

# Emma S. Clark Memorial Library

---

## MYSTERIES & THRILLERS FOR TEENS



**PLEASE NOTE: BOOKS VARY WIDELY IN MATURITY LEVEL AND CONTENT**

**Acceleration** by Graham McNamee -----YA & TEEN MCNAM  
Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him. (670L)

**Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** by Arthur Conan Doyle -----MYSTERY & TEEN DOYLE  
The master sleuth's character and amazing skills of detection are presented as they originally were depicted in twelve stories appearing in the pages of *The Strand Magazine*. (1080L)

**Allegedly** by Tiffany Jackson-----YA JACKS  
Mary B. Addison killed a baby. Allegedly. She didn't say much in that first interview with detectives, and the media filled in the only blanks that mattered: A white baby had died while under the care of a church-going black woman and her nine-year-old daughter. The public convicted Mary and the jury made it official. But did she do it? (HL620)

**Always Emily: A Novel of Intrigue and Romance** by Michaela MacColl-----YA MACCO  
Young Emily and Charlotte Brontë solve a mystery. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Amelia Anne is Dead and Gone** by Kat Rosenfeld-----YA ROSEN  
Unveils the details of a horrific murder, its effects on permanent and summer residents of the small Appalachian town where a body is discovered, and especially how the related violence shakes eighteen-year-old Becca's determination to leave home as soon as possible. Lexile Unavailable)

**And Then There Were Four** by Nancy Werlin -----YA WERLI  
When five high school students are brought together under mysterious circumstances, they begin to piece together a theory that their parents are working together to kill them all. (HL730L)

**And Then There Were None** by Agatha Christie -----MYSTERY CHRIST  
When ten people arrive on private Indian Island off England's southwest coast, lured to a mansion by invitations from a mysterious host, terror mounts as one guest after another is murdered, in a classic whodunit that is an elaboration of the famous children's rhyme "Ten Little Indians." (570L)

**The Arsonist** by Stephanie Oakes -----YA OAKES  
Molly and Pepper are dealing with their own personal tragedies when they are tasked by an anonymous person with solving the decades-old murder of Ava Dryman, an East German teenager whose diary was published after her death. (HL770L)

**Blackbird** by Anna Carey-----YA CAREY  
A teenage girl wakes up on the L.A. subway tracks with no memory of who she is or how she got there. One thing she does know is that people are trying to kill her, and she must race to uncover her past before it's too late. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Blood on My Hands** by Todd Strasser-----YA STRASS  
At a high school party, a girl finds her friend murdered, holding the weapon and accused of the crime. (HL750L)

**The Body in the Woods** by April Henry-----YA HENRY  
While helping the Portland County Sheriff's Search and Rescue to seek a missing autistic man, teens Alexis, Nick, and Ruby find, instead, a body and join forces to find the girl's murderer, forming an unlikely friendship, as well. (HL720L)

**Body of Christopher Creed** by Carol Plum-Ucci -----YA & TEEN PLUM  
Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast. (720L)

