

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

Beach Reads/Chic Lit

Looking for a light summer read for the beach? Try these breezy books:

Recommended for Grades 7 and Up

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares

Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants.

Awards:

- Garden State Teen Book Award
- YALSA Best Book
- Young Reader's Choice Award
- YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F BRA

Angus, Thongs & Full-Frontal Snogging by Louise Rennison

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- Garden State Teen Book Award
- YALSA Quick Pick

Call Number: YA F REN

If I Have a Wicked Stepmother, Where's My Prince? by Melissa Kantor

After her father remarries, high school sophomore Lucy Norton is forced to move to Long Island, where her evil new stepmother and annoying stepsisters make her life miserable.

Awards:

- YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F KAN

Who Am I Without Him?: short stories about girls and the boys in their lives by Sharon G. Flake

A collection of short stories about teenage girls and the issues they must deal with in their relationships with boys.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- YALSA Quick Pick
- Coretta King Scott Award

Call Number: YA F FLA

Sloppy Firsts by Megan McCafferty

Devastated when her best friend moves away, sixteen-year-old Jessica Darling feels isolated at school and at home, as she struggles to deal with her father's obsession with her track meets, her boy-crazy peers, and her own nonexistent love life.

Awards:

- YALSA Quick Picks

Call Number: YA F MCC

Recommended for Grades 9 and Up

Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson

Three teenaged girls from very different backgrounds, thrown together to pick peaches in a Georgia orchard, spend a summer in pursuit of the right boy, the truest of friends, and the perfect peach.

Awards:

- Young Reader's Choice Award

Call Number: YA F AND

Prom by Laurie Halse Anderson

Eighteen-year-old Ash wants nothing to do with senior prom, but when disaster strikes and her desperate friend, Nat, needs her help to get it back on track, Ash's involvement transforms her life.

Call Number: YA F AND

The Boyfriend List by E. Lockhart

A Seattle fifteen-year-old explains some of the reasons for her recent panic attacks, including breaking up with her boyfriend, losing all her girlfriends, tensions between her performance-artist mother and her father, and more.

Awards:

- YALSA Quick Picks

Call Number: YA F LOC

Pretty Little Liars by Sara Shepard

When one of their tightly-knit group mysteriously disappears, four high school girls find their friendship difficult to maintain when they begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present secrets.

Call Number: YA F SHE

Private by Kate Brian

When fifteen-year-old Reed Brennan wins a scholarship to Easton Academy, she quickly discovers that the Billings Girls are the most beautiful, intelligent, and powerful group on campus, so Reed tries to become a member.

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Gingerbread by Rachel Cohn

After being expelled from a fancy boarding school, Cyd Charisse's problems with her mother escalate after Cyd falls in love with a sensitive surfer and is subsequently sent from San Francisco to New York City to spend time with her biological father.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books
- YALSA Quick Picks
- School Library Journal Best Books

Call Number: YA F COH

Along For the Ride by Sarah Dessen

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

Call Number: YA F DES