

THE DIARY PROJECT

Track Record

www.diaryproject.com:

On line since 1995, it is heavily trafficked with over 60,000 thoughtful, profound and honest diary entries and millions of comments from teens globally arranged in many categories that the teen community has chosen.

The Diary Deck:

The Diary Deck consists of 50 flashcards, each featuring a teenagers anonymous diary entry excerpted from the website. The cards cover 14 topics and along with each entry there are three related questions to promote discussion. It is a resource designed to open new lines of communication between adults and teens as a way to engage in dialogue about difficult topics so each can better understand the other. The belief is that authentic writing sparks authentic discussion. The Diary Deck will be published and distributed nationally by Chronicle Books in Spring of 2003.

Diary Deck Night:

Inspired by the Diary Deck, the goal of Diary Deck Night is to create a community gathering place for teens, parents and teachers so that important conversations can start. The hope is that teens in each high school community will design and implement these "nights" to keep the discussion happening.

"Our hope is that teens use the website to practice talking about the hard stuff they are dealing with in their real world and then use the Diary Deck to discuss in person these same issues with peers, parents, and teachers. It's a way for all young people to realize that they are not alone as they navigate the often difficult teenage years". - Judi Shils

Diary Project Classroom Workshops:

DP founder, Judi Shils has been doing classroom workshops with middle and high schools students in the Bay Area since 1998. The workshops are a way to encourage students to use writing as a means to initiate discussion about the challenges they collectively face as teens. It is a time when they can write what they think and share those thoughts to better understand one another, a place where they can learn to support each other and discover they are not alone in the way they feel.

Diary Project on Television:

- *LIFE IN PROGRESS* was an award winning television program built around the Diary Project that aired on Oxygen Television for 2 years. It was created by DP founder Judi Shils and teen psychologist, Dr. Mike Riera. Mike was the host of the critically acclaimed show. Many of the diary pieces featured on the show were written and spoken by Marin County teens.

- *FIRST CUT*, an award winning teen program on KRON TV in San Francisco partnered with the Diary Project in the late 90's to produce video diary entries. Two of the pieces won television Emmy Awards.

Diary Project In The Press:

PACIFIC SUN'S DIARY PROJECT: A monthly column that features diary entries excerpted from diaryproject.com, this has appeared in the Marin weekly newspaper since 1998.

