

## Crash Course in Romance Webinar Chat Transcript

- 1:40 PM Welcome! We'll get started at the top of the hour. We'll do a sound check in a few minutes.
- 1:44 PM I hear you very well!
- 1:45 PM Thanks you sound good
- 1:45 PM YES! I'm rereading that one, too!
- 1:45 PM Yes. O
- 1:46 PM Heather and Cindy from Reference at the San Antonio Public Library, Central Branch.
- 1:46 PM I'm reading the Wedding Party by Jasmine Guillory
- 1:46 PM Listening from Dallas, TX - White Rock Hills Branch Library
- 1:46 PM Have you read The Royal We?
- 1:46 PM I haven't but I've read the others in this series
- 1:46 PM I'm reading "Red, White, and Royal Blue" for the second time because it was just SO perfect.
- 1:46 PM That one is definitely in my TBR pile 😊
- 1:47 PM This is Lori - I'm reading Dragonfly in Amber
- 1:47 PM Be ready to laugh! McQuiston is hilarious.
- 1:47 PM Listening in from IL - McHenry Library
- 1:48 PM This is Kate. I am reading The Summer Cottage by Viola Shipman.
- 1:50 PM I've started numerous other books, but RW&RB has honestly given me a book hangover. I don't want to read anything else!
- 1:50 PM But I have "Under His Protection" by La Quette on my TBR.
- 1:51 PM Evelyn Hugo was so good! I enjoyed it immensely when I read it last year.
- 1:51 PM I'm reading a re-issued Mary Stewart Madam will you Talk?
- 1:51 PM Heard you loud and clear!
- 1:51 PM yes I could hear too
- 1:52 PM I heard you also.

1:52 PM Sounds good.

1:53 PM should we have sound?

1:53 PM We will have another sound check in just a minute!

1:54 PM I can hear you.

1:54 PM yes i can

1:54 PM Sound good on my end!

1:54 PM We have no audio :(

1:55 PM I'm Melanie in Albemarle, NC. I just started Windfall by Jennifer E. Smith.

1:55 PM Kitty we will do another sound check in a few minutes

1:56 PM Okey dokey!

1:56 PM Hi, I'm Kathy. I'm reading Cottage by the Sea, by Macomber

1:57 PM I'm Joanne from Omaha Public Library. Currently reading The Weight of Blood by Laura McHugh

1:57 PM The Flatshare is SO GOOD.

1:58 PM Juthika from Scott county Library MN

1:58 PM I'm readying The Umbrella Academy : Dallas

1:58 PM Should I be hearing audio yet?

1:58 PM Is there music or any other audio right now?

1:58 PM Hi. I'm Karen and I work for the Richardson Public Library in Texas. I get to order the Romance books, and I'm lucky enough to run the Romantic Interludes Book Club.

1:58 PM same on the audio front

1:58 PM Hey - I'm Robin from Lawrence and am currently reading the latest Joanna Shupe - The Rogue of 5th Avenue.

1:59 PM Hey All! I'm Brandi from Spartanburg County Public Libraries. Currently reading Free (Chaos #6) by Kristen Ashley & listening to The First Mistake by Sandie Jones

1:59 PM We can hear you loud and clear!

1:59 PM I'm Danie from Alachua County, children's specialist. Reading Spirals by Koji Suzuki

1:59 PM Bainbridge GA, currently reading Sisters of Summer's End by Lori Foster

1:59 PM Hi from Oshawa Public Library!

1:59 PM Listening to The Golden Hour

1:59 PM I'm Samantha from Peace Library System in Alberta. I just finished Red, White & Royal Blue

1:59 PM Karen, how is the turnout for your romance book club? How long have you been leading it?

1:59 PM Sweep of the Blade by Ilona Andrews, Northeast Ohio

1:59 PM Hi - I am Regina from the St. Louis Public Library

1:59 PM Greetings! I'm Erin from Wake County Public Libraries, NC. Just finished Nora Roberts' latest "Under Currents" and finally got to "The Hate U Give." Also just finished "Little Deaths" by Emma Flint and "Little Darlings" by Melanie Golding.

1:59 PM Debbie Menzel from Denver Public Library - I just finished the whole Wheel of Time series - \*whew\*... Not a huge romance reader looking forward to the info

1:59 PM I'm Jessica from Palm Beach county. I just finished Women War's

2:00 PM I'm from Louisville currently reading Wed, Read and Dead a cozy mystery and You'd be mine teen novel

2:00 PM I am Sarah from Indiana and I am currently reading The Proposal by Jasmine Guillory and listening to Lothaire by Kresley Cole

2:00 PM Hi! I am Kate, a reference librarian in South Windsor, CT. I am reading Sygian by Sherrilyn Kenyon. I have also just reread the Ice series by Anne Stuart.

