

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

Fantasy

If you like stories about magic and the unreal, give these fantastical stories a try:

Recommended for grades 2 and up

Good Night, Good Knight by Shelly Moore Thomas

A Good Knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble getting to sleep.

ALA Notable Children's Book

School Library Journal Best Book

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: ER THO

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

Caldecott Winner

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JCAL F SEN

Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

Carolyn W. Field Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F LEG

The BFG by Roald Dahl

Kidnapped from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannibal giants.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F DAH

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Child genius, Matilda, applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F DAH

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Great Stone Face Children's Book Award

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F CLE

The Dragon and The Unicorn by Lynne Cherry

Valerio the dragon and Allegro the unicorn are driven into hiding when humans begin to destroy the natural beauty of their land, but they receive hope when they befriend the daughter of the man responsible.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F CHE

Recommended for grades 4 and up

Rowan of Rin (Series) by Emily Rodda

Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak, and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

Children's Book of the Year Award (Australia)

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F ROD

The Golden Compass (Series) 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.

YALSA 100 Best Books

ALA Notable Children's Book

Carnegie Medal

Call Number: YA F PUL

Half Magic by Edward Eager

Faced with a dull summer in the city, Jane, Mark, Katharine, and Martha suddenly find themselves involved in a series of extraordinary adventures after Jane discovers an ordinary-looking coin that seems to grant wishes.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F EAG

No Ordinary Mouse: the Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Despereaux Tilling is banished from his mouse colony because of his unusual talents and his fondness for reading, but that is only the beginning of his adventures with the castle's sinister rats and with the lovely Princess Pea.

(Source: Novelist)

Listen NJ: Electronic Book Online

The Chronicles of Narnia (Series) by C.S. Lewis

Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F LEW

Stuart Little by E.B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird that stayed for a few days in his family's garden.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F WHI

A Wrinkle In Time (Time Fantasy Series) by Madeleine L'Engle

Meg and Charles Wallace set out with their friend Calvin in a search for their father. His top secret job as a physicist for the government has taken him away and the children search through time and space to find him.

Newberry Medal Winner

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F LEN

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service

ALA Notable Children's Books

YALSA Popular Paperbacks

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F FUN

The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley

Aerin, with the guidance of the wizard Luthe and the help of the blue sword, wins the birthright due her as the daughter of the Damarian king and a witchwoman of the mysterious, demon-haunted North

Newberry Medal Winner

ALA Notable Children's Books

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: JNEW F MCK

The Book of Three (Prydain Chronicles) by Lloyd Alexander

Valorous and humorous tales of Taran, the Assistant Pig-Keeper, who determines to save the kingdom of Prydain from evil.

(Source: Novelist)

Call Number: J F ALE

Now You See It... by Vivian Vande Velde

With Wendy's new glasses, she begins to see cheerful corpses, old crones disguised as teeny-boppers, and portals to another world--a place where everyone knows of the glasses' powers and will do anything they can to get them.

YALSA Popular Paperbacks

Call Number: J F VAN