Great Stories Club Participant Survey

The American Library Association administers Great Stories Club programs through libraries across the country. Please answer as many of the questions below as possible in order to help us understand more about reactions to the program and reading materials, and more about the young people who are participating. There is the chance that some questions may make you feel uncomfortable, so you can choose not to answer whatever you wish. Your decision to participate and answers will be totally anonymous. Participation cannot benefit or harm you. This survey will be used for research and feedback purposes only.

1. How many Great Stories Club discussion sessions have you attended?
   - □ 1 (this is the first one)
   - □ 2
   - □ 3
   - □ More than 3 (How many? _____)

2. Which book in the Great Stories Club “Structures of Suffering: Origins of Teen Violence and Suicide” did you discuss today?
   - □ Thirteen Reasons Why by Jay Asher
   - □ It’s Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini
   - □ Romeo and Juliet (No Fear Shakespeare Graphic Novels), illustrated by Matt Weigle

3. Did you enjoy this book?
   - □ Yes
   - □ Somewhat
   - □ No
   
   Comments? ____________________________

4. Did you enjoy participating in a discussion (or several discussions) about this book?
   - □ Yes
   - □ Somewhat
   - □ No
   
   Comments? ____________________________

5. In general, do you consider yourself a reader?
   - □ Yes, I like reading/read often.
   - □ Neutral, I’m somewhat of a reader.
   - □ No, I usually don’t enjoy reading/don’t read often.
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6. How many times have you participated in small-group discussions of literature/media in the past, outside of the Great Stories Club?
   □ Never
   □ 1 – 3 times
   □ 4 – 6 times
   □ More than 6 times

7. Where have you participated in small-group discussions of literature/media outside of the Great Stories Club? (Skip if you answered “Never” to question 6.)
   □ In school
   □ In another program
   □ With family
   □ With friends
   □ In a library
   □ At church
   □ Online
   □ Other (Where? ____________________________)

8. How did you feel about participating in small-group discussions of literature/media before participating in the Great Stories Club?
   □ 5 - I really enjoyed it.
   □ 4 – I liked it.
   □ 3 – Neutral: it’s OK – I didn’t mind it, but I didn’t enjoy it.
   □ 2 – I had some negative feelings about it.
   □ 1 – I didn’t enjoy it.

   Comments? ________________________________________________

9. How do you feel about participating in small-group discussions of literature and media now, after participating in the Great Stories Club?
   □ 5 - I really enjoyed it.
   □ 4 – I liked it.
   □ 3 – Neutral: it’s OK – I didn’t mind it, but I didn’t enjoy it.
   □ 2 – I had some negative feelings about it.
   □ 1 – I didn’t enjoy it.

   Comments? ________________________________________________
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10. Has your participation in the GSC affected how you think about yourself? If so, how?
   □ Yes (describe) ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________
   □ No.
   □ I don’t know.

11. Has your participation in the GSC affected how you think about the world? If so, how?
   □ Yes (describe) ________________________________________________________________
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   □ No.
   □ I don’t know.

12. Tell us how often you consider “big questions” about the way the world works and your place in it.
   (For example: “How do media shape individuals and influence whole societies?”) Answer on a scale of 1-5, with 5 as the highest score,
   Before reading the Great Stories Club books?
   □ 5 - All the time
   □ 4 - Regularly
   □ 3 - Sometimes
   □ 2 - Rarely
   □ 1 - Never

   After reading the Great Stories Club books?
   □ 5 - All the time
   □ 4 - Regularly
   □ 3 - Sometimes
   □ 2 - Rarely
   □ 1 - Never

   After discussing the Great Stories Club books?
   □ 5 - All the time
   □ 4 - Regularly
   □ 3 - Sometimes
   □ 2 - Rarely
   □ 1 - Never
13. What is your age group?
   - 14 or younger
   - 15-18
   - 19-21
   - Over 21

14. What is your race/ethnicity? (Check all that apply)
   - American Indian/Alaska Native
   - Asian
   - Black/African American
   - Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
   - White/Not Hispanic or Latino
   - Hispanic/Latino
   - Other

15. Are you:
   - Male
   - Female
   - Transgender
   - Other

16. What best describes your current living situation?
   - One or both parents, home environment
   - Relative/guardian, home environment
   - One or both parents, transitional housing
   - In a detention facility
   - In a shelter
   - In a residential treatment facility
   - In a foster or group home
   - Other

17. If there was one thing you could tell us about your experience with the Great Stories Club (positive or negative), or the book you read and discussed before taking this survey, what would it be?

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