

## **Suggested Reading for Children @ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

### **Adventure Books**

**Read these titles to experience your very own adventure with the books' characters.**

#### ***Recommended for grades 2 and up***

**Henry and Mudge Adventures** by Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

*Garden State Children's Book Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER RYL**

**Amelia Bedelia** by Peggy Parish and Herman Parish

Amelia Bedelia is a zany housekeeper who takes things a bit too literally. Whether she's "dressing" a chicken or "stealing" second base in a baseball game, her understanding of things always causes a mix-up. Luckily her talent for baking delicious treats helps her keep her job.

(Source <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: ER PAR**

**Arthur** by Marc Brown

Have you been introduced to Arthur and the gang? If you have, then you know what great adventures can be found between the pages of the Arthur Adventure series by Marc Brown.

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: ER BRO**

**Frog and Toad Are Friends** by Arnold Lobel

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends-Frog and Toad.

*Oprah's Reading List*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER LOB**

**Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion** by Suzy Kline

Horrible Harry of classroom 2B cuts back on his mischievous pranks after falling for Song Lee.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER KLI**

**Hank The Cowdog** by John R. Erickson, illustrated by Gerald L. Holmes

We've got all the info you'll ever need about the hilarious misadventures of everyone's favorite canine ranch-hand.

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: J F ERI**

**The Fly By Night** by Terry Jones

A collection of thirty original fairy tales introducing such beings as the fly-by-night, the rainbow cat, and the wonderful cake-horse.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F JON**

**Pocahontas** by Jan Gleiter

Learn about the life and adventures of one of America's first heroines.

**Call Number: J B POC**

**Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BRO**

**Just Grace** by Charise Mericle Harper

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

*Oprah's Kids Reading List*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F HAR**

**The Magic Pretzel** by Daniel Manus Pinkwater

A boy, raised as a dog, finds acceptance at school as a member of the Werewolf Club.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F PIN**

**The Dragonling** by Jackie French Koller

Finding a baby dragon accidentally left alive after his older brother's dragon quest, Darek risks death and the anger of his people in trying to return it to the Valley of the Dragons.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F KOL**

***Recommended for grades 4 and up***

**A Girl Named Disaster** by Nancy Farmer

While journeying to Zimbabwe from Mozambique, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

*YALSA 100 Best Books*

*Newberry Honor Book*

*School Library Journal Best Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F FAR**

**Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner

Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F GAR**

**The Fairy Tale Detectives (Sisters Grimm Series)** by Michael Buckley

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BUC**

**Artemis Fowl (Series)** by Eoin Colfer

Set in two sharply contrasting realms --- the aboveground world that humans inhabit and the imaginative underground netherworld where "the People" (otherwise known as fairies, gnomes, goblins and trolls) reside --- the Artemis Fowl series is an interspecies fantasy thrill ride that will keep readers alternately holding their breath in suspense and laughing out loud during many comic moments.

*Young Reader's Choice Award*

*Garden State Teen Book Award*

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: J F COL**

**Into the Wild (Warrior Series)** by Erin Hunter

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F HUN**

**Gregor the Overlander (Series)** by Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

*PA Young Reader's Choice Awards*

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: J F COL**

**Harry Potter (Series)** by J.K. Rowling

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

*ALA Notable Children's Books*

*School Library Journal Best Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F ROW**

**The Lightning Thief (Series)** by Rick Riordan

After learning that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea, Percy Jackson is transferred from boarding school to Camp Half-Blood, a summer camp for demigods, and becomes involved in a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

*School Library Journal Best Books*

*New York Times Notable Books*

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

*YALSA Popular Paperbacks*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F RIO**

**The Whipping Boy** by Sid Fleischman

A bratty prince and his "whipping boy" have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

*Newberry Medal Winner*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F FLE**

**Julie of the Wolves** by Jean Craighead George

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.

*Newberry Medal Winner*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F GEO**

**May Bird and the Ever After** by Jodi Lynn Anderson

Lonely and shy, ten-year-old May Ellen Bird has no idea what awaits her when she falls into the lake and enters The Ever After, home of ghosts and the Bogeyman.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F AND**

**First Test (Protector of the Small Series)** by Tamora Pierce

Ten-year-old Keladry of Mindalen, daughter of nobles, serves as a page but must prove herself to the males around her if she is ever to fulfill her dream of becoming a knight.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: YA F PIE**