2:00 PM Hi! I'm Yuri, a cataloger for Baltimore County Public Libraries, and I'm excited to learn more about romance as a genre. Just exploring some Kristin Proby books now

2:00 PM I'm Haley from Littleton, Colorado! We just started an online reader's advisory service so I'm brushing up on all my genres.

2:00 PM I have Red, White, and Royal Blue on request. Looking forward to it!

2:00 PM Hi Everyone, I'm from Baltimore County Public Library.

2:00 PM Patti from suburban Chicagoland. Reading Sunset Beach by Andrews, & Fly Girls by O'Brien

2:00 PM Hi! I'm Patricia Ruocco at Lisle Library, Mystery selector here.

- 2:00 PM Hello, I'm Monica Garza Bustillo, a Branch Manager of Johnston Library in San Antonio Public Library. I run a book club that meets today and we are discussing The 57 Bus but asked for some Romance suggestions
- 2:00 PM Good morning / afternoon! I'm Julie from Yakima Valley Libraries in WA. I'm reading Velocity Weapon by Megan E. O'Keefe right now - on an SFF kick but this spring was lots of awesome romance!
- 2:00 PM This is Colleen from the Matteson Area Public Library 30 miles south of Chicago . I'm currently reading Shadow Warrior by Christine Feehan.
- 2:00 PM Don't really read romance, but I am about to start The Bride Test
- 2:00 PM I'm reading Other Side of a Dream by Sheila Williams
- 2:00 PM Jacinda from Pryor, OK and I have very little knowledge about romance books so hopefully I can learn something to help patrons instead of giving them a deer in the headlights look.
- 2:00 PM Hi. It's Becky from RA for All
- 2:00 PM I'm Tiffany from Tacoma Public Library in WA state. I'm currently reading Twice in a Blue Moon by Christina Lauren
- 2:00 PM I am Danny Puckett from the W. Walworth Harrison Public Library in Greenville, Texas and serve as the Adult Services Librarian here. I want to learn about the Contemporary Romance Genre so I can better serve my patrons!
- 2:00 PM I'm wading through Moby Dick for our Big Book Club, and just started Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune
- 2:00 PM Turning Point Danielle Steel
- 2:00 PM Hi from Connecticut! Listening to: Ask Again, Yes. Reading: In West Mills. Loving both!
- 2:00 PM Hello. I'm Renita from HCC. Reading Ilona Andrews. Sweep of the Blade.
- 2:00 PM Hello my name is Ana right now I am listening to an audiobook called the ever after by sarah pekkanen
- 2:00 PM Jill from M/RCPL in Mansfield, Ohio. I'm re-reading The Fault in Our Stars for my book club.
- 2:00 PM Hello! I'm from TRL in Washington state..
- 2:01 PM Hello! Andrienne here from Azusa (Los Angeles County). The last romance/steamy book I read was The Rose by Tiffany Reisz
- 2:01 PM Hi, I'm Jordan Manuel from Houston Public Library. I don't read romance but do Readers Advisory so I would like to know more about the genre
- 2:01 PM Hello from Long Island, NY! :-)

2:01 PM I'm Shiley in Marion, IN. Just finished Where the Crawdads Sing and started Blessings in Disguise.

2:02 PM I'm Alisa from the Boone County Public Library. I'm reading "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George.

2:02 PM Hi, other CT person!

2:02 PM Hello from NC!

2:02 PM hi, I am Norma Leistiko, I am adult reference librarian at Beaverton City Library in Oregon

2:03 PM Hi other NC person, Bree!

2:03 PM ^

2:03 PM yes

2:03 PM

2:03 PM Me!

2:03 PM me

2:03 PM yes

2:03 PM Three of us checking in from McPherson Public Library in Kansas.

2:03 PM Howdy! My name is Scott Mittedorf and I'm the Senior Library Associate at the Moapa Valley Library in Overton NV.

2:05 PM Plus the presenter from Lawrence! Ad apsera!

2:05 PM Beth from Milwaukee Public Library!

2:05 PM HFN works too, happily for now

2:05 PM Is there a # for Twitter today?

2:05 PM They're not, especially Nicholas Sparks. He's made it very clear he looks down on the romance genre.

2:05 PM #novelistconversations

2:06 PM Younger.