- Butterfly Clues** by Kate Ellison-----TEEN ELLIS  
Having experienced compulsive behavior all her life, Lo's symptoms are getting her into trouble when she witnesses a murder while wandering dangerous quarters of Cleveland, Ohio, collecting things that do not belong to her. (HL790L)
- Burning Blue** by Paul Griffin-----TEEN GRIFFI  
When beautiful, smart Nicole, disfigured by acid thrown in her face, and computer hacker Jay meet in the school psychologist's office, they become friends and Jay resolves to find her attacker. (HL660L)
- The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery** by Nancy Springer -----JM SPR  
While searching the clues to her missing mother's whereabouts, fourteen-year-old Enola Holmes, the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes, suddenly gets involved in the kidnapping of a young Marquess and must put the search for her mother on hold in order to save the spoiled girl from her dangerous captors. (1020L)
- Clarity** by Kim Harrington -----YA HARRI  
Sixteen-year-old Clare Fern, a member of a family of psychics, helps the mayor and a skeptical detective solve a murder in a Cape Cod town during the height of tourist season--with her brother a prime suspect. (HL 580L)
- Clockwork Scarab** by Colleen Gleason-----YA GLEAS  
In 1889 London young women are turning up dead, and Evaline Stoker, relative of Bram, and Mina Holmes, niece of Sherlock, are summoned to investigate the clue of the Egyptian scarabs--but where does a time traveler fit in? (Lexile Unavailable)
- Confessions of a Murder Suspect** by James Patterson-----YA PATTE  
Tandy Angel is, along with her brothers, a suspect in their parents' murder but having grown up under Malcolm and Angel's perfectionist demands, Tandy decides she must clear the family name no matter what. (HL770L)
- The Conspiracy of Us** by Maggie Hall-----YA & TEEN HALL  
When sixteen-year-old Avery West learns her family is part of a powerful and dangerous secret society, and that her own life is in danger, she must follow a trail of clues across Europe. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Curse of the Night Wolf** by Paul Stewart -----JM STE  
Soon after Victorian messenger Barnaby Grimes is attacked by a huge beast while crossing London's rooftops, he becomes entangled in a mystery involving patent medicine, impoverished patients, and very expensive furs. (1000L)
- Death Cloud** by Andy Lane-----YA LANE  
In 1868, with his army officer father suddenly posted to India, and his mother mysteriously "unwell," fourteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes is sent to stay with his eccentric uncle and aunt in their vast house in Hampshire, where he uncovers his first murder and a diabolical villain. (940L)
- Don't Look Behind You** by Lois Duncan-----TEEN DUNCA  
Seventeen-year-old April finds her comfortable life changed forever when death threatens to her father, a witness in a federal case, force her family to go into hiding under assumed names and flee the pursuit of a hired killer. (1020L)
- Double Helix** by Nancy Werlin -----YA & TEEN WERLI  
Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering. (690L)
- Dreamland Buring** by Jennifer Latham-----YA LATHA  
When Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters tell the story of William, another teen grappling with the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot, providing some clues to the mystery. (Lexile Unavailable)
- The Egypt Game** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder -----J SNY  
Six children are thrust from the make-believe world of Egyptian pharaohs when their trusted oracle foresees the appearance of a murderer. (1010L)
- The Emperor of Any Place** by Tim Wynne-Jones-----YA WYNNE  
When Evans father dies suddenly, Evan finds a hand-bound yellow book on his desk- the book his dad had been reading when he passed away. In a pulse-quickening mystery evoking the elusiveness of truth and the endurance of wars passed from father to son, this engrossing novel is a suspenseful, at times terrifying read. (HL790L)
- Endangered** by Lamar Giles-----YA GILES  
When Lauren, a teen photoblogger, gets involved in a deadly game, she has to protect the classmates she despises. (HL710L)

