

About MAYALIG

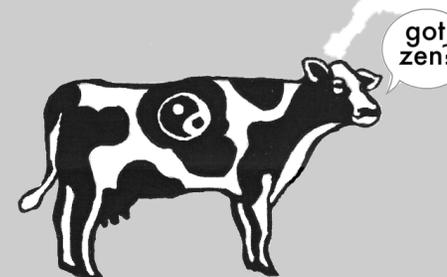
MAYALIG is a DC area-wide association whose purpose is to inspire and energize librarians committed to serving young adults through the sharing of ideas, programming, resources, issues and concerns. Since the early 1990s, the group has continued to grow and to advocate for expanded and improved library services for teens through our biennial conferences, our regional meetings every other month and our continuously developing Web presence. For more information, visit our Web site: <http://mayalig.info>

The Zen of YA Literature V

From the first Zen conference held in March 2001 to this fifth event, MAYALIG has striven to provide opportunities for young adult librarians to hear noted speakers relevant to their field while also encouraging valuable connections with their peers. We hope this chance to build ties will contribute to an ongoing professional conversation about the delights and challenges of serving teens in libraries and schools.

Outside the BOX

- ★ Unique Experiences
- ★ Unexpected Situations
- ★ One-of-a-Kind Protagonists



MAYALIG 2010 Conference Booklist

★ **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**

By Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Ellen Forney. Determined to improve his chances for the future, Arnold Spirit, Jr. leaves the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white high school and confronts challenges with humor and perseverance.

★ **Anything but Typical**

By Nora Baskin. Jason, a boy with high-functioning autism, develops a friendly correspondence with Rebecca through a web community for young authors, but when they both plan to attend a writing conference, Jason worries about what she will think of him when they meet in person.

★ **Going Bovine**

By Libba Bray. Sixteen-year-old slacker Cameron is diagnosed with mad cow disease and embarks on a road trip in this satire inspired by Don Quixote.

★ **Boy Proof**

By Cecil Castellucci. High-achieving and obsessed with science fiction, Egg holds herself apart from the rest of her classmates, but things start to change when Max enrolls at her school.

★ **The Plain Janes**

By Cecil Castellucci and Jim Rugg. After moving to suburbia from the big city, Jane forms a group of like-minded high school students who create and use public art to shake up their quiet, conservative community in this well-drawn graphic novel.

★ **Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You**

By Dorian Cironne. When Kayla is passed over for the role of Cinderella, her ballet teacher suggests breast reduction surgery, prompting discussion, controversy and artistic response among the students at Florida Arts High.

★ **Derby Girl/Whip It**

By Shauna Cross. Bliss, stuck in a small Texas town with a pageant-obsessed mother, finds a space for her rebellion in the Austin roller derby scene.

★ **King of the Screw Ups**

By K. L. Going. After his father kicks him out, Liam moves in with his uncle and joins the A.V. Club at his new school in an effort to emulate his father and win permission to come back home.

★ **Paper Towns**

By John Green. While searching for Margo, Q must figure out if she really is who he thinks she is, and this leads him on adventures he never expected.

★ **Brutal**

By Michael Harmon. Poe Holly, an L.A. girl sentenced to a year in suburbia, befriends the school pariah and takes on the school system that quietly endorses bullying.

★ **North of Beautiful**

By Justina Chen Headley. A friendship formed after a car accident leads to a life-changing trip as Terra Cooper learns to cope with her caustic, manipulative father and to accept the port-wine stain on her face.

★ **3 Story: The Secret History of the Giant Man**

By Matt Kindt. This modern-day fable examines the life of Craig Pressman, a man with a medical condition that keeps him growing well beyond normal size and leaves him living in a world where he just doesn't fit.

★ **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks**

By E. Lockhart. Frankie breaks all the rules when she infiltrates the all-male secret society at her exclusive high school and orchestrates elaborate pranks.

★ **The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl**

By Barry Lyga. When Fanboy, who channels his misery at home and school into creating a graphic novel, meets Goth Girl, her friendship gives him the confidence to stand up for himself and reach for his dreams.

★ **Dairy Queen**

By Catherine Gilbert Murdock. Hardworking farm girl DJ Schwenk harbors a hidden desire to play football herself, but promises to train the cocky star of the rival team (who is also her secret crush).

★ **Vintage Veronica**

By Erica S. Perl. Veronica is excited when two older girls at the vintage clothing store where they all work take an interest in her, but she finds herself making uncomfortable decisions in order to keep their friendship.

★ **Under the Baseball Moon**

By John H. Ritter. Andy Ramos, musician, and Glory Martinez, softball pitcher, pursue their dreams amid a host of quirky characters in Ocean Beach, CA.

★ **Flygirl**

By Sherri Smith. In the 1940s, a young African-American woman dreams of becoming a pilot, but she must pass as white in order to join the Women's Air Force Service Pilots in World War II.

★ **Marcelo in the Real World**

By Francisco X. Stork. Marcelo, a teen on the high-functioning end of the autism spectrum, faces unique challenges when he agrees to work in his dad's office for the summer.

★ **Skim**

By Mariko Tamaki and Jillian Tamaki. This beautifully illustrated graphic novel tells the story of Kimberly "Skim" Cameron, a mixed-race teenager struggling with her sense of identity in the confusing, dramatic world of high school.

★ **How Not to Be Popular**

By Jennifer Ziegler. Maggie sets out to be unpopular at her new school so she won't have any friends to miss when her family moves again in this hilarious novel.