

If You Like Lemony Snicket...



The following books are located in the Youth Services Department. Fiction titles are shelved alphabetically by the author's last name.

Juvenile Fiction

Author:

Title:

Aiken

Wolves of Willoughby Chase

Wicked wolves and a grim governess threaten Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia when Bonnie's parents leave for a sea voyage. The girls can't believe what's happening when Miss Slighcarp dismisses the servants, sells the furniture, and sends the girls to a prison-like orphan school. With the help of Simon, the gooseboy, they escape the school and set out to free their home.

Bellairs

Curse of the Blue Figurine

Johnny Dixon is plunged into a terrifying mystery-adventure when he removes a blue figurine called a ushabti from church.

Bellairs

House with a Clock in Its Walls

A boy goes to live with his magician uncle in a mansion that has a clock hidden in the walls which is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.

Bying

Molly Moon Stops the World

Believing that she has been sent to Los Angeles by her librarian friend, Lucy Logan, to stop an evil plot by the wealthy Primo Cell, Molly Moon and her friend Roger, orphans with unusual hypnotic powers, find themselves in danger from an unsuspected source.

Colfer

Artemis Fowl

When a 12-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

- Dahl** **James and the Giant Peach**
 When James accidentally drops some magic chrystals by the old peach tree, the peach at the very top of the tree starts growing. Before long it's as big as a house, and James discovers a secret entranceway into the mammoth fruit. When he crawls inside, James meets a bunch of friendly oversized insects. With a snip of the stem, the peach starts rolling, and the adventure begins!
- Dahl** **Matilda**
 Matilda is sent to school with an evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull. She discovers she has unusual mental powers and decides to use them to ride the school children of their tormentor.
- Dahl** **Witches**
 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.
- DiTerlizzi** **Spiderwick Chronicles (series)**
 When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.
- Fleischman** **Half-a-Moon Inn**
 Lost on wintry roads, Aaron, a boy born mute, searches for his mother, who has failed to return from the market. Nearly half-frozen, he stumbles into the Half-a-Moon Inn, where the wicked proprietor forces him to assist her with picking pockets and prying into people's dreams.
- Fleischman** **Whipping Boy**
 A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.
- Funk** **Thief Lord**
 Two brothers run away and are sought by a detective, but they find shelter with and protection from Venice's "Thief Lord".
- Glori** **Pure Dead Magic**
 When their father is kidnapped and danger looms, the Strega-Borgia children, their mysterious new nanny, and a giant tarantula use magic and actual trips through the Internet to bring peace back to their Scottish castle.

- Heide** **Shrinking of Treehorn**
A boy discovers he is shrinking but does not know the cause or the cure.
- Horvath** **Everything on a Waffle**
11-year-old Primrose's parents are lost at sea and she's the only one who believes they're still alive. While she waits for them to come home, she's cared for by the eccentric residents of her home town.
- Horvath** **Trolls**
Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris and every night the bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspect family history.
- Jones** **Ogre Downstairs**
Caspar, Johnny, and Gwinny live with their mother, their new stepfather (the "Ogre") and stepbrothers. When the "Ogre" gives them a chemistry set, strange things begin to happen.
- Levine** **Ella Enchanted**
Ella is under a spell of a fairy - anything anyone tells her to do Ella must obey.
- Maguire** **Seven Spiders Spinning**
Seven prehistoric spiders that have been trapped in ice for thousands of years bring excitement to rural Vermont and briefly unite two rival clubs at a local elementary school.
- Nimmo** **Midnight for Charlie Bone**
Charlie Bone lives with his widowed mother, two grandmothers (one good, one evil) and a mysterious uncle. His life undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking and is sent to a special school for the "endowed" where the other students also have strange powers.
- Pullman** **Count Karlstein**
In the mountains of Switzerland the wicked Count Karlstein plots to abandon his two orphaned nieces in a hunting lodge as prey for the Demon Huntsman and his ghostly hounds.

- Sachar** **Holes**
Stanley Yelnats, after being falsely accused of stealing sneakers, is sent to a boy's juvenile detention center called Cam Green Lake where there is no greenery and no lake. The work is the worst - digging holes all day long. Why is the evil warden obsessed with holes?
- Stevenson** **Kidnapped**
David's greedy uncle tries to cheat him out of his inheritance by having him kidnapped and sold in the American colonies as a slave. On his way, he befriends a Jacobite rebel and is instead caught up in the Scottish troubles and has to fight his way back to his home to claim his inheritance.
- Wallace** **Cousins in the Castle**
A new friend comes to Amelia's rescue when she finds herself the victim of a dastardly villain's fiendish plans.
- Wallace** **Ghosts in the Gallery**
When 11-year-old Jenny arrives at her grandfather's house but is not recognized as one of the family because of a servant's intrigue, the young orphan endures a difficult fate.
- Wallace** **Secret in St. Something**
Fleeing from a cruel step-father, 11-year-old Robin takes his baby brother and finds shelter with street boys living in a church in a tenement area of New York City.
- Wallace** **Sparrows in the Scullery**
After his parents are killed in a carriage accident, Colley is kidnapped and sold to the Broggin Home for Boys, where he is put to work in a glass factory.
- Wallace** **Twin in the Tavern**
A young orphan, afraid of being sent to the workhouse, finds himself at the mercy of the unsavory owner of a tavern in Alexandria, Virginia, while he tries to solve the mystery surrounding his past and a missing twin.
- Waugh** **Mennymys**
An eccentric family of rag dolls deal with the impending visit of their mysterious landlord who thinks that they are human.

Teen Fiction

Author:

Title:

Baggot

Anybodies

After learning that she is not the biological daughter of boring Mr. and Mrs. Drudger, Fern embarks on magical adventures with her real father and finally finds "a place that feels like home".

Cushman

Midwife's Apprentice

When Brat has to sleep in the dung heap to keep warm, it seems that things can't possibly get worse; however, she eventually become crotchety old Jane Sharp's apprentice midwife.