2:06 PM Yup

2:06 PM Yes

2:06 PM age 11...

2:06 PM 11, 12

2:06 PM Yes!

2:06 PM oh yes

2:06 PM I sure did! I was probably 11 or 12

2:06 PM Yesh

2:06 PM Yes

2:06 PM me

2:06 PM Definitely as a young teen

2:06 PM barely started lol

2:06 PM yes

2:06 PM Dana from Princeton PL, Illinois. Absolutely started reading romances as a teenager :)

2:06 PM Sweet Dreams books!

2:06 PM 8th grade. all total bodice rippers!

2:06 PM Age 11 and stopped in my early teens

2:07 PM Got started reading Romance Novels with my Grandmother's bookclub at the age of 12 :)

2:08 PM Barbara Cartland -- age 12

2:08 PM me too. Barbara Cartland at 12

2:09 PM hospital librarian. interesting :O

2:09 PM Lord of Scoundrels is SO GOOD.

2:09 PM I feel bad for stripped tie guy

2:09 PM \*striped

2:09 PM lol

2:09 PM lol

2:09 PM haha

2:09 PM Those are the EDITH glasses from Spiderman Homecoming!

2:09 PM That striped-tie guy is obviously a jerk and he doesn't deserve her. He's probably a "nice guy"

2:10 PM lol!

2:10 PM Good one!

2:10 PM All I knew of romance as a kid was picking up my mom's bodice ripper and found not age appropriate content. My world tilted as I realized my mom was not the prude she seemed >.>

2:10 PM He just doesn't understand their love

2:10 PM I'm only now getting into romance novel. There have been some great ones this year!

2:11 PM Some of the best ones I've read recently are The Unhoneymooners, The Kiss Quotient, and The Bride Test.

2:11 PM The Kiss Quotient was my favorite book of 2018

2:11 PM I'm into paranormal romances mostly, but it still has to have something else with it. Like a mystery. Just finished one last night!

2:11 PM Loved all those. Looking forward to the 3rd one of the Rosie Project

2:11 PM aren't these statistics skewed? I barely see variety for diversity in romance collections, so of course the majority is heterosexual

2:12 PM I love the Reluctant Royals books by Alyssa Cole. So good!

2:12 PM I have found men tend to enjoy paranormal romance and western romance.

2:12 PM Acheron by Sherrilyn Kenyon was the first romance for a lot of guys I've talked to as a bookseller.

2:12 PM My dad loves Sarah MacLean

2:12 PM Heather S. I have not run into that yet.

2:12 PM Washington Post, Dec 8, 2017

2:13 PM I was a bookseller for several years and I had some regular guys who would come in to buy the new Christine Feehan, etc.

2:13 PM I have a male patron who loves Heather Graham and Carla Neggers

2:14 PM Last night I completed the 7th book in the THIRDS series by Charlie Cochet, I highly suggest the series.

2:14 PM I've heard a lot from big fans of the THIRDS series. Dreamspinner publishes some great books!

2:14 PM Find a complete list of NoveList themes at: <http://bit.ly/2Wlg6cM>

2:15 PM I stayed up past my bedtime to finish it!

2:15 PM Faith & Fidelity by Tere Michaels is one of my favorites, and it's a gateway to m/m romance for so many readers.

2:15 PM Thank you!

2:16 PM The Hidden Legacy Series by Ilona Andrews is a wonderful introduction to romance for readers of all genders!

2:16 PM I can't wait to read the Unhoneymooners

2:16 PM The Hating Game of Sally Thorne is another good Enemies to Lovers

2:16 PM \*by

2:16 PM RWRB is \*so good\*

2:16 PM YES.

2:16 PM I am obsessed with RWRB!

2:16 PM Love The Unhoneymooners! Very much Wedding date tone.

2:16 PM I'm listening to it now and it's so good!

2:17 PM (RWRB)

2:17 PM I'm popping some of these titles on my hold list

2:17 PM Anyone into Argeneau series by Lynsay Sands? Also, RWRB?

2:17 PM Red White, and Royal Blue

2:17 PM I loved RWRB!

2:17 PM Fix Her Up kind of left me meh

2:18 PM I love Cat Sebastian - she has a f/f/ novella coming out next month and it is perfect.



2:18 PM I LOVE the Argeneaus! I like all of Lynsay's books.

2:18 PM Hmm...I have Fix Her Up at Home right now

2:18 PM question: If it's a series, is the happily ever after required in the first book to qualify as romance?

