are close. .

We whip around the bend and see the camp. I step on the break and give the command in a low deep voice; the sled slows to a stop. My partner swiftly walks up the head and grabs the lead dogs. I throw the snow hook in the ground and give a good stomp, it should hold. Walking up and giving each dog a rub they know they are done, but for us there's more work to be done.

**SUMMERTIME  
AND THE  
READING IS  
EASY**

- The Summer Reading Program Kickoff is Thursday, June 25.
- Sign up and enjoy a summer of reading and earning prizes and awards for your accomplishments.
- Sign up now to be a VolunTeen or Book Buddy. Call Gail at 603-352-0157.