

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

### **Mystery Books**

If you like Mystery, see if you can solve these puzzling tales:

#### ***Recommended for grades 2 and up***

**Cam Jansen Series** by David A. Adler

A fifth-grader with a photographic memory, and her friend, Eric, help solve mysteries

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER ADL**

**Marty Frye Private Eye** by Janet Tashjian

A seven-year-old who likes to read poetry and talk in rhymes solves mysteries.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER TAS**

**Jigsaw Jones Mysteries: Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster** by James Preller

Wingnut's hamster is missing and Jigsaw and his partner, Mila, are on the case searching for clues and piecing together the mystery.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F PRE**

**Boxcar Mystery Series** by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Boxcar Children, those same lovable orphans that have entertained generations of young readers are still discovering new adventures after 60 years!

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: J F WAR**

**Chet Gecko (Series)** by Bruce Hale

Chet Gecko is a 4th grade detective and a comedian with attitude. He's also a lizard! Chet loves two things in life: solving mysteries and devouring dessert. The first book in this entertaining series, *The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse*, introduces us to Chet and his mockingbird partner, Natalie Attired. It sets a wacky tone, ridiculous puns, groaner jokes, and bug-filled menus, not to mention mysteries. Throughout the series, the silly synonyms fly faster than a spitwad storm in a substitute teacher's classroom.

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: J F HAL**

**The Haunted Hotel** by Ron Roy

When the guests of the Shangri-La Hotel are scared away by a white-haired female ghost, Dink and his friends investigate the mystery.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F ROY**

#### ***Recommended for grades 4 and up***

**Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (Series)** by Deborah and James Howe

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F HOW**

**Encyclopedia Brown (Series)** by Donald J. Sobol

Ten-year-old Leroy Brown, son of the police chief of Idaville, opens a detective agency and before the summer is over solves baffling cases, the solutions to which are found in the back of the book.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F SOB**

**The House of Dies Drear** by Virginia Hamilton

An African-American family tries to unravel the secrets of their new home, which was once a stop on the Underground Railroad.

*Edgar Allen Poe Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F HAM**

**A Ghost In The House** by Betty Ren Wright

Strange things happen when twelve-year-old Sarah is alone in the house with Great Aunt Margaret, who appears to be the victim of a ghost seeking revenge for a death in the past.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F WRI**

**Nancy Drew (Series)** by Carolyn Keene

Whenever there's a mystery to be solved, who's smack in the middle of the action? Nancy Drew, of course! Generations of young girls have grown up reading the exciting adventures of America's #1 female sleuth and wanting to be just like her.

(Source: <http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>)

**Call Number: J F KEE**

**Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator (Series)** by Jennifer Allison

During the summer before ninth grade, intrepid Gilda Joyce invites herself to the San Francisco mansion of distant cousin Lester Splinter and his thirteen-year-old daughter, where she uses her purported psychic abilities and detective skills to solve the mystery of the mansion's boarded-up tower.

*School Library Journal Best Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F ALL**

**The Dollhouse Murders** by Betty Ren Wright

A dollhouse filled with a ghostly light in the middle of the night and dolls that have moved from where she last left them lead Amy and her developmentally disabled sister to unravel the mystery surrounding grisly murders that took place years ago.

*Mark Twain Award*

*Young Readers' Choice Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F WRI**