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Episode 1.16 "Good News"

<https://youtu.be/azi2dRDDuyE>

@AnneWith_An_E: Exciting news to share!

<https://youtu.be/azi2dRDDuyE>

12:01 PM - 11 May 2014

@RubyRedGillis: I can't wait to be married and decorate my own house and have a walk-in closet and oh my so much to look forward to

8:2 PM - 25 Jun 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E Wait, what are we going to compete for now that school's out for the summer?

12:37 AM - 26 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E Even more good news, May's getting out of the hospital on Saturday!

8:19 AM - 26 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 That IS great news. :-)

8:21 AM - 26 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: So you guys probably know my friend

@AnneWith_An_E who has her whole video blog thing, I'm thinking of writing a blog.

12:21 AM - 27 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: Because I'm not really the best in front of the camera (as you probably saw from before when I got drunk oops) #embarrassed

12:22 AM - 27 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: But maybe if I write things down it'll be easier for me to talk to the Internet? I know I'm not the best at this Twitter business either...

12:32 AM - 27 Jun 2014

BL Friday, June 27, 2014

Hello, Internet!

My name's Diana Barry. I live in Regina, Saskatchewan, and I'm mostly making this blog because my best friend Anne says I should be more active online. She has a video blog on YouTube which a lot of people watch, but I'm not really as comfortable in front of the camera. She loves talking, so the whole filming thing is fun for her. I've been on her vlog a few times- the first time we just hung out, the second time I got embarrassingly drunk. It was all a huge mistake, but as you can probably guess, that's put me off video blogging a little.

I think it's so weird how your life just becomes permanently published on the Internet. I don't know how I'm going to feel in 10 or 20 or 30 years about having pictures on tumblr or Tweets that my kids could read, much less video footage. I guess it'll be a really cool way of remembering what it was like to be a teenager, but it'll also be strange to see how I've changed.

I guess I should say a few things about myself, just to introduce myself to people?

I'm a pretty practical person, at least in comparison to Anne, who is so imaginative and creative! I like to be very organized and get my school work done on time, do chores around the house, babysit my sister May, listen to music...

Right, I should talk about my family.

It's just me, my sister May (she's 13), and my mom and dad. My mom was totally preppy in high school and college, she was in

the debates club and the school band. She went to university and got her degree in music and was all set to take over the symphony world until she met my dad, who was finishing his engineering degree. They got married right after graduation (it was so cute and romantic and ahhhhhhh- I mean, from the pictures. Not like I was there, oops) and then had me and moved to Regina. Dad still works as a chemical engineer. He's really cheerful and funny, and pretty laidback. Mom decided to quit music so she could raise me and May. She's very strict about a lot of things because she wants me to do well in school and extra curriculars. But I think they balance out pretty well, my parents were practically made for each other! Mom is driven and *highly* organized (you should see our garage- all of the Christmas lights are stored by size, wattage, and colour), and Dad's hardworking but really patient and supportive.

I wouldn't say I'm the most creative person, I mean, I like writing and music and stuff. I just find some creative pursuits so exhausting. I could go paint watercolours or practice ballet for five hours, but I'd much rather relax with a book. I really like the arts and things, don't get me wrong! I just think of them as hobbies more than lifestyles.

I think I'm most creative when it comes to fashion. I try to keep it classy most of the time with my clothes, and I really like staying on top of trends. I don't spend a ton of time shopping, though, because I'm usually pretty busy. I like to look online and plan out my purchases in advance, so that I don't have to worry a lot about hunting through sales racks at H&M or Forever 21. I always have a game plan for what kind of clothes I'm going to buy- I really like finding pieces which are fashionable but still versatile, because then I can switch up my outfits conveniently!

So, my family, fashion, what else?

Right, music. I really love music. I don't really have one specific favourite genre, I listen to pretty much anything as long as I like it. I listen to a ton of Top 40, don't judge me, Anne! When I'm studying I like to listen to film soundtracks, they're very inspiring. Especially the superhero movie ones. My

mom really encourages me to listen to classical music, which I find helpful especially when I'm working on a new piece. I play piano and flute, and most of the music for that is classical, so hearing the songs first helps me get a feel for their mood and dynamics.

I also really like reading books. Not long ones, because I get impatient with all the drawn out, unnecessary details. I like fantasy novels and romances, my favourite right now has got to be "I Capture the Castle". Not really a fantasy, I guess, more history. I read some Jane Austen books because her love stories are just *perfect*. And her men? Swoon. My mom isn't really a fan of "excessive reading", as she says, which is frustrating. Because doesn't every other parent in the history of FOREVER want their kid to read more books? I'm not the best daughter, oh well. She always tells me to go outside and stuff, and get fresh air. I respond to that by reading in the garden. Haha.

