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## Poetry Corner

### *Always Darkness*

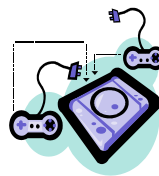
Written by Dominica Thomas  
Punishment for a crime  
I'm not sure I committed  
locked in the darkness  
Surrounded, engulfed  
Terror fills me  
I rock to comfort  
Myself, the child  
That hasn't yet  
conquered  
Her fear of the dark  
Her cries are ignored  
No one listens  
Nor do they care  
Leaving her, me, to  
ourselves  
So dark that I cannot see  
An inch in front of me  
I could, would, wander  
for days  
Never arriving at any  
destination  
A world of nothingness  
One I wander alone  
Eyes open, closed  
There is no difference  
Always darkness

# Teen Voice

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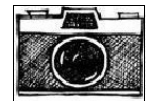
Welcome to the first ever issue of Teen Voice, the Middlesboro Public Library's newsletter created for teens by teens. The newsletter is aimed at teens interested in participating in fun events at their community library.



## Library to Host Game Night

Friday, August 28th, Middlesboro Public Library will be hosting a game night from 6 PM to 8 PM in the community room. Food and refreshments will be made available. Come out and enjoy the fun!

## Photography Contest



The library will be holding a photography contest for any teenager interested. Send your submissions to [Teenlibrarycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Teenlibrarycouncil@gmail.com). The theme for this month's photography contest will be **"Back to School"**, so get those photos in before the end of September. The winners will be announced October 16th.

## New Young Adult Books

Here's a list of new young adult books to look for the next time you're here:

*The Last Exit to Normal* by Michael Harmon

*The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

*Sweethearts* by Sarah Zarr

*Being Nikki* by Meg Cabot

*Imperfections* by Lynda Durant

*Creepers* by Joanne Dahme

## Upcoming Events

- August 28th - Library to Host Video Game Night
- September 26th - Poetry Slam
- October 30th - Harry Potter Costume Party



## Calling All Teen Authors

Any teen author, published or not, is welcome to submit any works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, or even book reviews to be showcased in any upcoming Teen Voice issue. Feel free to submit as many pieces as you wish, but only one piece per author will be published at one time. You may submit all works by emailing them to [Teenlibrarycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Teenlibrarycouncil@gmail.com).

## Book Review Corner

*The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls is an amazing tale of adventure, coming of age, and survival. In this memoir, Walls recalls her early years of nomadic travel, due to her parents' inability to stay in one place; her teen years spent in West Virginia with an alcoholic father and a mother who would rather paint a landscape than take care of her children; and finally her triumphant rise from West Virginia hick to New York City college student. *The Glass Castle* is above all else a moving tale of survival, love, and the never-ending pursuit of happiness.

Heather Gambrel

