

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

### **Classics**

**Check out these lovable stories to find out why they have withstood the test of time:**

#### ***Suggested for Grades 2 and up***

**Curious George** by Margret and H. A. Rey

Can you think of anyone more curious than the mischievous monkey who left the jungle and found a home with the man in the yellow hat?

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

**Call Number: ER REY**

**Uncle Elephant** by Arnold Lobel

Uncle Elephant comes to the rescue when his nephew's parents are lost at sea and cares for him until they are found again.

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER LOB**

**Amanda Pig** by Jean Van Leeuwen

Share the adventures of Amanda and her family of pigs

**Call Number: ER VAN**

**Arthur's Back To School Day** by Lillian Hoban

While hurrying to get on the schoolbus, Arthur and his friends unknowingly switch their lunchboxes, later Arthur finds out what surprise his sister has put into hers.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER HOB**

**Henry Huggins** by Beverly Cleary

Nothing ever happens to eight-year-old Henry until he meets a skinny, spotted dog he names Ribsy.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F CLE**

**The Wind in the Willow by** by Kenneth Grahame

The escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside - Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. When Mr. Toad gets a new motor car, he gets them all in trouble.

**Call Number: J F GRA**

**Babe: The Gallant Pig** by Dick King-Smith

A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F KIN**

**The Reluctant Dragon** by Kenneth Grahame

In this illustrated, abridged version of the original, the boy who finds the dragon in the cave knows it is a kindly, harmless one, but how can he convince the frightened villagers and, especially, St. George the dragon killer that there is no cause for concern?

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F GRA**

**Harriet The Spy** by Louise Fitzhugh

Eleven-year-old Harriet, who wants to be a writer, writes down everything she sees, but alienates her friends in the process.

(Source: Novelist)

**Listen NJ: Electronic Book**

***Suggested for Grades 4 and up***

**How To Eat Fried Worms** by Thomas Rockwell

Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

*California Young Reader Medal*

*Mark Twain Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F ROC**

**Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White

The story of Wilbur, the pig, smallest of the litter, who is raised by the farmer's daughter, and who finds a friend in Charlotte, the spider.

*Massachusetts's Children's Book Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F WHI**

**The Cay** by Theodore Taylor

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a teenage white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old Black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F TAY**

**The Giver** by Lois Lowry

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

*Newberry Medal Winner*

*YALSA 100 Best Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F LOI**

**Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt

A family accidentally stumbles upon a spring with water endowing them with the gift of eternal life. Seventy years later, without having grown a day older, a young girl discovers them and learns their secret.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BAB**

**Hatchet** by Gary Paulsen

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

*Newberry Honor Book*

*ALA Notable Children's Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F PAU**

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors where she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BUR**

**My Side of the Mountain** by Jean George

A boy's experiences living by himself in a remote area of the Catskill Mountains.

*Newberry Honor Book*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F GEO**

**Bridge to Terabithia** by Katherine Paterson

Ten-year-old Jesse Aarons, who has lived all his life on a farm in Virginia, becomes friends with Leslie Burke, a "city girl" who has moved into a farmhouse down the road and opens doors to culture and imaginative play. But then tragedy strikes.

*Newberry Medal Winner*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: JNEW F PAT**

**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

*Massachusetts Book Award*

*Great Stone Face Children's Book Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F RAW**

**The Indian in the Cupboard (Series)** by Lynne Reid Banks

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

*Young Reader's Choice Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BAN**