I also watch a TON of TV shows. Okay, I have to admit, this is sort of a problem. I'm addicted to Once Upon a Time. My cousin showed me the first episode ages ago and I was just completely hooked. (See what I did there? Haha I'm trying to be punny, I know Anne will make fun of this later) I really love Belle. I ship Gremma. Forever. Anyway, that's that. I also watch Downton Abbey, my mom and sister are *obsessed* with it. I love Matthew Crawley so much. I also started watching Reign, which I really like because it helps me make connections to a lot of the stuff I've read about in history class and other books. Oh, and my dad is a total Doctor Who geek. In a good way. So sometimes I watch that with him, but it's a bit too science-y for my preferences. I think that's about it.

I guess that's kind of a good start, for now? I wrote way more than I intended, oops. I don't really know what to write for the next one, so maybe if you like this blog just comment or tweet me suggestions? Maybe I'll talk about music more? Or is that too much? Anyway, hope you like it! (And Anne, you can get off my back now. I made a blog! Just kidding, love yah! <3)

Posted at 1:21 PM

@DianaBarry96: Okay, I did it! <http://dianabarry.blogspot.com/>
4:26 PM - 27 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: The name is soooooooooo cheesy, I know. But I couldn't think of anything else. I hope you like my first blog post!
4:27 PM - 27 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: "@DianaBarry96: Okay, I did it! Dianabarry.blogspot.co" My best friend (after much convincing on my part) started a blog!
5:37 PM - 27 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Tell me this is not the most ADORABLE watering can of all time. Helping Matthew in the garden again!
https://www.instagram.com/p/pzo01_0lt2/ [sky blue watering can on a wooden bench in front of a brick wall]
7:52 PM - 28 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E Did you talk to him about the poetry slam yet??

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 We're coming up with an action plan to convince Marilla.

@AnneWith_An_E: Remember when I had a tea party with @DianaBarry96 and it was sort of disastrous?
11:02 PM - 28 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Anyway, YouTube comments have pointed out that my scones looked really funny. Just me being an amateur baker!
=)
11:03 PM - 28 Jun 2014

IG @annenotcordelia: All the names I know from nurse:
Gardener's garters, Shepherd's purse,
Bachelor's buttons, Lady's smock,
And the Lady Hollyhock.
Fairy places, fairy things,
Fairy woods where the wild bee wings,
Tiny trees for tiny dames-- these must all be fairy names!

Tiny woods below whose boughs
Shady fairies weave a house;
Tiny tree-tops, rose or thyme,
Where the braver fairies climb!
Fair are grown-up people's trees,
But the fairest woods are these;
Where, if I were not so tall,
I should live for good and all. - Robert Louis Stevenson
[close up of a fuchsia flower with dew drops on the petals]

@AnneWith_An_E: You may have guessed from my last Instagram photo that poetry is on my mind. I wonder why?
8:15 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: THAT'S RIGHT, dearest kindred spirits.
@DianaBarry96 and I are about to attend THE poetry slam. THE poetry slam.
8:16 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Okay, actually, not for a while. We're going out to dinner with @DianaBarry96's parents first. Then we're going to THE poetry slam.
8:16 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: And how did I convince Marilla, you may ask?
8:19 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Actually, I didn't. Matthew did. I contributed by spilling ketchup on the kitchen floor in excitement.
8:20 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Poetry slam starts in 20 minutes! The bookstore is buzzing with excitement and @DianaBarry96 and I are sipping tea.
10:42 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @DianaBarry96 Hey, do you mind if I DM you? I know we've never met but I wanted to ask you something.
10:47 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: @Call_Me_Gil Sure, no problem!

10:49 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @DianaBarry96 Thanks, I'll see you soon.

10:54 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: Finally figured out the labyrinth of the Regina bus system.

11:50 PM - 29 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Back on my phone. I had it turned off but the performance right now isn't interesting at all so I need to amuse myself otherwise.

12:07 AM - 30 Jun 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: It was worth a shot. Heading back to Avonlea with the team.

12:51 AM - 30 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: This night has been beautiful.

1:46 AM - 30 Jun 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @DianaBarry96 Thanks for the help, anyway.

9:09 AM - 30 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: @Call_Me_Gil Don't worry, she'll come around.

9:10 AM - 30 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 Do I remember clearly what happened last night after we got back to your house?

10:46 AM - 30 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E Yeah.... my aunt is fuming. Still.

@AnneWith_An_E: [reply to fan] @DianaBarry96 We were sort of excited last night and may have jumped on the bed and attacked Diana's aunt. An accident!!!

@DianaBarry96: [reply to fan] @AnneWith_An_E It was my bed, I didn't know she was staying over at my house.

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E I need to call you asap, Aunt Jennifer is furious.

