

YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

This guide is designed to help teachers, librarians and caregivers select books that will engage young adults to become lifelong readers. The sources provided will help you get started in selecting materials for young adults.

Begin Your Search

To locate general books on young adult literature, use the following call numbers: 028, 011 or 813. You can also search by these keywords in the Orange County Library System's Online Catalog: "young adult literature," "teenagers – books and reading," and "young adult fiction."

Reference and Circulating Books:

- R 028.162 Car *Best Books for Young Adults*
Produced by the Young Adult Library Association, this source lists books that were awarded the Best Books for Teens Awards. The books were selected based on their literary quality and popular reading appeal.
- R 813.0099 Her *Teen Genreflecting*
This source provides lists of young adult novels broken down into detailed categories.
- R 813.08016 Spe *What Do Young Adults Read Next*
This extensive bibliography contains entries for over 1,000 books aimed at young adult readers. Search by character, topic, setting, time period or genre.
- 028.5 Hun *Honey for a Teen's Heart: Using Books to Communicate with Teens.*
Provides information on how to read a book, what to look for in a book, and how to engage a teenager in analytical thinking about a book.
- R 028.53 Don *Literature for Today's Young Adults*
Written for middle and high school teachers and librarians, this source discusses the history of young adult literature, specific genres and provides ideas for use of the literature in the classroom.
- 028.5 She *Rip-Roaring Reads for Reluctant Teen Readers*
A collection of recommended booktalks and related activities for over forty young adult titles that will grab the attention of the reluctant reader.

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Contact us to ask reference questions, to request Library materials and to obtain Library information.
Phone: Quest Line 407-835-7323 • TDD: 407-835-7641 • Online: www.ocls.info

Periodicals:

- VOYA* A bimonthly journal dedicated to young adult library services.
- School Library Journal Serves librarians who work with young people in schools and libraries. Reviews books and gives advice in areas such as technology, reading and collection development.
- Horn Book A bimonthly journal containing reviews of children's and young adult titles and articles covering aspects of these books.
- Kirkus Review Publishes twenty-four issues annually and reviews fiction and non-fiction adult, children's and young adult pre-published books.

Databases & Electronic Journals:

The following databases can be accessed at any Orange County Library System location or at home by using your library card and pin number. Search the online databases through the library's **Online Resources** page, www.ocls.info.

- NoveList This reader's advisory companion includes over 120,000 titles for adults, children and young adults. It offers read-alikes, book discussion guides and booktalks for all ages.
- What Do I Read Next? This database provides recommended titles, plot summaries and searches by genre, subject, author, title, and series.

Websites:

- YALSA www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalsa.htm
Provides booklists and book awards, listservs, professional development and news and events regarding young adult services.
- BookSpot www.bookspot.com/youngadultfeature.htm
BookSpot features site links to recommended young adult book lists and resources.
- YA Librarian's Homepage <http://yahelp.suffolk.lib.ny.us>
This site provides every aspect of young adult literature. It features a virtual YA index, graphic novel resources, journals, organizations, literature, discussion lists, publishers and links to online resources.