2:18 PM I love good banter in the dialogue between characters. That's why RWRB and Lord of Scoundrels worked so well for me.

2:18 PM Yes, each book must have a HEA or an HFN

2:18 PM HFN is required I would assume.

2:19 PM Find a complete list of NovelList appeals at: <http://bit.ly/2Wlg6cM>

2:19 PM for example, "To all the boys I loved before". I don't think it's HEA or HFN, but there's more in the series.

2:19 PM Any J. R. Ward fans?

2:19 PM love JR Ward!

2:19 PM Can't wait for Blood Truth next mont!

2:19 PM \*month

2:19 PM JR Ward is my next author after I finish Stygian

2:20 PM Just remember libraries - August is Read-A-Romance Month! I'm hosting a Romance Writer/Reader program on August 24th!

2:20 PM Julie Garwood was my first romance author as a 13 year old - and I still love her 25 years later!

2:20 PM Melissa Brayden is a local author!

2:20 PM Elizabeth how do i sign up?

2:20 PM Find a complete list of NovelList genres and subgenres at: <http://bit.ly/2Wlg6cM>

2:20 PM I loved PP&OF!

2:21 PM I LOVE that NovelList is including WOC authors in this presentation.

2:21 PM Ayesha At Last is a new multicultural one.

2:21 PM Debbie Macomber.

2:21 PM It's really good!

2:21 PM Jessica - I just did it. You can look at <http://www.readaromancemonth.com/> for inspiration

2:21 PM Rachel Spangler writes lesbian sports romance.

2:21 PM As in I didn't sign up, I just set up a program.

2:21 PM Alexa Martin is great! I actually liked the second one better than the first.

2:21 PM Paranormal is my catnip!

2:21 PM Please share some titles or authors who write rom-coms with chaste or mildly sensuous levels. Other than inspirational titles. Thanks

2:22 PM agreed

2:22 PM TIL genreblends are my thing

2:22 PM Paranormal is my bread and butter!

2:22 PM My book club read Him by Sarina Bowen--it was my first sports romance (it's m/m), and I thought it was well-done!

2:22 PM Him is the best!

2:22 PM Sarina Bowen is hilarious.

2:23 PM The series Howl at the moon by Eli Easton is a cozy mm romance

2:23 PM And please let's not ever use the term "clean romance"

2:23 PM YES. "Clean romance" is such a pet peeve of mine.

2:23 PM I prefer using "closed-door" "off-page" "no sex"

2:23 PM Bonnet Rippers

2:23 PM clean books of any type is a bad descriptor.

2:23 PM Yes, those are much better choices.

2:23 PM sound cutting out for anyone else?

2:23 PM What about saying "how much detail do you like"

2:23 PM Several years ago I had a woman in her 90s who loved the what one of my colleagues called "lady porn"

2:24 PM Unfortunately, Amish erotica exists.

2:24 PM NO!

2:24 PM Bonnet rippers lol

2:24 PM The mind boggles

2:24 PM Ankel showing!

2:24 PM haha

2:24 PM there was only one bed!

2:25 PM I DO

2:25 PM just one

2:25 PM Nora Roberts

2:25 PM Yup!

2:25 PM Yep

2:25 PM Yup

2:25 PM Nora Roberts, Ms. Bev, Courtney Milan, Alisha Rai

2:25 PM Beverly Jenkins

2:25 PM Beverly Jenkins Christina Milan

2:25 PM Nora and Bev

2:25 PM Yes!

2:25 PM Nora Roberts, Beverly Jenkins, Courtney Milan, Alisha Rai

2:25 PM My mama loves Nora

2:25 PM Courtney self-publishes

2:26 PM Really?

2:26 PM Courtney's stuff is still available on Overdrive and in Ingram though.

2:26 PM Courtney Milan is my favorite!

2:26 PM I love her books :)

2:26 PM We are lucky enough to have Alisha Rai come to our Buns and Roses Tea for Literacy as our featured speaker in Oct.

2:26 PM Yep. She left Harlequin some years ago and has been publishing independently ever since.

2:26 PM [https://www.amazon.com/Tail-Chaser-Rescue-Alana-Albertson/dp/1635762065/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?keywords=rescue+me+albertson&qid=1563387969&s=digital-text&sr=1-2-catcorr](https://www.amazon.com/Tail-Chaser-Rescue-Alana-Albertson/dp/1635762065/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=rescue+me+albertson&qid=1563387969&s=digital-text&sr=1-2-catcorr)

2:26 PM YES.

