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# Library, Corner

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# The next great read for teens

As the Owasso library staff continues to spotlight many of the libraries services in the Owasso Reporter, I wanted to make our young teen and tween patrons aware of a service that was rolled out this month.

The library's book recommendation service, called "Your Next Great Read," was until recently only available to customers ages 18 and older.

This service is now available to customers ages 10-17. As the teen services librarian here in Owasso, I'm especially excited for this development.

Many librarians, including myself, completed several hours of training to make sure our readers advisory skills were up to par for this service.

For those readers who are unaware of what this service provides, let me give you an overview.

It starts with a teen or tween who feels like they have nothing to read because they have already read: "The Fault in Our Stars," "Eleanor and Park," "We Were Liars," "I Will Give You the Sun," and numerous other bestsellers.

Frustrated teens/tweens can find relief for their book blues by going to the Tulsa City County website, Tulsalibrary.org, and under the Explore tab near the bottom is the link for "Your Next Great Read."

On that page it will give them the option of completing the book sur-

overall feel of the books they like and how long they want the book to be.

Once the survey is finished, it is assigned to a librarian with similar reading tastes for review. Yes, an actual librarian gets these surveys and fills out what is called a read-a-like form.

They will include 4-5 author rec-

ommendations based on the survey they receive along with 8-10 book recommendations. Both areas of recommendations will have links in them sending the young customer to the library catalog for that specific book so that they can quickly and easily request those items.

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The reason we want to promote this service to young adults is because many times they

don't feel comfortable asking someone for reading recommendations. This can be for various reasons. They may be shy or uncomfortable.

They may be shy or uncomfortable talking to adults, or think their reading interests are outside the "norm."

Maybe they are interested in reading books not offered at their local high school or they want to read or research topics that are controversial in order to develop their own opinion.

The library is a resource for people of all ages to acquire information and access available knowledge in order to better inform themselves

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types of books they like to read, obviously, but also will ask them about things they don't like to read.

The survey also goes into detail about the settings they enjoy, the settings they enjoy the settings the settings they enjoy the settings the settings they enjoy the settings they enjoy the settings the setting

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