

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

### **Scary Books**

**If you like scary books, give these spooky stories a try. Warning: Read at your own Risk!**

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

**Ghosts! Ghostly Tales from Folklore** by Alvin Schwartz

Presents seven, easy-to-read ghost stories based on traditional folk tales and legends from various countries.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER SCH**

**The Bookstore Ghost** by Barbara Maitland

The cat which Mr. Brown gets to catch the mice in his bookstore comes up with a very unusual way to attract customers.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER MAI**

**In A Dark, Dark Room** by Alvin Schwartz

Seven scary stories to tell at night in front of a fire or in the dark, based on traditional stories and folktales from various countries.

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

*Garden State Children's Book Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: ER SCH**

**Mrs. Jeepers in outer space** by Debbie Dadey

The Bailey School Kids have blasted off to space camp for a week of outer space learning and fun, but there's one catch. Their vampire teacher is going with them!

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F DAD**

**The Kingfisher Book of Scary Stories** by Chris Powling, Illustrated by Peter Bailey

From the mysterious to the chilling, the fantastic to the frightening, this shivery collection has something for everyone. With ten stories from some of the very best writers for children, and a creepy cast of spooky skeletons, terrifying monsters and ghostly spirits, this is the perfect collection for all young scary story enthusiasts.

**Call Number: J F KIN**

**The Random House Book of Ghost Stories** by Susan Hill

A collection of seventeen ghost stories, by authors such as Eleanor Farjeon, Joan Aiken, Walter R. Brooks, and Leon Garfield, including four written especially for this collection.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F RAN**

**Pleasing the Ghost** by Sharon Creech

Nine-year-old Dennis, whose uncle and father died within a year of each other, is visited by the ghost of his uncle, and together they settle some unfinished business, and help out Dennis' Aunt Julia at the same time.

*Parent's Choice Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F CRE**

**The Ghost Witch** by Betty Ren Wright

Jenny and her mother are all set to move into old Miss Nagle's mansion when Jenny discovers the house is haunted.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F WRI**

**The Ghost Belonged To Me** by Richard Peck

In 1913 in the Midwest, a quartet of characters share adventures from exploding steamboats to "exorcising" a ghost.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F PEC**

**The Witches** by Roald Dahl

A young boy and his Norwegian grandmother, who is an expert on witches, together foil a witches' plot to destroy the world's children by turning them into mice.

*ALA Notable Children's Books*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F DAH**

**Dying To Meet You** by Kate Klise

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author I. B. Grumply gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F KLI**

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

**Goosebumps (Series)** by R.L. Stein

Are you looking for a hilarious series that will also give you a serious case of the heebie-jeebies? The master of spooky storytelling, R.L. Stine has created the perfect series for you. Be prepared to laugh out loud, even as you break out in a cold sweat of terror!

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

**Call Number: J F STI**

**Dracula: Trapped in Transylvania** by Tony Abbott

Devin and Frankie find themselves in Transylvania after falling into the pages of a book about Count Dracula.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F ABB**

**Rats in the Attic: and other stories to make your skin crawl** by G. E. Stanley

Warning readers to beware of walking alone at night, venturing into attics, and watching television after midnight, this collection of nightmarish tales tells the stories of kids who did not believe.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F STA**

**Horror at the Haunted House** by Peg Kehret

While acting in a "haunted house" featuring interesting deaths in history, Ellen is contacted by the ghost of a former resident, who seems to be protecting **the** collection of antique Wedgwood dishes on display there.

*Sequoyah Book Award*

**Call Number: J F KEH**

**The Vanishing Vampire** by David Lubar

After Sebastian faints on his way home from a late movie, he discovers that he has become a vampire, but he finds that a vampire's powers hardly compensate for the disadvantages.

**Call Number: J F LUB**

**The Nightmare Room (Series)** by R. L. Stine

Looking for some spooky stories that will spike your hair and send chills up your spine? Check out the very scary Nightmare Room series, but be sure to leave the lights on!

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

**Call Number: J F STI**

**Vampire Island** by Adele Griffin

Siblings Maddy, Lexie, and Hudson Livingstone, who are vampire-fruit bat hybrids, struggle to adjust to living as humans in New York City while maintaining their individual vampire strengths.

**Call Number: J F GRI**

**The 13th Floor : A Ghost Story** by Sid Fleischman

When his older sister disappears, twelve-year-old Buddy Stebbins follows her back in time and finds himself aboard a seventeenth-century pirate ship captained by a distant relative. Cast adrift, he washes up in New England where his plucky ancestor, ten-year-old Abigail, is caught up in the witchcraft mania and about to be hanged.

*Parent's Choice Award*

*Black Eye Susan Book Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F FLE**

**The Headless Cupid** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Life is never quite the same again for eleven-year-old David after the arrival of his new stepsister, a student of witchcraft and the occult.

*Newberry Honor Book*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F SNY**

**The Graveyard Book** by Neil Gaimen

Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts and other denizens of the graveyard.

*Newberry Medal Winner*

*YALSA Best Books*

*Source: Novelist*

*Young Reader's Choice Award*

*Mark Twain Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F GAI**

**Skeleton Man** by Joseph Bruchac

After her parents disappear and she is turned over to the care of a strange "great-uncle," Molly must rely on her dreams about an old Mohawk story for her safety and maybe even for her life.

*ALA Notable Children's Books*

*School Library Journal Best Books*

*Young Reader's Choice Award*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BRU**

**The House With A Clock In The Walls** by John Bellairs

A ten-year-old orphan searches for a clock that is programmed to end the world.

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F BEL**

**Coraline** by Neil Gaimen

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

*ALA Notable Children's Book*

*School Library Journal Best Book*

*YALSA Best Book*

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: J F GAI**

**Cirque Du Freak (Series)** by Darren Shan

This exciting book series by Darren Shan has plenty of bite. Check it out and venture to a world of freaks and vampires!

(Source: Novelist)

**Call Number: YA F SHA**