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Teenagers in the Mist

I timed my walk from my apartment towards a nearby community center on a main street in my neighborhood so that I'd be more likely to encounter a teenager. I am pleased to say I did. I saw two girls, one taller and more possessed than the other, walking towards me. I made a hurried introduction and asked for their grades. The taller was a 7th grader, the other a 5th grader. She agreed to be interviewed. Hooray!

Outside of her assigned schoolwork she read for pleasure because it was fun and interesting. The materials she usually read from were hardcover books, ebooks and internet sites. The latest book she read for fun was the latest Warrior Cats series, which she'd been following for sometime. She really enjoyed it and liked that it was fiction but had elements of science fiction in it.

The last book she had to read for school was Twilight, which she enjoyed. It was assigned by her Language Arts teacher. She classified herself first as a fan of the Warrior Cats series again and then as a science fiction fan. Her favorite series is the Warrior Cats series. She also mentioned Twilight and the Hunger Games as being popular with classmates and friends.

She did have a personal collection of reading material at home. She has the entire Warrior Cats series and the Jenny B. Jones series. She mainly collects books. Her collection is mainly gifts from her Grandmother. She has bought some herself from Barnes and Noble.

She mainly borrows from the Public Library but also borrows books from her school library since they have different selections. The school library only has one Warrior Cats book! She also uses an ebook reader and likes it, though she cautioned me that over use damages eyesight. Her younger friend seconded this.

As for choosing new reading material, she first mentioned reading the back summary as an influence, and then mentioned the cover art. Bright and colorful cover art is appealing to her. When she does read reviews, she reads them online.

At the conclusion of the interview she wished me luck, and then called me back to ask for a hug.