



Have Pants, Will Travel

Celebrating the Birthday of Ann Brashares (b. 1967)

Description of Program:

Join as we celebrate the 42nd birthday of author Ann Brashares with friendship, fashion and fun! Ann is best known for the popular *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* series, which follows the lives of four close friends, Carmen, Bridget, Lena, Tibby and a special pair of jeans. Come prepared to talk about your favorite summer of the *Sisterhood* series and bring a pair of jeans to bedazzle!

Program Plans

Ice Breaker:

Think of famous friends and write the name of each person on a separate piece of paper, fold and place in a container. (A few examples would be: Sherlock Holmes & Dr. Watson, Harry Potter and Ron Weasley, Batman & Robin, etc.). Each person selects a slip of paper and must then find their match. Once the match has been made, each friend must find out the following information about each other:

- Name
- Where they go to school
- What they enjoy reading
- Hobbies
- If they were granted a wish, what would it be?

Game:

Word Search Bingo- This game is played using a word search sheet that can be created at www.puzzlemaker.com, using words that correlate to the series. Everyone is given a copy of the word search, with the printed side down. When instructed, everyone turns their sheet over and looks for the word called out by the librarian. The first person to find the word and shout "friends are forever" wins and selects a prize. Continue playing until all the words have been found. Prizes can be decorative pens, notebooks, key chains and books.

Crafts

Friend Bracelets- A friendship bracelet kit can be purchased or you can create your own kit with plastic beads and embroidery thread.

Dazzling Jeans- Purchase fabric paints, fabric markers (permanent markers work well too), patches, buttons and rhinestones to jazz up a pair of jeans with titles of favorite books and authors.

Food

Hummus & pita chips (Correlates with Lena's trips to Greece to visit her grandparents)

Guacamole/salsa & Tortilla chips (Correlates with Bridget's trip to soccer camp in Mexico)

Fruit tray

Bottled water/Fruit juice

Films

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants movies

Other

Create a "chick lit" list of similar YA titles and distribute at celebration.

Visit the Sisterhood online for more ideas at :

<http://www.randomhouse.com/teens/sisterhoodcentral/home.html>

More information or questions?

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