

# Getting Your Tween Excited About Reading

**a Santa Rosa Junior College Community Education  
online class beginning June 6, 2011**

Students in this online course will survey a broad variety of age-appropriate literature that can be employed in seeking to hook young people ages 10 through 13 on reading for pleasure and in searching for information. Included will be picture books for older readers and graphic novels; nonfiction pleasure reading, information-seeking, and self-help books; poetry and verse novels; historical and contemporary fiction; popular periodicals focused on this age group; a focus on 'boy books' and books for reluctant readers; and multicultural literature. Students will read from these genres and utilize Web 2.0 online tools to share their reactions on a weekly basis.

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