



Stacy Alesi is a Library Associate at Southwest County Regional Library in Boca Raton, Florida, where she created a Readers' Advisory program utilizing volunteers, maintains the mystery page of the Readers' Advisory section of the Palm Beach County Library System Web site, gives book talks at local nursing homes, and is the Volunteer Coordinator for more than 100 volunteers each month at her branch, in addition to her circulation duties.

Stacy worked for Borders Bookstore for seven years. She is currently an undergraduate student majoring in English at Florida Atlantic University. She is a regular contributor to *Library Journal* of reviews in crime fiction and chick-lit and wrote a Readers' Shelf column on Romance for Men. She created and maintains a Web site at www.bookbitch.com. This enlightening site offers book reviews, a Weblog of breaking book news, links to dozens of book-related Web sites, and gives away many new books every month.

Stacy has presented at the Palm Beach County Library System Annual Training Day, the 2005 Spring Symposium of the New York Library Association, and at Borders Bookstore, Boca Raton, Florida.

Chapter Author

Nonfiction Readers Advisory. Edited by Robert Burgin (Libraries Unlimited, 2004). Chapter entitled "Readers' Advisory in the Real World"

Workshops

Readers' Advisory encompasses many areas, and Stacy is prepared to teach librarians and other interested people some of the skills that help make Readers' Advisory easier, including:

- How to Read a Book in 10 Minutes (speed reading for RA)
- How to Read Book Reviews for Readers' Advisory
- The Importance of Annotations in Readers' Advisory
- Readers' Advisory in the Real World (practical applications including communication skills and online resources)
- What Libraries Can Learn From Bookstores (for Readers' Advisory and promotion)
- Nonfiction Readers' Advisory: The New Frontier
- How to Start (or Jumpstart) a Reading Group. This includes how to recruit members, select titles, research books and authors, and put together discussion questions. (Done with Judy Kamiat.)

Each topic can be covered in 30 minutes minimum, or combined with other topics of interest for a longer program.

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