2:27 PM Oh yea, they seem shocked when I say i like PNR

2:27 PM Calling it "fluff" or "lady porn" is so dismissive.

2:27 PM I loved An Unorthodox Match by Naomi Ragen it's Jewish fiction but using the definition of Romance seems like it falls under Romance too.

2:27 PM Yay! Ilona Andrews is on the shelf here!

2:27 PM One of the few benefits of the #CopyPasteCris scandal is that I've been reading a lot more wonderful historical romance novels--it's made me appreciate Ms. Milan a lot more

2:27 PM We used this theme for one of our meetings. My book club members LOVED this them! They had to bring the book so that we could all enjoy!

2:27 PM Don't yuck somebody's yum

2:28 PM Gonna quote that. I love it!

2:28 PM I ADORE romance covers!

2:28 PM Well, now I warn some of my patron who are testing the water with smut.

2:28 PM Sleepless is my favorite graphic novel romance.

2:28 PM The Bridgertons!

2:28 PM the Bridgerton's are MY JAM

2:28 PM It's going to be a Netflix series.

2:28 PM Romance covers are so lovely. I just haven't found my personal favorite romance. Most of my patrons are into 'smut' romance, but I have a lot that are into historical romance .

2:28 PM my jam LOLO Love it!

2:28 PM Can't wait for the tv series!

2:28 PM Sleepless is amazing!!!

2:28 PM OMG

2:29 PM SHUT UP. sorry. But SHUT UP. Yay!

2:29 PM Got an ARC of Tessa Dare's new book the The Wallflower Wager. It is so good!

2:29 PM Historical romance is consistently popular. Other genres go in waves.

2:29 PM Another vote for Sleepless graphic novel

2:29 PM The last book is the Loyal League series is the best. I love it!

2:29 PM Spindle Cove! I read one of those (Any Duchess Will Do) and enjoyed it so much.

2:29 PM Who is the author on the Sleepless?

2:30 PM An Extraordinary Union has roots in actual events too!

2:30 PM Julie Andrews narrating as Lady Whistledown...

2:30 PM Sarah Vaughn

2:30 PM Alyssa Cole's Reluctant Royals series is great for contemporary goodness.

2:30 PM Also part of Saga's fame.

2:30 PM All the yes to Penny Reid!

2:30 PM Agreed, Heather S!!

2:30 PM I'm loving the cross stitch cover

2:30 PM Love Penny Reid!

2:31 PM Alice Clayton is also good for spice and humor.

2:31 PM Brockmann is so much fun

2:31 PM J.R. Ward is popular amongst my readers.

2:31 PM BDB! Saxton forever!

2:31 PM Talia Hibbert is an amazing contemporary author who will have her major publishing debut in November (Get a Life Chloe Brown)

2:31 PM -swoons-

2:31 PM The Fever books are great. Horror, fantasy and romance all in one

2:31 PM She has a big backlist, self-published, but soooooo good.

2:31 PM Kenyon Daark Hunters is really good Paranormal as welll

2:31 PM Talia Hibbert is amazing

2:31 PM Penny Reid is amazing!! Highly recommend.

2:31 PM Dark\*

2:31 PM 2nd vote for Kenyon's Dark hunters!

2:31 PM I love Kenyon.

2:32 PM Some cool romance Kindle books are not available on Overdrive :(

2:32 PM Any one else listening to the FatedMates podcast with Sarah MacLean and Jen Prokop (Kresley Cole's IAD series)?

2:32 PM 49!

2:32 PM My first Uran Fantasy was the Carpathian series, Christine Feehan

2:32 PM Yes, love Fated Mates so much

2:32 PM Andrienne, yes, I find this disappointing too

2:32 PM Any suggestions for how to convince the book buying librarians to include indie romance authors, like Penny Reid? I've suggested that our LCATS team buy her books with no luck.

2:32 PM I tweet at authors to ask them to make their stuff available in Overdrive.

2:32 PM #RitasoWhite call out again this year?

2:33 PM I litteral just poke my person til he gives in and buys it for me

2:33 PM Have some of your patrons request too!

2:33 PM I tell them there are patron requests. Sometimes I'm the patron.

2:33 PM SBTB is my favorite blog!

2:33 PM Good idea, Heather. Thanks

2:33 PM I just apply for grants so I can purchase outside our vendor.

2:33 PM SBTB has all my yes

2:33 PM SBTB! I love their cover snarks!

2:33 PM <https://smartbitchestrashybooks.com/>

2:33 PM Joyfully Jay is great for m/m reviews.

