

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

## **Science Fiction**

**Into Aliens and Parallel Universes? Give these Science Fiction tales a try:**

### ***Recommended for Grades 7 and Up***

**Oracle Betrayed** by Catherine Fisher

After she is chosen to be "Bearer-of-the-god," Mirany questions the established order and sets out, along with a musician and a scribe, to find the legitimate heir of the religious leader known as the Archon.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- ALA Notable Children's Books

**Call Number: J F FIS**

**Evil Genius** by Catherine Jinks

Child prodigy Cadel Piggot, an antisocial computer hacker, discovers his true identity when he enrolls as a first-year student at an advanced crime academy.

**Call Number: YA F JIN**

**The City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

*Awards:*

- Garden State Teen Book Award
- ALA Notable Books

**Call Number: YA F DUP**

**The Supernaturalist** by Eoin Colfer

In futuristic Satellite City, fourteen-year-old Cosmo Hill escapes from his abusive orphanage and teams up with three other people who share his unusual ability to see supernatural creatures, and together they determine the nature and purpose of the swarming blue Parasites that are invisible to most humans.

*Awards:*

- Young Reader's Choice Award

**Call Number: YA F COL**

**Uglies** by Scott Westerfield

Just before their sixteenth birthdays, when they will be transformed into beauties whose only job is to have a great time, Tally's best friend runs away and Tally must find her and turn her in, or never become pretty at all.

*Awards:*

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

**Call Number: YA F WES**

**The Dark Side of Nowhere** by Neal Shusterman

Fourteen-year-old Jason faces an identity crisis after discovering that he is the son of aliens who stayed on earth following a botched invasion mission.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers

**Call Number: YA F SHU**

**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.

*Awards:*

- Newberry Medal
- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Garden State Teen Book Awards

**Call Number: YA F LOW**

**Little Brother** by Cory Doctorow

After being interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a major terrorist attack on San Francisco, California, seventeen-year-old Marcus, released into what is now a police state, decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

*Awards:*

- New York Times Notable Books
- School Library Journal Best Books
- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F DOC**

**The Diary of Pelly D** by L.J. Adlington

When Toni V, a construction worker on a futuristic colony, finds the diary of a teenage girl whose life has been turned upside-down by holocaust-like events, he begins to question his own beliefs.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F ADL**

**Eva** by Peter Dickinson

After a terrible accident, a young girl wakes up to discover that she has been given the body of a chimpanzee.

*Awards:*

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- Young Reader's Choice Award
- Parent's Choice Award

**Call Number: YA F DIC**

## ***Recommended for Grades 9 and Up***

### **Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card

A veteran of years of simulated war games, Ender believes he is engaged in one more computer war game when in truth he is commanding the last fleet of Earth against an alien race seeking the complete destruction of Earth.

*Awards:*

- YALSA 100 Best Books
- YALSA Outstanding Books for the College Bound
- Hugo Award

**Call Number: YA F CAR**

### **Feed** by M.T. Anderson

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

*Awards:*

- New York Times Notable Books
- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- YALSA Outstanding Books for the College Bound

**Call Number: YA F AND**

### **The Adoration of Jenna Fox** by Mary E. Pearson

In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

*Awards:*

- School Library Journal Best Books
- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults

**Call Number: YA F PEA**

### **Cat's Cradle** by Kurt Vonnegut

A young writer decides to interview the children of a scientist primarily responsible for the creation of the atomic bomb.

**Call Number: YA F VON**

### **A Crack in the Line** by Michael Lawrence

Sixteen-year-old Alaric discovers how to travel to an alternate reality, where his mother is alive and his place in the family is held by a girl named Naia.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Best Books for Young Adults
- Book List Editor's Choice

**Call Number: YA F LAW**

### **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury

A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

**Call Number: YA F BRA**

### **Nineteen Eighty-Four: a novel** by George Orwell

Portrays life in a future time when a totalitarian government watches over all citizens and directs all activities.

**Call Number: YA F ORW**

**The Dead and the Gone** by Susan Beth Pfeffer

After a meteor hits the moon and sets off a series of horrific climate changes, seventeen-year-old Alex Morales must take care of his sisters alone in the chaos of New York City.

*Awards:*

- Texas Lone Star Reading List

**Call Number: YA F PFE**

**Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley

Contains the text of Huxley's prophetic work of 1931 and includes his discussion about social problems and the human condition since its publication.

*Awards:*

- YALSA Outstanding Books for the College Bound

**Call Number: YA F HUX**

**A Clockwork Orange** by Anthony Burgess

Presents Burgess' satire of the present inhumanity of man to man through a futuristic culture where teenagers rule with violence.

**Call Number: YA F BUR**

**The War of the Worlds** by H.G. Wells

Follows an English astronomer, an artilleryman, a country curate, and others as they struggle to survive and stop the invasion of Earth by Martians.

**Call Number: YA F WEL**

**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams

Chronicles the journeys, notions, and acquaintances of reluctant galactic traveler Arthur Dent.

- YALSA 100 Best Books

**Call Number: SF ADA**

**Dune** by Frank Herbert

Set on the desert planet Arrakis, this is the story of the boy Paul Atreides, who would become the mysterious man known as Muad'Dib, avenge the traitorous plot against his noble family, and bring to fruition humankind's most ancient and unattainable dream.

*Awards:*

- Nebula Award
- Hugo Award

**Call Number: SF HER**

\* Book descriptions taken from Novelist