- Every Breath** by Ellie Marney-----YA MARNE  
Reluctantly assisting her friend Mycroft's investigation into the murder of a homeless man, Rachel Watts realizes her attraction to her bad-boy partner before finding herself targeted by the killer. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Face on the Milk Carton** by Caroline B. Cooney -----TEEN COONE  
Recognizing herself as the missing child on a school milk carton, Janie is compelled to investigate and has to choose between her love for the people she has always known as her parents and needing to learn the truth. (660L)
- Fake ID: A Mystery** by Walter Sorrells -----YA SORRE  
After a lifetime of moving and assuming new identities, sixteen-year-old Chass begins to piece together the disturbing past that haunts her and her mother and which involves a mysterious tape, a deceased popular singer, and the secrets of several people in a small Alabama town. (650L)
- Fear Nothing** by Dean R. Koontz -----FIC KOONT  
Afflicted with a rare genetic disorder that leaves him extremely vulnerable to light, Christopher Snow witnesses a murder in the night, a murder only he can solve, that forces him to uncover the many oddities of Moonlight Bay. (1060L)
- First Shot** by Walter Sorrells -----YA & TEEN SORRE  
David Crandall, haunted by his mother's murder two years ago, uncovers a dark family secret that leads him to believe that his father, headmaster of the military school in which David is currently a senior, is the killer. (580L)
- The Fog** by Caroline Cooney -----TEEN COONE  
Christina and Anya are delighted by an invitation to board with the new school principal and his wife, but soon it is clear that they are agents of unspeakable evil who are bent on destroying the girls they harbor. (660L)
- The Girl I Used to Be** by April Henry-----YA HENRY  
Olivia's parents were killed fourteen years ago. Now, new evidence reopens the case and she finds herself involved. (HL660L)
- Heist Society** by Ally Carter ----- TEEN CARTE  
A group of teenagers uses their combined talents to re-steal several priceless paintings and save fifteen-year-old Kat Bishop's father, himself an international art thief, from a vengeful collector. (800L)
- The Hound of the Baskervilles** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle -----M DOYLE  
In this, one of the most famous of Doyle's mysteries, the tale of an ancient curse and a savage ghostly hound comes frighteningly to life. The gray towers of Baskerville Hall and the wild open country of Dartmoor will haunt the reader as Holmes and Watson seek to unravel the many secrets of the misty English bogs. (1090L)
- The House of the Scorpion** by Nancy Farmer -----TEEN FARME  
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States. (660L)
- The House on the Gulf** by Margaret Haddix -----JM HAD  
A sixteen-year-old boy arranges a house-sitting job for the summer, but he starts acting strangely after his family moves in, and his sister begins to suspect they are not supposed to be there. (730L)
- I Am the Messenger** by Markus Zusak -----YA & TEEN ZUSAK  
After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, and he begins getting over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness. (640L)
- I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You** by Ally Carter ----- TEEN CARTE  
As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission. (1000L)
- I Know What You Did Last Summer** by Lois Duncan -----TEEN DUNCA  
Four teenagers try to conceal their responsibility for a hit-and-run while being pursued by a figure seeking revenge. (760L)
- Ink and Ashes** by Valynne E. Maetani-----YA MAETA  
When Japanese American Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuza, a Japanese crime syndicate, danger enters her life that could end up killing someone. (HL740L)
- The Killer in Me** by Margot Harrison-----YA HARRI  
A girl's unsettling connection with a serial killer leads her on a potentially deadly manhunt. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Last Seen Leaving** by Caleb Roehrig-----YA ROEHR  
Flynn's girlfriend is missing, and people are suspecting him of knowing something, so he struggles to uncover her secrets as he must also face the truth about himself. (1110L)

**The Leaf Reader** by Emily Arsenault-----YA ARSEN  
Outsider Marnie begins reading tea leaves for fun, but when basketball star Matt asks for a reading related to his friend who disappeared, Marnie's readings begin to seem real--and potentially dangerous. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Liar Society** by Lisa Roecker-----TEEN ROECK  
Kate Lowry's best friend Grace died a year ago. So when she gets an email from her, Kate's more than a little confused. Now Kate has no choice but to prove once and for all that Grace's death was more than just a tragic accident. She teams up with a couple of knights-in-(not-so)-shining armor-the dangerously hot bad boy, Liam, and her love-struck neighbor, Seth. But at their elite private school, there are secrets so big people will do anything to protect them-even if it means getting rid of anyone trying to solve a murder. (800L)

**Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** by Ransom Riggs -----YA & TEEN RIGGS  
After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there. (890L)

**Mister Death's Blue Eyed Girls** by Mary Downing Hahn-----YA HAHN  
Narrated from several perspectives, the story of the 1956 murder of two teenaged girls in suburban Baltimore. (HL700L)

**The Mystery of the Third Lucretia** by Susan Runholt -----JM RUN  
Having noticed the same man copying Rembrandt's painting in the United States and London, sleuths Lucas and Kari are certain that the mysteriously undiscovered Rembrandt painting is a forgery done by this modern-day artist and so now must find a way to convince everyone of the truth based on the clues they've collected. (920L)

**Name of the Star** by Maureen Johnson-----TEEN JOHNS  
Rory, of Boueulxieu, Louisiana, is spending a year at a London boarding school when she witnesses a murder by a Jack the Ripper copycat and becomes involved with the very unusual investigation. (HL710L)

**The Night She Disappeared** by April Henry-----YA HENRY  
Told from various viewpoints, Gabie and Drew set out to prove that their missing co-worker Kayla is not dead, and to find her before she is, while the police search for her body and the man who abducted her. (HL680L)

**No Such Person** by Caroline Cooney-----YA COONE  
A murder mystery in a small town raises suspicions when a well-regarded family in the community is implicated. (HL670L)

**The One Memory of Flora Banks** by Emily Barr -----YA BARR  
A girl with recurring memory loss chases down the boy she loves based on the one memory she is able to hold onto. (HL640L)