2:34 PM Love cover snark!

2:34 PM I adore Love in Panels for reviews

2:34 PM <https://dearauthor.com/>

2:35 PM Yeah, let's avoid bodice rippers as a term too

2:35 PM For example Julie, a Patron wanted Lachlan by Hazel Hunter it's a Scottish Time Travel Romance and I couldn't buy it on Overdrive. It seems like a great series.

2:36 PM Well, the good thing is you could find similar tropes/themes that are available (Scottish time travel romance is all over the place).

2:36 PM I love the Kiss Quotient!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2:36 PM True Elizabeth

2:36 PM Michael and Stell...sigh

2:36 PM Don't read romance regularly and I loved it!

2:36 PM I'm only okay with "bodice ripper" when it is used as the Romance community, not as a disparing remark from people unfamiliar with the genre.

2:36 PM I am eager to see Stella and Michael on screen! The book was crazy good.

2:37 PM Yay Nalini Singh!

2:37 PM I'm in love with Nalini Singh Archangel series

2:37 PM Yesssssss The Hating Game! Loooved that one

2:37 PM Is everyone hearing this webinar as I am not getting any sound?

2:37 PM sound keeps going in and out for me

2:37 PM Sound is cutting out for longer periods of time now.

2:37 PM the audio intermittently cuts out for short bits.

2:38 PM I've had it cut out for a short time periodically

2:38 PM Yay Car Sebastian!

2:38 PM I LOVE CAT SEBASTIAN!!!!

2:38 PM The Soldier's Scoundrel is SO good.

2:38 PM I haven't had it at all & I signed in early.

2:38 PM Her first f/f romance (novella) will be out next month.

2:38 PM A Little Light Mischief is amazing!

2:38 PM We are recording the session and will send out a link to the recording in a couple of days.

2:39 PM How about Olivia Waite's "The Lady's Guide to Celestial Mechanics"?

2:39 PM That one is great also!

2:39 PM oh that was really good!

2:39 PM Check out our tutorials on searching in NoveList by genre, appeal, themes and more:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjhobLoaOYU&list=PLmB3tN1AGPihV3YdtJCGcXufhC1tovoB>

2:40 PM Lady's Guide is SO GOOD

2:40 PM It's more that major publishers are finally starting to jump on the LGBTQ+ romance train.

2:40 PM Yes, beta males!

2:40 PM Woo-oo!!

2:40 PM Yes. So tired of alpha male heroes.

2:40 PM Especially now.

2:40 PM i just checked out lady's guide



2:40 PM Attachments!

2:41 PM I love novellas and graphics as an intro to an author

2:41 PM It's like you're dipping your toes into a nice, warm bath. With the occasional tsunami.

2:42 PM Courtney wrote a novella featuring older heroines, one of whom was transgender.

2:42 PM Yes!

2:42 PM We have a Kindle that's specifically for novellas and new local authors

2:42 PM Will we get a link for the slides?

2:42 PM It's so good!

2:42 PM The whole series is on my TBR.

2:42 PM Bet Me!

2:42 PM KATIE MACALISTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

2:42 PM I met Alyssa Cole at Avon KissCon and she wore the dress from A Prince on Paper. OMG

2:43 PM You can download the slides for today's webinar at: <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-crash-course-in-romance>

2:43 PM I LOVE humor romance.... ditto on MacAlister

2:43 PM Bet Me was great! It was one of my first reads when I was coming back to romance reading.

2:43 PM The dresses on the Relucant Royals have been stellar

2:43 PM HOWEVER - not every cartoon romance novel is a RomCom

2:43 PM Katie MacAlister is funny

2:43 PM Please make sure you check the description/reviews before labeling them as such.

2:43 PM KJ CHARLES!!!

2:43 PM Roller Girl is excellent!

2:43 PM KJ CHARLES!!!!

2:43 PM KJ Charles!!!!

2:43 PM KJ Charles!WHOOT WHOOT!

2:43 PM Give me all the LGBTQ+ romance, please and thank you.

2:44 PM Anyone a fellow HB here (Heaving Bosoms podcast lover)?

2:44 PM Yay I love that Charles is so popular!

2:44 PM Absolutely hilarious and steamy: MaryJanice Davidson and her Betsy the Vampire series starting with Better Dead Than Wed

2:44 PM I got a whole section on goodreads decicated to mm

2:44 PM Aw, When Dimple Met Rishi was so cute.

2:44 PM When Katie Met Cassidy by Camille Perri is a recent LGBTQ+ romance that was published by a general publisher.

