

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