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TEEN READ WEEK™ SET FOR OCTOBER

National Teen Read Week™ will be celebrated Oct. 16-22. Teen Read Week™ is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest-growing division of the American Library Association.

The Southeast Steuben County Library will celebrate the TRW theme, "Picture It! @ your library®," with two visual arts programs.

"The message behind 'Picture It! @ your library' is that reading allows and encourages your mind's imagination," said Children's Services Coordinator Sue McConnell. "Reading just fires up your brain like adding fuel to a spark. The two art classes we're offering during Teen Read Week will be a fun outlet for some of that creativity."

The first is set for Tuesday Oct. 18. Local art teacher Emily Swan will attend the Absolute Otaku Angels Anime meeting and lead a workshop in Anime/Manga drawing. The meeting will start at 3:30 p.m. Swan will begin her workshop at 4:30 p.m.

The second program is set for Friday Oct. 21 from 3:30-5 p.m. Learn to create art with old T-shirts. Bring old T-shirts and reuse, recycle or reconstruct them into fashion accessories or learn to weave a rug using T-shirt strips and a hula hoop.

"Success in life has been linked to literacy and so during Teen Read Week and all year round we invite teens and everyone to come in and pick up a book for fun, relaxation or learning," said McConnell.

For more details, call the Children's Department at the library, (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.