12:46 PM - 30 Jun 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 I'm at the grocery store with Marilla, I'll call you as soon as we're done! What did she say?

12:48 PM - 30 Jun 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E She's threatening to cancel my extra piano lessons with her professor friend, I really need them for my exam!!!! Please call!!

12:55 PM - 30 Jun 2014

TM DwellingInMarbleHalls: Why do I always mess things up? And this time it's going to make it worse for someone else, too.

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 Matthew said he'll drive me back to Regina and I can talk to your aunt Jennifer, if she's still there?

11:31 AM - 2 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E Oh, she's still here. She refuses to talk to me, it's really awkward.

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 Okay, I'm coming this afternoon around 2. Is that okay with you?

@DianaBarry96: So @AnneWith_An_E talked to my aunt for an hour in my room and they just left to go get coffee? I'm so confused.

5:48 PM - 2 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: Here's my new blog post about music!

<http://dianabarry.blogspot.com/2014/07/music.html>

BL Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Music

Hi again!

I was originally going to talk about my favourite books (from a suggestion on Twitter) but then I thought for now I'd talk about music instead.

In light of recent events, anyway. My friend Anne (I'm going to assume most people reading this blog know who she is) and I attacked my aunt on Sunday night and now Aunt Jen's threatening to cancel my extra piano lessons, so I thought, "Why not?"

I started taking piano when I was four, I think, because my mom was really devoted to music and so was her sister Jennifer. They're both very musical, but the difference is Mom gave it up to take care of her family, and Aunt Jennifer still pursues it zealously. She was my first teacher but then she moved to Montreal to teach at McGill University. Yeah, she's that good.

I'm studying right now to take the Grade 10 Royal Conservatory of Music exam, and Aunt Jennifer originally arranged for me to take extra sessions with a professor friend of hers here in Regina. And then Anne and I jumped on her and she's furious with me for being immature and irresponsible and she says she's going to cancel them.

It's so frustrating because this is the last exam I'm going to do and I want to perform well. I can probably manage without the extra lessons but Aunt Jen's just being so unreasonable. She puts a ton of pressure on me to study music in post-secondary like she did, and now suddenly she's dropping that idea because I jumped on *my own* bed.

Secretly, I think she's a little bitter.

Anyway, music!

I really love it. I talked about it a little in my first blog post, I like listening to anything and everything, really, and I mostly play classical. At first I was just studying it because Mom and Aunt Jennifer wanted me to, but now I enjoy the freedom I have to perform.

I play piano and flute, but I prefer piano more because there's a lot of mathematics involved. Nerdy, I know. But I love that you have to learn the rules (all the fingerings, intervals, harmonies, etc.) before you can add the poetic elements, which are the best parts!

Hmmm, okay, this didn't last as long as I thought it would.

Music recommendations! Perfect. I use ThisIsMyJam a bit, but I'll put some of my favourite songs and artists here!

- The Gambler by fun: this song has beautiful, simple composition and makes me think about getting married. I know I'm only 17 BUT STILL it's adorable.
- 500 Miles by Justin Timberlake and Carey Mulligan: Anyone who thinks Justin Timberlake only makes pop music needs to listen to this song!!!! That's all I will say.
- Change by Churchill: I listen to this song whenever I'm cleaning my room. It's just very catching and energizing!
- Ed Sheeran: My personal favourite is Tenerife Sea from his new album, but I really like his voice and song writing style overall, because it's not too polished or auto-tuned.
- Coldplay: ALL of their songs, really. They have the amazing ability to transport the listener to magical worlds.
- Katy Perry: Everyone needs to listen to cheesy pop music some of the time, okay? I love Birthday and By The Grace of God.
- The Civil Wars: If I wanted to walk around exploring an enchanted forest for hours and be melancholy, they would be the soundtrack.

Here are some other artists I like to listen to:

- Kodaline
- The Lumineers
- Ingrid Michaelson
- Taylor Swift (sometimes.)
- Boys Like Girls
- Michael Bublé

- The 1975
- Passenger
- Landon Pigg
- The Arctic Monkeys

That's it for now!

Love,
Diana

P.S. I promise I will write a blog about book recommendations!
P.P.S I wish I could tell you about more interesting life events but nothing ever seems to happen to me.
P.P.S. Does anyone have a suggestion for a better blog title? I cringe every time I see mine.