**One of Us is Lying** by Karen McManus ----- YA MCMAN  
When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case. (HL730L)

**Operation Red Jericho** by Joshua Mowll ----- TEEN MOWLL  
Through a journal rich in detail and photos, diagrams, and maps, a young boy discovers the amazing journey his great-aunt Rebecca and great-uncle Doug experienced after their parents' mysterious disappearance from the deserts of China. (850L)

**Paper Towns** by John Green ----- TEEN GREEN  
Having been in love with Margo forever, Quentin is happy to help her with her strange plots and campaigns for revenge, but when she vanishes one evening without a trace, Quentin finds himself delving into clues in order to resolve questions. (850L)

**The Penalty** by Mal Peet -----TEEN PEET  
Paul Faustino, known as the best soccer journalist in the business, investigates the disappearance of eighteen-year-old Ricardo, a soccer prodigy known as "El Brujito," while in alternate chapters a slave becomes a powerful voodoo priest. (810L)

**Picture Me Gone** by Meg Rosoff-----TEEN ROSOF  
Twelve-year-old Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, who may lead them to clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Pretty Little Liars (series)** by Sara Shepard-----TEEN SHEPA  
When one of their group mysteriously disappears, four high school girls find their friendship difficult to maintain when they begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present secrets. (760L)

**Raising Arcadia** by Simon Chesterman-----TEEN CHEST  
Arcadia sees the world like no one else. Exceptionally observant, the sixteen-year-old is aware of her surroundings in a way that sometimes get her into trouble — and out of it again. But when she seeks to unravel a mystery at school, a tragedy at home forces her use her skills to catch a killer. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Reality Check** by Peter Abrahams-----YA ABRAH  
After a knee injury destroys 16 year-old Cody's college hopes, he drops out of school and gets a job in his small Montana town, but when his ex-girlfriend disappears from her Vermont boarding school, Cody travels to join the search. (690L)

**Rebel Fire** by Andy Lane -----YA LANE  
In 1868, 14-year-old Sherlock Holmes discovers that his mysterious American tutor, Amyus Crowe, is hunting for a notorious murderer who was supposedly killed by the U.S. government but who is apparently alive and well in Surrey, England. (920L)

**Ripper** by Stefan Petrucha -----YA PETRU  
Adopted by famous Pinkerton Agency Detective Hawking in 1895 New York, fourteen-year-old Carver Young hopes to find his birth father, but when he becomes involved in the pursuit of notorious killer Jack the Ripper, Carver discovers that finding the truth can be worse than ignorance. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Ripper** by Amy Carol Reeves-----TEEN REEVE  
Sent to do volunteer work at the Whitechapel Hospital in the east end of London in 1888, seventeen-year-old Abbie discovers the identity of Jack the Ripper. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Scarlett Undercover** by Jennifer Latham-----YA LATHA  
Scarlett, a sixteen-year-old private detective in the fictional city of Las Almas, finds herself at the center of a mysterious case--involving ancient curses, priceless artifacts, and jinn--as she discovers that her own family secrets may have more to do with the situation than she thinks. (HL670L)

**Secret Letters** by Leah Scheir-----YA SCHEI  
Sixteen-year-old Dora travels to London to meet Sherlock Holmes, who might be her biological father, and ask his help for her cousin who is being blackmailed over some stolen letters, but although Holmes dies before she arrives, a handsome young detective comes to Dora's aid. (880L)

**The Secrets of Lily Graves** by Sarah Strohmeier-----TEEN STROH  
Descended from a long line of female morticians, Lily Graves knows all about buried secrets. So after senior-class president Erin Donohue, perfect saint to the community, turns up dead, Lily believes it's her job to find the culprit. But Lily has feelings for Erin's ex-boyfriend, Matt, which makes both of them suspects and makes Lily's investigation complicated. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Shelter** by Harlen Coben-----YA COBEN  
After tragic events tear Mickey Bolitar away from his parents, he is forced to live with his estranged Uncle Myron and switch high schools, where he finds both friends and enemies, but when his new new girlfriend, Ashley, vanishes, he follows her trail into a seedy underworld that reveals she is not what she seems to be. (Lexile Unavailable)

**Skeleton Creek** by Patrick Carman -----JM CAR  
Although housebound following an accident, Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing e-mail video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah. (740L)

