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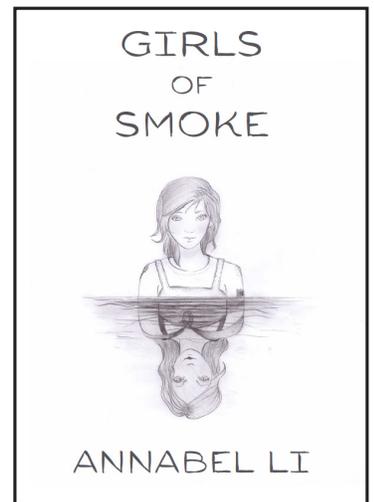
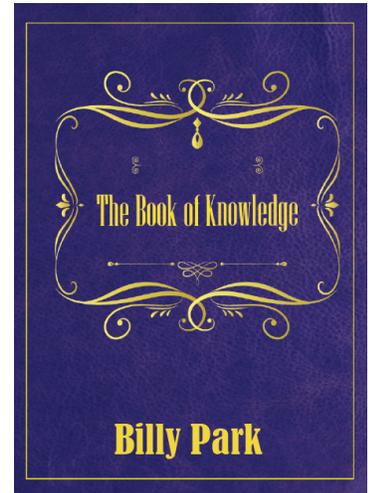
Teen Writing Scene

The 2nd annual Teen Writing Contest held as part of the 2019 "Reading Sparks Change" Teen Summer Reading Club recently wrapped up at NVDPL! Throughout the summer, teens were invited to



submit their original short stories, fanfiction, poetry, graphic novels, creative nonfiction, or any genre they were inspired write! Seven thoughtful and well-written entries (totaling over 120 pages of content) were received by the Library, and of those, six were fiction stories, one was a poem, and one writer also included a hand-drawn image as an added bonus!

The voting panel was made of NVDPL staff and a volunteer from the North Shore Writer's Association, who read each entry, deliberating on the submission's originality and creativity, editing and grammar, and how well the Summer Reading Club theme of "Reading Sparks Change" was incorporated. Three winners were each awarded a book prize and earned the distinction of having their entries designed, printed, and inducted into the Library's regular collection. Hosting this annual contest is just one way the Library is supporting local youth and helping inspire a new generation of creators. The winning stories from 2018 were borrowed by the community 31 times throughout the last year, and judging by the intriguing descriptions of this year's winners, the 2019 titles should be just as popular!



2019 Teen Writing Contest Winners

***The Book of Knowledge* by Billy Park**

Noah risks arrest and imprisonment to steal a forbidden book out from under the nose of the city's tyrannical leader and lead a revolt against an oppressive regime.

***Girls of Smoke* by Annabel Li**

A terrifying legend haunts Elléla, a dreamer who refuses to marry, and a malevolent curse threatens to destroy her village and everyone she loves. Book cover image drawn by Annabel Li.

***Empire's End* by Yuri Jin-Talbot**

When Tarian uncovers a secret about her past, she must gather her friends and flee the oppressive government before the police catch on.