Posted by Diana Barry at 8:26 PM

IG annenotcordelia: From the poetry slam on Sunday night!
[selfie of Diana and Anne]

Episode 1.17 "Slam"

<https://youtu.be/BjAciwH0shg>

@AnneWith_An_E: My video from a week ago, when we went to the poetry slam: <https://youtu.be/BjAciwH0shg>
8:55 PM - 6 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @DianaBarry96 I had no idea you thought so well of me. 😊
10:10 PM - 6 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: @Call_Me_Gil OH my goodness I'm so embarrassed. I totally forgot that you watched those.
10:14 PM - 6 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: Aunt Jennifer is SO confusing. I showed her @AnneWith_An_E's video and she just couldn't stop laughing.
10:41 AM - 7 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: On that front, she says she's decided to pay for my extra lessons with the university professor after all.

#soconfused

10:42 AM - 7 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: So I have you to thank on that matter,

@AnneWith_An_E!

10:43 AM - 7 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 You're very welcome! I did my best to convince her.

11:19 AM - 7 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: when did twitter get so boring?

1:52 PM - 12 Jul 2014

[FanA] @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie @FanB Hmm... game of truth or dare, anyone?

3:15 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @FanB YESSSS LETS PLAY

4:15 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @FanB @AnneWith_An_E @DianaBarry96 @RubyRedGillis @JustJaneAndrews i'm in. LETS DO THIS

4:44 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @josieberrypie @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @FanB

@AnneWith_An_E @DianaBarry96 @JustJaneAndrews Sure!

4:45 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @josieberrypie @FanB @RubyRedGillis I think it'll just be us.

4:46 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @FanB @RubyRedGillis yeah maybe later. But now who's first?

5:05 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @FanB @RubyRedGilllis okay, truth or dare?

5:20 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGilllis @josieberrypie @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @FanB Truth!

5:20 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @RubyRedGilllis @josieberrypie @FanA @FanB Tell us honestly, Josie. Have you ever gone a day without coffee?

5:26 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGilllis @josieberrypie @FanA @FanB ummm that's not a very good question, the answer is Yes. I'm not an addict.

5:27 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @josieberrypie @RubyRedGilllis @FanA @FanB Okay, Ruby, truth or dare?

5:29 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGilllis: @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie @FanA @FanB Dare! I'm feeling dangerous.

5:29 PM - 12 Jul 2014


@josieberrypie: @RubyRedGilllis @Call_Me_Gil @FanA @FanB wait how are we going to know if you did it or not? truth or dare online is hard.

@RubyRedGilllis: @FanA @josieberrypie @Call_Me_Gil @FanB I could probably take a photo, depending on what the dare is!

5:32 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @josieberrypie @Call_Me_Gil @FanB I like it. Ruby, tweet a screenshot of your last text.

5:33 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGilllis: @josieberrypie @Call_Me_Gil Done! [screenshot of text box with text "Love yah 

5:45 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie That screenshot looks suspiciously cropped.

5:48 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie I can't just share my phone number and picture and everything on the Internet!

5:49 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie At least tell us who you love.

5:49 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie Oh, stop it. I was texting Will.

5:50 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@FanA: @RubyRedGillis @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie So anyway, I think it's Gil's turn now?

5:53 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie You're right, it is my turn. Truth.

5:59 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@FanA: @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie I'm so bad at thinking of things to ask. Umm... Worst subject in school?

6:05 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie yeah, it's your turn!

6:37 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis gilbert is good at everything

6:37 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie He probably just disappeared.... maybe too scared to answer? 😊

6:38 PM 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie Sorry, I had to think about that one. Probably geography, but that was in grade 9.

@FanA: @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie So you're equally good at all subjects now then?

7:01 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie I wouldn't say that... Sciences & math are top subjects, law is probably my worst.

7:31 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@FanA: @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie Ah, and there we have our answer. :) I'll take... dare, I guess!

7:33 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @RubyRedGillis @josieberrypie Hmmmm..... how malicious should I be?

7:34 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @Call_Me_Gil @FanA @RubyRedGillis you should eat something really gross... like ketchup on cake or cereal in orange juice.

7:35 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @Call_Me_Gil @FanA @josieberrypie Oh, I just had the best idea. It might be too weird though.

7:36 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@FanA: @RubyRedGillis @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie What, are all three of you going to dare me, and then I choose? I could work with that...

7:38 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @FanA @RubyRedGillis @Call_Me_Gil I say you have to eat OJ and cereal, but u can pick one of their dares

7:41 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil @josieberrypie Declare your love for Gilbert on the Internet. In rhyme.

7:41 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @RubyRedGillis @FanA @josieberrypie Devious, Ruby.
I like it.

7:42 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@josieberrypie: @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis @FanA No don't feed
his ego anymore

7:43 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@FanA: @josieberrypie @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis Sadly, I have
no OJ. So... I guess, like it or not, I'm doing the poem. It'll
just be a minute...