**So Yesterday: A Novel** by Scott Westerfeld -----TEEN WESTE  
Hunter Braque, a NYC teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool," combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture. (770L)

**A Spy in the House** by Y.S. Lee -----YA & TEEN LEE  
Rescued from the gallows in 1850s London, orphan and thief Mary Quinn is invited to join a covert female investigative unit and poses as a lady's companion to track down a wealthy merchant's missing cargo ships. (HL680L)

**The Stranger Game** by Cylin Busby -----YA BUSBY  
When Nico Morris's older sister, Sarah, disappears, her parents, family, and friends are devastated. But Nico can never admit what she herself feels: relief at finally being free of Sarah's cruelties. The dark details of that day continue to haunt Nico, and it becomes clear that more than one person knows the true story of what happened to Sarah. (HL770L)

**Suicide Notes from Beautiful Girls** by Lynn Weingarten-----YA & TEEN WEING  
They say Delia burned herself to death in her stepfather's shed, but June does not believe it. She and Delia used to be closer than anything, but one night a year ago, everything changed when they and June's boyfriend Ryan let their good time get out of hand, and now, June owes it to Delia to know if her best friend committed suicide or was murdered. (Lexile Unavailable)

- This is Our Story** by Ashley Elston-----YA ELSTO  
When a hunting accident claims a boy's life, his best friends all come under suspicion. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Trash** by Andy Mulligan -----YA MULLI  
Fourteen-year-olds Raphael and Gardo team up with a younger boy, Rat, to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash in a third-world country's dump. (860L)
- Tokyo Heist** by Diane Renn-----YA RENN  
After a high-profile art heist of three van Gogh drawings in her home town of Seattle, sixteen-year-old Violet Rossi finds herself in Japan with her artist father, searching for the related van Gogh painting. (Lexile Unavailable)
- The Transatlantic Conspiracy** by G.D. Falksen-----TEEN FALKS  
In 1908, on the inaugural journey from Europe to the United States of the world's first underwater railway, seventeen-year-old Rosalind finds love, a murder mystery, and the truth behind the railway's construction. (HL650L)
- Trouble is a Friend of Mine** by Stephanie Tromly-----YA TROML  
After her parents' divorce, Zoe Webster moves from Brooklyn to upstate New York where she meets the weirdly compelling misfit, Philip, and soon finds herself in a series of hilarious and dangerous situations as he pulls her into his investigation into the kidnapping of a local teenage girl which may be related to the disappearance of his kid sister eight years ago. (HL630L)
- Troubling a Star** by Madeleine L'Engle -----JM LEN  
When Vicky returns to the village where she grew up, Adam's Great-aunt Serena sends her on a trip to Antarctica, but Adam is behaving strangely and Vicky becomes entangled in a mystery involving drugs, nuclear waste, and espionage. (850L)
- Unnatural Deeds** by Cyn Balog-----YA BALOG  
Victoria Zell doesn't fit in, not that she cares what anyone thinks. She and her homeschooled boyfriend, Andrew, are inseparable. All they need is each other. That is, until Zachary Zimmerman joins her homeroom. Victoria's hiding her own secrets -- secrets that will come back to haunt her, and destroy everything in her path. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Unraveling** by Elizabeth Norris-----TEEN NORRI  
If Janelle Tenner wants to avenge her father's death and stop the end of the world, she's going to need to uncover Ben's secrets--and keep from falling in love with him in the process. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Useless Bay** by M.J. Beaufrand-----YA BEAUF  
On Whidbey Island, north of Seattle, the Gray family's quintuplets join the search for a young boy gone missing and soon discover deep family secrets and that crimes have been committed. (Lexile Unavailable)
- Vanishing Girls** by Lauren Oliver-----TEEN OLIVE  
Two sisters inexorably altered by a terrible accident, a missing nine-year-old girl, and the connection between them. (890L)
- The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin -----TEEN RASKI & JM RAS  
The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance. (750L)
- Wherever Nina Lies** by Lynn Weingarten-----TEEN WEING  
Two years after the disappearance of her older sister, sixteen-year-old Ellie goes on a quest to find her. (Lexile Unavailable)

Updated February 2018

If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Feder, Teen Services Librarian at [Teens@emmaclark.org](mailto:Teens@emmaclark.org)