Boylan reads

Boylan Central Catholic High School seniors — Katherine Serianni, Jake Harman, Renee Mrowiec and Becca Hanna — talk about their books and the Boylan Reads survey on Feb. 10, Snaphot of Your Library Day in Illinois.

Reading is always a part of school, but this year, Boylan Central Catholic High School librarian Debbie Ethun wanted to learn more about reading preferences among students, faculty and staff, even those who don’t come to school every day.

The result was the Boylan Reads online reading survey, managed and designed by senior intern Rebecca ‘Becce’ Hanna. With a few suggestions from Ethun and Keaster, it’s off to the races.

What’s your favorite genre or author?

Katherine: I personally like the fantasy genre. I really like how he’s so imaginative. It’s the best.

Becce: I really don’t care what type of book I read. I pretty much read anything, which kind of upsets my mother when we go to the bookstore ‘cause I’ll first, like, 40 books that I like.

Jake: The first book I read by Stephen King was my sophomore year and that was what made me realize I was fun. I can imagine that we will consider him to be the great storyteller of all time. And many of his books, I think, should be mentioned, are rooted in Christianity, many of his books actually deal directly with God, which I find interesting. The way the plots is perfect.

Renee: I like to read more realistic fiction. I’d rather read anything but to have a story so I can relate to it. My sister’s an artist and we’re working on publishing a book now. A story is always an organge story and I wrote it. It’s just a children’s book, it’s a story I wrote for a class here.

What are you reading?

Becce: I’m reading a book that friends keep talking about the “Gossip Girl” series, I’m reading that. And I’m reading a book called “Beautiful” by Amy Paskulich Dennis Hiemstra. Hanna launched the online survey. Some of her recent completed research deals with mystery and detective fiction as an interesting genre among readers. (See more, left.)

Hanna and four other Boylan seniors (See previous page) gathered in the library last week to talk about reading and other topics. Here’s some of what they had to say.

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