7:45 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@FanA: @josieberrypie @Call_Me_Gil @RubyRedGillis
Gil the thrill
You make me spill
My soul until
My pen, my quill
Makes me trill
I love thee still

7:50 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @FanA @josieberrypie @RubyRedGillis Beautiful. I'm
tearing up. I was unaware of your feelings for me.

7:53 PM - 12 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: New blog post up! Piano and Poetry:
<http://dianabarry.blogspot.com/2014/07/piano-and-poetry.html>

BL Saturday, July 12, 2014

Piano and Poetry

Everything is back to normal! Okay, that's a huge overstatement.

My aunt Jennifer introduced me to her friend, Professor Wilson,
on Wednesday. He seemed really shy and awkward at first, but
when we got to the piano (a beautiful Steinway grand, I was
freaking out!) he warmed up a lot. He's a very quiet, unassuming
middle-aged man, he speaks softly and plays piano loudly. As my
friend Anne would say, he's a kindred spirit.

It was an *incredible* first lesson and I can't wait for my next one. These are the pieces we chose for my exam:

1. English Suite no. 2 in A minor, Allemande and Gigue by J.S. Bach
2. Sonata in D Major, 3rd and 4th movements, by Ludwig Van Beethoven.
3. Ballade in D minor, op. 10, no. 1 by Johannes Brahms.
4. La plus que lente by Claude Debussy.
5. Sonatina in C Major, op. 13, no. 1, 2nd and 3rd movements by Dmitri Kabalevsky.

RCM stands for Royal Conservatory of Music, and their requirements for the grade 10 exam are complicated. You have to perform five pieces (one from each category), various studies (scales, chords, arpeggios, etc), and pass ear and sight reading tests. I'm not panicking.

I'm not panicking! Professor Wilson is one of the **best** teachers around (so Aunt Jennifer says, and I believe her). He's been teaching at the University of Regina for years now and his music class accepts only five students each year. Five. It's insane. I'm probably never going to study in his class, so I'm really taking advantage of the private lessons right now.

Now..... on the subject of how I almost lost the privilege of going to these amazing lessons, let's backtrack.

Sunday, June 29th. Poetry slam in downtown Regina with my best friend Anne.

We went to dinner with my parents (which wasn't too awkward, thankfully) and then we met my cousins downtown.

The bookstore we went to is called Athabasca Secondhand Books, it's very small but cozy. Old creaky hardwood flooring, comfortable armchairs and couches everywhere, old postcards and messages on the walls- basically paradise, or something like it.

There were probably about 30 or 40 people, there, it was *packed*. Like, people sharing seats packed. Anne and I got there early so we were able to get seats fairly close to the front.

I felt a bit shy around all of the university students, I'm pretty sure everyone attending was older than us. And, you know, probably more mature. Anne was bouncing off the walls (okay, I'm exaggerating) with excitement and we got a few odd stares when she started gushing about the tea selections.

The poems were really, *really* amazing. Some of them I recognized (from school and stuff, popular things like "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost or "Life is Fine" by Langston Hughes. The poetry slam was divided into three parts, first they had readings of existing works, second was original performances (those ones were sooo intense), and last was adaptations of existing works. I think my favourite part was the last section of performances, because the artists who performed took old classic poems and reinvented them for modern audiences.

Here were some of the selections from the evening! They didn't have programs but I wrote down my favourites so I could look them up later.

- I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud - William Wordsworth
- To My Wife (With a Copy of My Poems) - Oscar Wilde
- Still I Rise - Maya Angelou
- The Broken Heart - William Barnes (This was one of the updated ones, it was really cool!)
- Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face - Jack Prelutsky (Anne could NOT stop laughing at this one. It was pretty funny).
- Friends, Romans, Countrymen... - William Shakespeare (you know the one!)
- Daddy - Sylvia Plath. (Another one of the poems that the performer decided to update, she read it with some of her own work and it was awesome!)
- Bingen on the Rhine - Caroline E. Norton (another updated one!)
- Having a Coke with You - Frank O'Hara.
- Where the Sidewalk Ends - Shel Silverstein

- A Carcass - Baudelaire
- The Donkey - G.K. Chesterton (another updated poem! This one was so cute.)

I wish I could remember the names of the original works, but obviously I won't be able to find those online!

Until next time.

Posted by Diana Barry at 8:36 PM

@AnneWith_An_E: @JustJaneAndrews is coming over tomorrow!!!
11:55 AM - 15 Jul 2014

@JustJaneAndrews: @AnneWith_An_E Can't wait!
11:55 AM - 15 Jul 2014

IG @annenotcordelia: What a cute little desk! I can't picture having to do homework on a slate. [photo of fold-out wooden school desk, open with slate, chalk, and books inside]

@AnneWith_An_E: I had an amazing day touring more historical sites with Marilla! Now I'm working on editing my video.
12:49 AM - 18 Jul 2014

Episode 1.18 "Summer Storytelling"

<https://youtu.be/2XoqbmUDwXU>

@AnneWith_An_E: @JustJaneAndrews stopped by again!

