

Introduction

In this issue of the YA Hotline, we explore the world of fanfiction, starting with a basic overview of what fanfiction is. This issue also includes discussions surrounding the concerns and benefits associated with the genre, the ways in which fandoms can contribute to a vibrant programming environment, ways to incorporate fanfiction into library programming, and various forms of fanfiction, such as parodies, adaptations, and Twitter fiction.

What is Fanfiction?

Stories involving popular fictional characters that are written by fans and often posted on the Internet — called also *fanfic*, or *fic* (Merriam-Webster).

Fiction written by fans of a TV series, movie, etc., using existing characters and situations to develop new plots. (Dictionary.com)

Fiction, usually fantasy or science fiction, written by a fan rather than a professional author, *esp.* that based on already-existing characters from a television series, book, film, etc.; (also) a piece of such writing. (OED online)

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