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Jenks library engages teens

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The Jenks Library Teen Advisory Group hosted a holiday crafting event during their Dec. 3 meeting.

JTAG meets each month to discuss the library policies, JTAG rules and community, library business and library events.

"It's a way for the library to get teens input so we aren't shooting in the dark," said Jenks Teen Associate Librarian Leah Weyand. "It also serves as community service hours for the teens involved."

For the December event, teens were invited to bring a craft they'd seen on Pinterest, or they could put together a craft provided by the library. The group focused on making coasters out of tiles and washi tape, which they then sealed with mod-podge.

"We have done other displays and events like 'Blind Date with a Book,'"



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The Jenks Teen Advisory Group meets to discuss library policies and business, as well as for community and events. This December the group puts together holiday crafts.

Weyand said. "Books are covered with paper and we write a few tag lines on the outside. There is also a magnetic poetry board and an oragami display-which was a make and take craft."

Currently JTAG is spending much of their time planning for events in the month of March.

"March is Teen Tech Month," Weyand said. "It is an American Library Association week-long event, but Oklahoma libraries celebrate the event throughout the month. Events throughout the month will be tech-related and directed at getting teens into the library to see how it can serve their

technological needs or inform them about technology.

"The month also helps the library to see what kind of technology teens are interested in, like Pinterest or Tumblr or Instagram versus Facebook."

JTAG has considered planning coding-classes for Teen Tech Month.



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JTAG member Lexi Sugiyama works patiently on a washi tape coaster.

scheduled Dec. 9 Jenks Public Schools Board of Education meeting, school board members unanimously approved holding a special election to be held for general obligation bonds. The approved resolutions include two separate propositions.

Proposition No. 1 is a building resolution, while Proposition No. 2 deals with transportation.

The election for the general obligation bonds is to be held Feb. 11.

- Tech Equipment/Improvements, \$4,340,000
 - Maintenance Improvements, \$1,800,000
 - District-wide Equipment, \$1,000,000
 - Textbooks/Media Improvements, \$1,000,000
 - District-wide Safety Improvements, \$1,000,000
 - East Elemen. Kitchen Renovation, \$1,000,000
 - Transportation Facility Improvements, \$1,000,000
 - High School Track Resurfacing, \$400,000
 - Rock Gymnasium Preservation, \$330,000
 - District-wide Copiers, \$225,000
 - Bond Fees, \$75,000
- Total: \$12,170,000**

Proposition 2

- Transportation Equipment/Total, \$650,000

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