<https://youtu.be/2XoqbmUDwXU>

1:15 AM - 18 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E So I'm being recruited for your story club?

1:53 PM - 18 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 Absolutely! And we're getting @RubyRedGillis too. I'll email you!

1:54 PM - 18 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I hope you liked my latest video! I'll keep you posted about my little story club, I'm going to want your help very soon!

2:00 PM - 18 Jul 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @AnneWith_An_E @DianaBarry96 I still have to watch your video! 3:12 PM - 18 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E I always told Marilla you would burn the house down. Good thing @JustJaneAndrews was around to prevent it.

6:12 PM - 18 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Get ready, world! I started writing my first story for our club! @DianaBarry96 @RubyRedGillis @JustJaneAndrews

6:00 PM - 20 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Story planning story planning story planning

9:06 AM - 21 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: This story is going to be SO intense, guys. Romance. Betrayal. Heartbreak. Desperation!!!!

9:07 AM - 21 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E Can I have a starring role?

11:45 AM - 21 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @DianaBarry96 Have you started your story yet?

11:45 AM - 22 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E Not yet... I had a piano class yesterday so I didn't have time. I'll start tonight!

11:46 AM - 22 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E @JustJaneAndrews You do realize that announcing your pen name on camera, to the editor, eliminates the purpose of a pen name?

8:34 PM - 22 Jul 2014

@JustJaneAndrews: @Call_Me_Gil @AnneWith_An_E Oops..... I'll be a fair editor, no matter what!

8:34 PM - 22 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm going to spend today working on my story! I have so many good ideas!!

9:20 AM - 23 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Tell Marilla I have found the recipe for fruit punch she requested.

1:31 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel I'll let her know!

1:31 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Marilla is making me walk over to @LyndeRachel's house and it's late and anything could happen in the haunted woods!

9:29 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: If I die in the woods please bury me in a white nightgown upon a bed of roses

10:20 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: farewell, sweet world

10:21 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm done for

10:21 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm alive, friends. Just barely. Editing my video. Trying not to freak out.

10:35 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Woah, this footage is really dark.

10:51 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: This video is going to look like something out of a horror movie.

10:59 PM - 23 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: My video is processing!

12:11 AM - 24 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: ARGH Why is YouTube so difficult? ????
12:40 AM - 24 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Maybe my laptop has been possessed. ...
12:41 AM - 24 Jul 2014

Episode 1.19 "The Haunted Forest"

https://youtu.be/tcw_U8MeOPE

@AnneWith_An_E: Finally! https://youtu.be/tcw_U8MeOPE
12:53 AM - 24 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I didn't sleep well last night AT ALL.
9:16 AM - 24 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: Today is a very big day. I am interviewing our
prospective new ministers.
10:29 AM - 24 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Some day you will outgrow such
foolish fantasies as demonstrated in your video yesterday.
10:29 AM - 24 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel Are the rumours true?
8:31 AM - 25 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E We have narrowed down the list of
candidates to two options.
8:49 AM - 25 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel So exciting! I'm going to tell
Matthew!
10:55 AM - 25 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: A very big announcement coming later today re:
Avonlea's new minister.
7:51 AM - 26 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: We have selected a new minister for our church!
10:23 PM - 26 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: After more than 30 years of devoted service to Avonlea, Reverend Bell is retiring. In his place we welcome Reverend Allan from Vancouver!

10:24 PM - 26 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel Marilla says we're inviting him over for a barbeque! Recipe ideas?

11:38 AM - 27 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E This recipe looks like an excellent option for dessert: [Website preview with photo of 2 layer cake slice. Text reads "Classic Carrot Layer Cake with Vanilla Cream Chee... This is the iconic, all-American layer cake that most of us picture when we think carrot cake: packed with shredded carrots, chopped walnuts, and raisins, warmed with s...

finecooking.com]

27 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm naming characters now. My story will have a Cordelia (of course), a Geraldine, a Bertram, and a few minor people with common names.

5:21 PM - 27 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Big announcement... I am writing a tragic love story. Are you surprised?

5:42 PM - 27 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Oh, and @DianaBarry96 is writing a murder mystery, and @RubyRedGillis is writing about betrayal.

5:43 PM - 27 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: We had to pick themes so it would be organized.

5:43 PM - 27 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: Okay, I WILL post a blog post tonight. If I say that on here, I'm held accountable. Right?

7:48 PM - 27 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: New blog post! My favourite books:

<http://dianabarry.blogspot.com/2014/07/my-favourite-books.html>

8:38 PM - 27 Jul 2014

BL Sunday, July 27, 2014

My Favourite Books

Okay, I was watching The Sound of Music recently. I know, I know. The title is cheesy.

