Winter may be cold, but there’s plenty to do and lots of time for reading. Get ready for Valentine’s Day with the manga reviewed in this issue. You can also get your knit on, play Dungeons & Dragons, and learn about cosplay and Black history this month. Read on for more information!

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Terrible    Okay    The Best!

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**Strobe Edge v.1-9, by Io Sakisaka**

★★★★☆

*What is the book about?*

Ninako Kinoshita falls in love with Ren Ichinose and confesses her love. He rejects her. Now she must hide her feelings to stay friends.

*What did you like?*

REN IS SUCH A FREGGIN WEEB! AND ANDO IS SO SO SO CUTE! 💖

*What didn’t you like?*

That we only have nine volumes and we don’t know who Ninako is going to end with :(, and I hate how Ando becomes :(.

*Would you recommend this book to your friends?*

Yes! (If they wanna get into their feels.)

*Lasting thought you took from the book. . .*

Ren and Ninako 💘

— Hurricane, 11th grade

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TLC WINTER 2017 EVENTS

TLC EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS, 11-18.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS FOR TEENS
4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14
4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25
4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11
4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22
4 p.m. Saturday, March 11
4 p.m. Wednesday, March 29
4 p.m. Saturday, April 8
4 p.m. Wednesday, April 26
Pack Memorial Library
Meets the second Saturday and last Wednesday of each month. Call 828-250-4720 for more info.

INTERGENERATIONAL KNIT NIGHT
4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18
Pack Memorial Library
Tea, Coffee, juice and mini pastries provided. All ages and all skill levels welcome. Those willing to teach others will wear a star sticker. Supplies are provided, but please feel free to bring your own.

FREEDOM SONGS: THE MUSIC OF BLACK HISTORY presented by BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE
3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28
East Asheville Library

TEEN COSPLAY CLUB
4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13
4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10
4 p.m. Friday, March 11
4 p.m. Friday, April 8
Enka-Candler Library
Meets the second Friday of each month. Call 828-250-4758 for more info.

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