

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

Romance Books

If you like hot and steamy romance stories, check out these sizzling tales:

Recommended for Grades 7 and Up

Stardust by Neil Gaiman

In the quiet English hamlet of Wall, Tristran Thorn embarks on a remarkable journey through the world of Faerie to recover a fallen star for his lover, the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- Alex Award

Call Number: YA F GAI

Oh. My. Gods. by Tera Lynn Childs

When her mother marries a man from Greece and moves the family onto an island in the Aegean Sea, Phoebe's life takes an unexpected turn when she discovers that her new classmates at her exclusive academy are all descendants of real Greek **gods**--and her very real competition on the track team!

Call Number: YA F CHI

Girl At Sea by Maureen Johnson

High-school junior Clio Ford reluctantly gives up her dream job and a potential first kiss to take a working vacation with her estranged father on a yacht in Italy.

Awards:

- YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F JOH

Romiette and Julio by Sharon Draper

An African-American girl and a Latino boy fall in love after meeting on the Internet, but they are harassed by a gang who objects to their interracial dating.

Call Number: YA F DRA

Aurelia by Anne Osterlund

The king sends for Robert, whose father was a trusted spy, when someone tries to assassinate Aurelia, the stubborn and feisty crown princess of Tyralt.

Call Number: YA F OST

A Certain Slant of Light by Laura Whitcomb

After benignly haunting a series of people for 130 years, Helen meets a teenage boy who can see her and together they unlock the mysteries of their pasts.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F WHI

Recommended for Grades 9 and Up

Wicked Lovely by Melissa Marr

Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and Winter Queen, and the survival of her life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance.

Awards:

- RITA Best Young Adult Romance

Call Number: YA F MAR

Dreamland by Sarah Dessen

After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F DES

The Luxe by Anna Godbersen

In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others.

Awards:

- YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: YA F GOD

Weetzie Bat by Francesca Lia Block

Follows the wild adventures of Weetzie Bat and her Los Angeles punk friends, Dirk, Duck-Man, and Secret-Agent-Lover-Man.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- Parent's Choice Award

Call Number: YA F BLO

Born Confused by Tanuja Desai Hidier

Seventeen-year-old Dimple, whose family is from India, discovers that she is not Indian enough for the Indians and not American enough for the Americans, as she sees her hypnotically beautiful, manipulative best friend taking possession of both her heritage and the boy she likes.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F DES

Heavy Metal and You by Christopher Krovatin

High-schooler Sam begins losing himself when he falls for a preppy girl who wants him to give up getting wasted with his best friends and even his passion for heavy metal music in order to become a better person.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books
- YALSA Quick Picks

Call Number: YA F KRO

Empress of the World by Sara Ryan

While attending a summer institute, fifteen-year-old Nic meets another girl named Battle, falls in love with her, and finds the relationship to be difficult and confusing.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books

Call Number: YA F RYA

The Perks of Being a Wallflower by Stephen Chbosky

A series of letters to an unknown correspondent reveals the coming-of-age trials of a high-schooler named Charlie.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Book
- YALSA Quick Pick

Call Number: YA F CHB

Blood and Chocolate by Annette Curtis Klause

Having fallen for a human, a "meat boy", a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her packmates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.

Awards:

- YALSA Best Books
- Garden State Teen Book Award
- School Library Journal Best Books

Call Number: YA F KLA

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

When Mr. Lockwood has an encounter with the spirit of Catherine Linton at the home of the unsociable Heathcliff, he hears the story of the tempestuous love affair between Catherine and Heathcliff.

Call Number: F BRO

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