I was asked a while ago by @DeBelle77 on Twitter to make a post about my favourite books, so here we go!

1. The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett) - I fell in love with this book when I had to read it in Grade 4. I love the descriptions of nature, Mary's character development, and the beautiful lessons about friendship and optimism. I've watched the movie countless times and it's still one of my favourites!

2. A Little Princess (Frances Hodgson Burnett) - Okay, another book by Frances Hodgson Burnett. Has anyone seen the **amazing** movie adaptation? Again, I really love the message about optimism and how everyone can be a "little princess" on the inside.

3. The Book Thief (Marcus Zuzak) - This was one of those books that *changed* me. I found the narration by Death a little freaky at first, but it totally changed my perspective on how death and war shape people. And Death is actually pretty funny! I also cried buckets, so there's that. I hear the movie is a really good adaptation, so I want to watch it soon.

4. Allegiant (Veronica Roth): I know the ending was so controversial for readers, but SPOILERS I loved Tris' sacrifice. I don't think the series could have ended any other way. She gave herself up in a perfect combination of Dauntless bravery and Abnegation selflessness. It was beautiful, and I cried. As usual, with sad books involving death. I liked the first two books as well (Divergent and Insurgent) but Allegiant really was my favourite.

5. Entwined (Heather Dixon) - This book is an adaptation of the 12 dancing sisters fairytale- I don't remember the original

story too well, but this book is just so cute! Friendship, romance, dancing, magic- all the good things in life and literature.

6. *Ella Enchanted* (Gail Carson Levine) - Okay, can we just talk about how *perfect* this book is? It won a Newbery Honour, okay? It seems inspired by Cinderella at first but it's almost unrecognizable from the original, somewhat dry fairytale. Ella is spunky and courageous and hilarious and she takes control of her own destiny. I love the character of Char (love interest) but that's hardly the focus of the story. Instead, it's about Ella finding her voice and becoming independent, by ending her curse. Ella is one of those heroines who inspires me (not to disobey my parents, or anything) but to be confident and proactive. And also not to listen to authority blindly. Gail Carson Levine has a very unique writing style, it's witty and light but sufficiently descriptive to inform the reader, yet some passages can be just as heartbreaking. Can you tell I love this book?

7. *The Enchanted Chocolate Pot* (Patricia C. Wrede and Caroline Stevermer)- I never really liked epistolary novels (that's what they're called, right?) until I read this book. And then, as with so many other good books about magic and romance and Regency England, I fell in love. Witty dialogue and scandalous escapades, blackmail, sorcery, and handkerchiefs.

8. *I Capture the Castle* (Dodie Smith)- A librarian recommended this to me and I really enjoyed it! It was a bit slow to start off, but it's so quirky and unusual I had to keep reading. I love hearing about how Rose and Cassandra and Topaz improvise with the few resources they have to get by- how they make a dining room table out of trestles and a door, dying things green, etc.

Let me know if you've read any of these!

Love,
Diana

Posted by Diana Barry at 5:36 PM

@DianaBarry96: Another blog post! I'm in a rambling, writing mood: <http://dianabarry.blogspot.com/2014/07/boys.html>

BL Sunday, July 27, 2014

Boys

I think this will be a pretty short post, just while I'm thinking about stuff. I just finished writing my other post about books, and then I got to thinking about love interests in literature and then love interests in real life...

I feel like I'm always *that* kind of girl, the one that guys don't really notice or pay attention to. I'm pretty shy, maybe not so much online, but I don't have a ton of friends and I mostly hang out with my family.

And I just get frustrated sometimes because so many people are in relationships or could be and they're not and I'm alone most of the time so.....

When I was little I always thought that romance would be like it is in the books, in the movies, on TV. It all appears so easy and straightforward and there are soulmates and everything makes sense.

But in real life, it's so much more complicated. You can be best friends with a guy and not know if it'll go beyond friendship, or someone likes you and you're not sure if you like him, or you like someone but you know for a fact he likes someone else who is not reciprocating, or two people like the same person, and there's no slow-motion running through a crowded hallway.

I don't want romance to be complicated. I think love should be simple, it should make sense, and it should feel right. But I haven't ever felt that so far about anyone, really.

I know I'm only 17, I've got so much time and I should just be happy being single and not worry about the future.

Sometimes I think maybe it's not romance I really want, I just don't want to be alone. I want good friendships just as much, and I don't want to be in a relationship just for the sake of being in a relationship. What's the point?

