

#### From the Stacks

Many libraries across the world use podcasting to connect communities and share their passions (like <u>Chattanooga Public Library's J-YA</u> (2020-2021)). We'd like to highlight two:



It Came From the Second Floor (2014-)

On <u>Soundcloud</u> and <u>The Halifax Public Library site</u>

dramas for young adults.

Since the creation of the Media Studio, the HPL staff has involved and encouraged youth. This monthly podcast allows teens to take the reins and cover what they want to cover from books to news to local interests. *ICFTSF* is run by teen volunteers and is currently on hiatus.



Keeping Up With Gen Z (2022-)

On Spotify, Apple, and Google

Like *ICFTSF*, *Keeping Up With Gen-Z* is a library podcast for and by teens. The co-hosts, Kaelin and Alex, explore various topics that concern and excite youth, including book recommendations related to their topics.

# **Bookclub Podcasts**





Hey YA! (2017-)

On Spotify, Apple, Google, and the Book Riot site

Hey YA! hosts Tirzah and Erica explore all things teen lit, from new releases, to classics, to industry news. They are part of the Book Riot family of podcasts, all of which could appeal to youth as they cover different genres.



Overdue (2013-)

On <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple</u>, <u>Headgum</u>, and <u>their website</u>

Hosts Andrew and Craig read all the books you were "supposed" to read so you don't have to! Each week, they take turns presenting the book while the other pokes fun. They do not read YA exclusively.



Put A Blurb On It (2017-)

On <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple Podcasts</u>, and <u>their website</u>

Curious about the publishing industry? This is the pod for you! Ardo and Yash talk books, even having the opportunity to interview authors about their favourites and upcoming releases. They are not YA exclusive.



Adventures in YA (2015-19)

On Spotify, and Apple Podcasts, and their website

Adventures in YA follows YA enthusiasts Sara and Kristin as they talk all things YA. They have book reviews, book club discussions, and update listeners on the latest releases, talking all about their favourites along the way.

## **Authors & Writing**

Though we've already mentioned podcasts which address the publishing industry, many young adults enjoy engaging directly with authors and creative writing. Here are some podcasts about writing straight from the source!



This Creative Life (2015-)
On <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple</u>, and <u>Libsyn</u>

YA author Sara Zarr talks all things writing, discussing the practical and psychological aspects of creativity. She often collaborates and speaks with other authors and has published a book by the same name.



Write or Die (2018-22)
On Spotify, <u>Apple</u>, and <u>Google</u>

Write or Die gets real about what it takes to become an author in the world of publishing today. Get all the gritty details from your favourite authors and from hosts/upcoming YA authors Claribel Ortega and Kat Cho.



88 Cups of Tea (2017-)
On <u>Spotify</u>, <u>Apple</u>, and <u>their website</u>

Host Yin Chang founded 88 Cups of Tea as a way to

connect creative writers to others in the industry so they could trade thoughts, ideas and experiences to better encourage and uplift others and the work they're doing. Though the podcast covers a swath of creative writing avenues, the website allows for easy filtering on the authorship opportunities that interest you. 88 Cups of Tea is currently on hiatus.

### **Audio Dramas/ Fiction**



Welcome to Night Vale (2012-)

On Spotify, Apple, Google, Youtube, and their website

As a foundational fiction podcast, *WTNV* is hard not to recommend. Enter the desert town of Night Vale with the gentle voice of radio host Cecil Palmer, as he updates you on the strange goings on of Night Vale. Due to its length, new listeners may prefer the starter guide before taking the dive.



Kaleidotrope (2018)

On Apple, Google, Youtube and their website

If you're not a fantasy fan, how do you feel about romance? *Kaleidotrope* follows two university radio hosts, Harrison and Drew, who find themselves delving into the love lives of their fellow students instead of the so-loved music show Drew *thought* he was presenting.



The Two Princes (2019-)

On <u>Spotify</u> (exclusive)

For the younger listeners, *The Two Princes* presents a splendid adventure story that anyone call enjoy. Prince Rupert and Prince Amir begin their journey together when trying to save their kingdoms, bickering along the way, and, just maybe, finding love.



The Bright Sessions (2015-21)

On Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and Google Podcasts

Dr. Bright has very unique patients: each of them has a unique supernatural ability that makes them Atypical. She helps them control and embrace their abilities, and just might be protecting them from something unseen.

#### **Last Minute**

There are *lots* of podcasts out there, and these are just a small selection that could be of interest to young adults.

We would advise that many podcasts require crowdfunding or sponsorships to maintain their production, so it may be worth cautioning youth on appropriate action and online/ financial security.

We would also like to acknowledge that many podcasts, especially those from our fiction section, provide transcripts of each episode upon its release to be more accessible productions.





### **Link List**

It Came From the Second Floor:

https://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/blogs/post/it-came-from-the-second-floor-the-story-of-our-teen-podcast/

Keeping Up With Gen Z:

https://www.nypl.org/blog/2021/11/22/introducing-keeping-up-with-

gen-z-teen-podcast

Hey YA!: https://bookriot.com/listen/shows/heyya/

Overdue: https://overduepodcast.com/episodes

Put a Blurb On It: https://putablurbonit.wordpress.com

Adventures in YA: http://www.adventuresinya.com

This Creative Life: https://www.sarazarr.com/podcast

Write or Die: https://writeordiepodcast.com/

88 Cups of Tea - https://88cupsoftea.com/category/podcasts/

Welcome to Night Vale: https://www.welcometonightvale.com

Kaleidotrope: http://kaleidotropepodcast.com/

The Two Princes: https://gimletmedia.com/shows/the-two-princes

The Bright Sessions: https://www.thebrightsessions.com/