2:44 PM (For a collection development librarian, this chat is such good validation. Thank you everyone.)

2:44 PM Love this chat!

2:44 PM Magpie lord is funny.

2:45 PM Hi, fellow HB, Jessica!

2:45 PM Will we get a link for the slides?

2:45 PM Charles' Sins of the Cities series is amazing too

2:45 PM RAFF!

2:45 PM Dreamspinner Press (publishes Hot Head) has category lines, too.

2:45 PM You can download the slides for today's webinar at: <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-crash-course-in-romance>

2:45 PM All the tropey goodness of Harlequin Presents, etc, but way less heteronormative and white.

2:45 PM We don't deserve Helen Hoang! She is setting the bar

2:45 PM ^(^.^)- Hi Sarah

2:45 PM Huh, I think Marriage Clock doesn't have a HEA or HFN if I remember correctly...

2:45 PM My poor cataloging person its getting tired of me I'm sure. I'm always sending him books to buy.

2:46 PM The Ripped Bodice does such great work for the romance community.

2:46 PM We will also post the chat transcript with the recording.

2:46 PM Marriage Clock does not have an HEA. She stays single, which is great, but is not a romance.

2:46 PM Is anyone else doing The Ripped Bodice Summer Reading Bingo?

2:46 PM Awesome I'm sure I missed some suggestion

2:46 PM Rafe is so great

2:46 PM Ayesha At Last is a better pick.

2:46 PM Also, "Sophia Khan is Not Obligated".

2:47 PM or The Chai Factor by Farah Rochan

2:47 PM Shery Thomas is one of my all time fav Sherlock Holmes type bookk

2:47 PM I've been really into South-Asian romance's and Busted in Bollywood by Nicola Marsh is a recent find and total gem

2:47 PM They also reissue books, like "The Duke and I" in trade pb, which looks more like historical fiction than romance with the new cover.

2:47 PM aaah. the sound is cutting sooo bad

2:48 PM The audio is okay now on my end but did cut out a little before

2:48 PM Charlotte is amazing

2:48 PM For those with intermittent sound issues, we are recording the session and will send out a link to the recording in a couple of days.

2:48 PM Get a Life, Chloe Brown is so so so good!!!

2:49 PM So excited to read get a life and the right swipe

2:49 PM I'm doing The Ripped Bodice Bingo!

2:49 PM I love these covers

2:49 PM Talia Hibbert is my favorite

2:50 PM Bringing Down the Duke is great!

2:50 PM Anyone else's audio go out?

2:50 PM Love a good consent boner from a book \*fans self\*

2:51 PM It doesn't look like it, but The Right Swipe is in the Wrong to Love you series.

2:51 PM Register for our upcoming webinar with LibraryReads, Crash Course in Horror:  
<https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/webinar-crash-course-in-horror>

2:52 PM Fantastic program. Thank you!!

2:52 PM I know I'm having fun tweeting about this webinar #novelistconversations! @bandherbooks

2:52 PM We will send a link to the recording out in the next few days.

2:52 PM Already signed up for horror

2:52 PM would you consider All Grown Up by Attenberg a romance?

2:52 PM Any recommendations or predictions for Christian Romance?

2:53 PM The Fever series has a lot of cliffhanger endings

2:54 PM Has anyone else heard the religious prairie romances referred to as bonnet-rippers?

2:54 PM How do we get more self published romance authors in our libraries like examples like Staci hart  
Brittany cherry

2:54 PM Download our Find the Right Romance by Steam Level Poster: <https://4la.co/1VSETC>

2:54 PM What about the series like "To All the Boys I've loved Before" where (SPOILER) they break up at the  
end of the first book?

2:54 PM Georgette Heyer read-alikes?

2:54 PM To All the Boys is a YA novel, not a romance.

2:54 PM (to me)

2:54 PM The Handyman by Linda Nichols as a good rom-com starter

2:54 PM Yes, you can usually start reading at any point because the couples change in each book. It's generally  
not something where you have to read it in order to follow what's going on.

2:54 PM Must leave...thank you for a fun and useful webinar. Love live the genre!

2:55 PM ok but presumably, if one of the protagonists dies, it's not HEA, right? :o

2:55 PM The ubiquity of the alpha male in romance novels has always kinda turned me off. Consequently, the  
beta male books intrigue me.

2:55 PM Rafe is a great Beta Male book

2:55 PM Funny RM: Jennifer Crusie. The Band Sinister had a great Heyer vibe, but LGBTQ+ and more explicit

2:55 PM Talia Hibbert also has delicious soft, beta heroes

2:55 PM Can you all touch base on dark romances?

