

Fight the Power: Teen Programs in an Era of Wokeness

Learn how to implement a social justice-themed book club and how to host conversations surrounding civics for a teen audience.

Focus: Teen/Tween

Learn about the Ferndale Area District Library's successful implementation of two programs under the umbrella of social justice. These programs include a book club called Read Woke and a civics engagement program called Pizza & Politics. Both programs are partnered through area high schools and offer students a chance to have their voices heard. The students are strongly encouraged to express their ideas and concerns openly without fear of judgment. The conversations had between the students and adults leading the program(s) have been thought-provoking and inspiring, as it has fueled an interest in the teens to either read further on the topic or to become more involved in local politics.

▣ **At the end of this session, attendees will...**

- Define social justice.
- Understand the importance of social justice.
- Discover how to implement social justice programs.

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Jasmine Parker obtained her BFA Degree in Theatre and her MLIS Degree in Library Information Science from Wayne State University. Her life's greatest joys are time spent with family, serving the community, and writing. She currently serves as a Youth Services Librarian for the Ferndale Area District Library, and as a Board Director for the Michigan Library Association. In her spare time, she loves working on her play Preying Wolves Pray which deals

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