I was listening to the Gershwin song "Someone to Watch Over Me" recently and it really hits home for me:

I'd like to add his initials to my monogram
Tell me where's the shepherd for this lost lamb

There's a somebody I'm longing to see
I hope that he turns out to be
Someone to watch over me

I'm a little lamb who's lost in a wood
I know I could always be good
To one who'll watch over me

Although he may not be the man some girls think of
As handsome to my heart
he carries the key

Won't you tell him please to put on some speed
Follow my lead, oh how I need
Someone to watch over me
Someone to watch over me

Okay, that's all for now! Just something I was thinking about.

Posted by Diana Barry at 6:04 PM

@AnneWith_An_E: So much planning to do for the barbeque!!!
#accidentalpoetry
5:23 PM - 28 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Late night grocery shopping with Marilla because we have an insane five-course meal planned for Thursday night.
9:47 PM - 29 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Marilla is being prepared. You should be grateful.

9:48 PM - 29 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel I'm making the carrot cake today! Do you have any advice based on the recipe you gave me?

9:40 AM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: So. Much. Cooking. To. Do.

10:15 AM - 30 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Make sure to bake for the lowest time stated, then check with a cake tester to see if it's done.

10:16 AM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel Thanks!

11:19 AM - 30 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: I'm working on writing my story for

@AnneWith_An_E's club, and then I'm going to piano class! 3:55

PM - 30 Jul 2014

Episode 1.20 "Carrot Cake"

<https://youtu.be/Gg5kSy20quA>

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm baking things! <https://youtu.be/Gg5kSy20quA>

5:02 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm off to the grocery store!

5:16 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: The cake smells so delicious and I really want to eat it now but if I do there won't be any for tomorrow.

10:52 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel Did I do okay with the carrot cake recipe?

11:05 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E I only had time to watch the first half, I'm finishing up the relief drive at the library. Looked excellent!

11:06 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel What a relief! I'm so nervous for the barbecue tomorrow but I hope they'll like it.

11:07 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E It will be fine. Wonderful egg-cracking technique. 11:08 - 30 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E I haven't watched your video yet but I have to commend you on an excellent recipe selection.

11:12 PM - 30 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Today's the big day! I'm so busy with cooking and cleaning so I'll probably stay offline for the next while.

11:00 AM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: The Allans have arrived for our barbecue! Should I be sneaky and tell you guys what's going on during dinner?

7:59 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Marilla and Mr. Allan are dictating most of the conversation... Matthew's silently handling the grill.

8:10 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Okay, Marilla demanded my help in the kitchen for most of the dinner. I'm getting my masterpiece ready to serve!

10:00 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: WILL I EVER STOP MAKING A FOOL OF MYSELF

10:37 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: HAHA LIKELY NOT

10:37 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: oops

10:38 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Oh dear
10:38 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: #embarrassing
10:38 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I am SUCH a mess.
10:39 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E What's wrong? Can I help?
10:49 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Carrot cake = disaster.
10:59 pm - 31 Jul 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Mrs. Allan is the sweetest, kindest woman in the whole world. BUT I'M STILL REALLY EMBARRASSED.
11:35 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@DianaBarry96: @AnneWith_An_E I'm sure everything will be okay. We can talk later if you want!
11:37 PM - 31 Jul 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Marilla told me all. What a shame.
8:34 AM - 1 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: So I'm re-watching my video and I KNEW THE FROSTING WAS TOO THIN.
9:22 AM - 1 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: It was supposed to be cream cheese, not sour cream. Unbelievable.
9:23 AM - 1 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm just so great at this cooking thing. The sour cream frosting (glaze, really) seeped into the cake and it tasted disgusting.
9:24 AM - 1 Aug 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Did you read the recipe carefully?

9:25 AM - 1 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel Yes, but I must have just switched the cream cheese for sour cream in excitement. I'll leave the fancy baking to you.

8:36 AM - 1 Aug 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E Just watched your video.

12:50 AM - 2 Aug 2014

@LyndeRachel: @AnneWith_An_E Next time, pay more attention.

9:01 AM - 2 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @LyndeRachel I'll try.

9:01 AM - 2 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @Call_Me_Gil @FanA This is NONE of your business.

11:57 AM - 2 Aug 2014

@Call_Me_Gil: @AnneWith_An_E @FanA My apologies. Can't a friend show concern? You do post those videos on a public channel.

11:58 AM - 2 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: @FanA @Call_Me_Gil I was talking to Voldemort, not you. I like you.

12:07 PM - 2 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: I'm going over to the Allans' house for dinner tonight!!! SO EXCITED!

2:05 PM - 2 Aug 2014

@AnneWith_An_E: Mrs. Allan is simply the loveliest woman I have ever met.

10:18 PM - 2 Aug 2014

@RubyRedGillis: @AnneWith_An_E ooooh I can't wait to meet her! Everyone says she's awesome.

12:30 AM - 3 Aug 2014