

Suggested Reading for Teens **@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

Adventure & Survival Books:

If you like adventure and survival stories read these titles for an adrenaline rush:

Recommended for Grades 7 and Up

Nation by Terry Pratchett

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

Awards:

- Printz Honor Book
- School Library Journal Best Books
- YALSA Best Book
- ALA Notable Book

Call Number: YA F PRA

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book

Call Number: YA F AND

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, 14-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6.

YALSA Quick Pick

YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F HOR

Stones in Water by Donna Jo Napoli

Novelist: After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work *in* Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F NAP

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is sent to a wretched correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Awards:

- National Book Award
- New York Times Notable Book
- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Young Readers Choice Award

Call Number: YA F SAC

Code Orange by Caroline Cooney

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

Call Number: YA F COO

Mister Monday (Keys to the Kingdom Series) by Garth Nix

Although Arthur Penhaligon is supposed to die, he is saved by a key shaped like the minute hand of a clock, and now some bizarre creatures--including Mister Monday, his avenging messengers, and an army of dog-faced Fetchers--will stop at nothing to get the key.

Call Number: YA F NIX

The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman

Accompanied by her shape-shifting daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Awards:

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- ALA Notable Children's Book
- Carnegie Medal

Call Number: YA F PUL

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.

YA F PIE

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry

Soon after Peter, an orphan, sets sail from England on the ship Never Land, he befriends and assists Molly, a young Starcatcher, whose mission is to guard a trunk of magical stardust from a greedy pirate and the native inhabitants of a remote island.

Awards:

- Sunshine State Young Reader's Award

Call Number: YA F BAR

Fly By Night by Frances Hardinge

Twelve-year-old Mosca Mye hasn't got much. Her cruel uncle keeps her locked up in his mill, and her only friend is her pet goose, Saracen, who'll bite anything that crosses his path. But she does have one small, rare thing: the ability to read. She doesn't know it yet, but in a world where books are dangerous things, this gift will change her life. Enter Eponymous Clent, a smooth-talking con man who seems to love words nearly as much as Mosca herself. Soon Mosca and Clent are living a life of deceit and danger -- discovering secret societies, following shady characters onto floating coffeehouses, and entangling themselves with crazed dukes and double-crossing racketeers. It would be exactly the kind of tale Mosca has always longed to take part in, until she learns that her one true love -- words -- may be the death of her. "Fly by Night" is astonishingly original, a grand feat of the imagination from a masterful new storyteller.

Awards:

- School Library Journal Best Books

Call Number: YA F HAR

Recommended for Grades 9 and Up

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

Awards:

- School Library Journal Best Books
- NY Times Notable Books
- YALSA Best Books
- ALA Notable Books

Call Number: YA F COL

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

A portrait of Chris McCandless chronicles his decision to withdraw from society and adopt the persona of Alexander Supertramp, offering insight into his beliefs about the wilderness and his tragic death in the Alaskan wilderness.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- Garden State Teen Book Awards

Call Number: B MCC

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- Garden State Teen Book Award

Call Number: YA F PFE

Graceling by Kristin Cashore

In a world where some people are born with extreme and often-feared skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing, and teams up with another young fighter to save their land from a corrupt king.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- School Library Journal Best Book

Call Number: YA F CAS

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.

Awards:

- Newberry Honor Book

Call Number: YA F PAU

City of Bones by Cassandra Clare

Suddenly able to see demons and the Darkhunters who are dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, fifteen-year-old Clary Fray is drawn into this bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed by a monster.

Awards:

- Texas Taysah Reading List

Call Number: YA F CLA

Watership Down by Richard Adams

In a constant struggle against oppression, a group of rabbits search for peaceful co-existence. Chronicles the adventures of a group of rabbits searching for a safe place to establish a new warren where they can live in peace.

Awards:

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Carnegie Medal

Call Number: YA F ADA

* Book descriptions taken from Novelist