

New Teen Corner at the Nichols Library

Teens now have a space of their own at The Nichols Library in Center Harbor. Our teen corner is dedicated to fiction that features authors and stories for the 12-18 years old crowd. The stories featured in this section cover the same genres (fantasy, mystery, science fiction) as adult fiction, but were written for a younger audience and very frequently have a teenage protagonist. Some of the stories also deal with issues unique to teens, from coming of age, to fitting in or feeling left out. Read on for some of our most recent arrivals in teen fiction. has to offer them.

In *The Moon and More* by Sarah Dessen, it's Emaline's last summer in her hometown before college. Her home is in a beach town community and her boyfriend Luke could not be more attentive; but after the arrival of a New York filmmaker, she's beginning to wonder if she should be outgrowing it. Don't be too sure what will happen – “Dessen's characters behave as deliciously unpredictably as people do in real life, (Kirkus Reviews).”

Fantasy readers should check out Cassandra Clare's *Infernal Devices* series. In the first, *Clockwork Angel*, 16-year-old Tessa Gray travels to Victorian London to find her missing brother. Along the way, she discovers that she possesses the gifts of a true Shadowhunter, warriors who battle the demons of the city's Downworld. In *Clockwork Prince*, Tessa Gray finds safety with the Shadowhunters. But that safety proves fleeting.

Fans of the *Hunger Games* should look into *the Divergent* by Veronica Roth. The story takes place in a dystopian Chicago in the far future. People have gathered into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue—Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent). On an appointed day of every year, all sixteen-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. The story continues with *Insurgent*. A third story is due in October.

In *What we saw in the Night* by Jacquelyn Mitchard, Allie Kim suffers from a fatal allergy to sunlight. It confines her and her two best friends, Rob and Juliet, to the night. When freewheeling Juliet takes up Parkour—the stunt-sport of scaling and leaping from tall buildings—Allie and join her. Though potentially deadly, Parkour after dark makes Allie feel truly alive, and for the first time equal to the “daytimers.”

In *Looking for Alaska*, Miles “Pudge” Halter's life been one big non-event, until he heads off to the anything-but-boring world of Culver Creek Boarding School, where down the hall, he meets Alaska Young. The gorgeous, clever, funny, sexy, self-destructive, screwed up, and utterly fascinating Alaska Young, who is an event unto herself. She pulls Pudge into her world and his life becomes the opposite of safe.

In *Passion Blue*, Giulia, the orphaned daughter of a Milanese nobleman, is sent to live with nuns. The convent of Santa Marta is full of surprises, including a workshop of nuns who

are creating paintings of astonishing beauty. Now, Giulia is torn: should she follow the young man who promises to help her escape? Or stay and satisfy her growing desire to paint?

On the non-fiction side, there is *The Truth about Dating, Love and Just Being Friends* by Chad Eastman. He shines some much-needed light on these major issues for teens. This book may help teens make better decisions and be more prepared for their futures. Some topics include eight dumb dating things even smart people do; ten reasons why teens are unhappy; and ten things.