

Young Adult Novelist Convention

Saturday, January 28, 2017

1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Millbrae Library

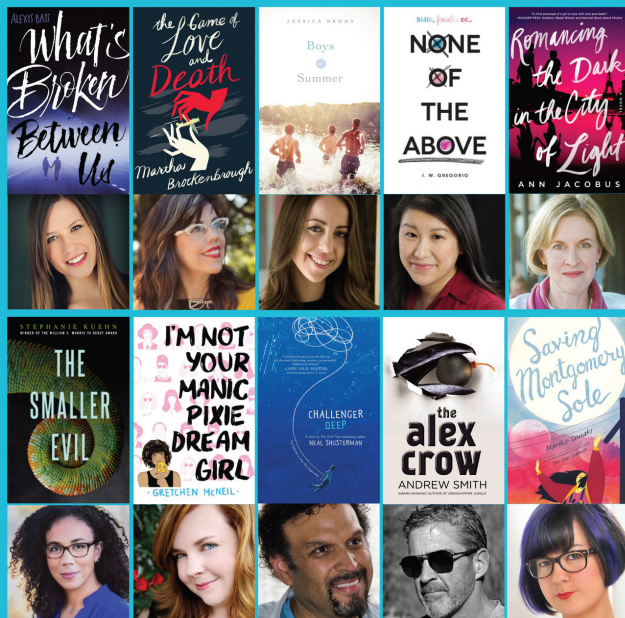
1 Library Ave

Millbrae, Ca 94030

Panel discussions, breakout sessions,
author hangouts, book signings,
and more!

RSVP Here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yanovcon>.



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About Mental Illness

Did you know that 1 in 5 teens
and young adults lives with a
mental health condition?

If you think you may have a mental
health condition, it's important that
you know and recognize the ten
common warning signs. You may read
about these on NAMI's page, Getting
the Right Start:

<http://tiny.cc/10warningsigns>.

If you see these signs in yourself, reach
out to someone you trust, whether
that's a parent, friend, librarian, coach
or religious leader. It can be hard to
know what to say, but start with
something like, "I'm not feeling right. I
think I need help. Can I talk to you
about it?" They will be able to help
connect you with services and
supports.

-From NAMI, Getting the Right Start

If you need help, or just want to talk to
someone confidentially, you can call
the StarVista Crisis Hotline at
(650) 579-0350 anytime day or night.

You can also text "START" to 741741 to
get free, confidential 24/7 emotional
support and information for people in
any emotional crisis from the Crisis
Text Line.



Teen Short Story Contest

THEME: **Mental Health Awareness**

Write a short story that helps readers empathize with a character who has a **mental illness**.

Consider focusing on and researching about one mental illness. What is your understanding of that mental illness? Stories can be realistic fiction, sci-fi, fantasy, mystery, dystopian, etc.

**Contest open
to teens in
6-12th grades.**



Short story guidelines:

- Submit your own original work
- 500 words or less
- One story per person

Submit stories to:
<http://tiny.cc/yanovcontest>

Timeline

**First day to submit
stories:**

Saturday,
December 10, 2016

**Last day to submit
stories:**

Tuesday,
January 17, 2017

By entering your story, you give us permission to display or publish your story online, in print publications, or in San Mateo County Libraries or in Peninsula Library System Locations.

Prizes **1st Place**

Lunch & feedback from a YA author, book bundle & a writer's journal

2nd Place

Book bundle
& a writing journal

3rd Place

A writing journal

All winners will have the opportunity to do an online writing workshop with YA novelist, Jessica Brody. The winners may also read their stories at YANovCon.

Winners

Will be announced
at YANovCon
on January 28, 2017