2:55 PM I'm starting to discover those here and there

2:55 PM (ok someone in the room says if they come back as a ghost, it can still be HEA)

2:55 PM Like with Captive Prince trilogy by CS Pacat.

2:55 PM Thanks!

2:56 PM Thank you for the great information! must leave now, sorry.

2:56 PM I know Penny Reid has print copies of her books, but I'm not sure if they are printed by a mainstream publisher.

2:56 PM Indie Author Day- October 12

2:56 PM Overdrive has a large self-pubbed section.

2:56 PM Penny Reid self-publishes!

2:56 PM Captive Prince is SO GOOD but it does take 3 books to get to the HEA.

2:56 PM Thank you for this webinar!

2:56 PM I have had a hard time getting my collection development librarians to purchase Penny Reid and others. We have some ecopies on hoopla.

2:56 PM Keep an eye on our NovelList blog at <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest>

2:57 PM Christian romance is incredibly popular in the small town where I work.

2:57 PM So many people don't know about the self-published section in OverDrive Marketplace but they should! There are so many great stories there.

2:57 PM What to recommend to patrons (homebound) who only want "Amish" books, but they've read everything we have...

2:57 PM One thing that bothers me is that "inspirational" romance is pretty much all Christian-based. It doesn't include Judaism, Islam, or other religious groups.

2:57 PM Amish is popular here in Suffolk, VA

2:57 PM christian and amish romance is very popular in my town in the midwest with my older audience.

2:58 PM A lot of people like "Inspirational" because that they're closed-door, not that they're religious

2:58 PM Thank you for joining us!

2:58 PM \*audience

2:58 PM I avoid Amish romances, like I do "sheikh" romances, as I feel they are fetishizing a religion.

2:58 PM I have a patron who loved Georgette Heyer and she also likes Grace Burrows and Julia Quinn

2:58 PM Stick around if you want to attend the NovelList training!

2:58 PM Thank you so much!

2:58 PM Georgette Heyer readalike: possibly Mary Balogh, as well

2:58 PM Thank you for this great webinar!

2:58 PM We will send a link to the recording out in the next few days.

  

2:58 PM thanks!

2:59 PM Great webinar, thanks!

2:59 PM This has been awesome! I'm sticking around.

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Gotta go! Thanks, this was great

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Thanks - great info!

2:59 PM Thank you for all the great recommendations and ideas!!

2:59 PM Thank you! I received excellent recommendations!

2:59 PM Thanks for the webinar, got some great recommendations!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you! Very informative

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM My TBR list grew SO much in the past hour!! Very informative and fun. Thank you!!

2:59 PM Thanks for recording the training

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM It was so fun to chat with other romance readers!

2:59 PM Thank you!!

2:59 PM Thank you! Excellent series!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Excellent presentation! Thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you.

2:59 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Enjoyed the webinar!

3:00 PM Thank you. I now have another list of books to consider.

3:00 PM Thank you! =)

3:00 PM Excellent! Thank you.

3:00 PM Thank You!!

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Love to try for training

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you all! Very informative for someone who doesn't read many romance novels but I did put a few on my to read list! Thanks again.

3:02 PM It would be nice if the local collection link was available in the default grid view or you could limit to your holds

3:02 PM holdings

3:03 PM this was so helpful! thank you very much :)

3:03 PM I had a question from a patron who was specifically looking for lesbian romances so the the LGBTQIA romances list includes many titles that they were not interested in---is there a good way to narrow in on lesbian romances?

3:05 PM Hi Thea, check out this blog post: <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist-the-latest/blog-article/celebrate-with-pride-and-a-good-book>

3:06 PM It provides some of our subject headings for searching LGBTQIA titles.

3:07 PM You can enter in the subject field code and search "SU lesbian" to search for just those

3:08 PM Great question!

3:09 PM Thank you!

3:10 PM Thanks! That's helpful.

3:10 PM great webinar!

3:10 PM Find a complete list of NoveList themes at: <http://bit.ly/2Wlg6cM>

3:12 PM Great tips! Very helpful!

3:12 PM <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist/idea-center/learn>

3:12 PM <https://www.ebscohost.com/novelist/idea-center/learn/learn-novelist-search-strategies>

3:14 PM Here's the Cheater Pants sheet:  
<https://www.ebscohost.com/uploads/novelist/pdf/NoveListFieldCodeHandout.pdf>