

New Year...new titles

While new stock gets added to the Library shelves on a regular basis, there's a bumper crop to start the New Year. There's something for everyone!

Chris Bradford: Gamer

Street kid Scott jumps at the chance to be a Virtual Kombat gamer. If he can battle his way up the ranks, the ultimate prize will be his. But then his friend Kate goes missing in the battle arena and Scott's dream turns into a nightmare...

Chris Bradford: Ransom & Ambush

The second and third titles in the 'Bodyguard' series featuring martial arts expert Connor Reeves...a combination of Jack Bauer, James Bond and Alex Rider. Both are action packed thrillers...in Ransom his mission is to protect the twin daughters of an Australian media mogul and Ambush sees him protecting a foreign ambassador's family on safari

Teresa Breslin: Divided City

Nominated for the 2015 Carnegie Medal, winner of the RED Book and Catalyst Book Awards, the story is set in Glasgow during the Orange marching season. It is a gripping tale about two boys – one a Rangers fan, the other a Celtic fan and how they must find their own way forward in a world divided by difference. Graham and Joe just want to play football and be selected for the city team but a violent attack on an asylum seeker changes everything as they're drawn into a secret pact to help the victim and his girlfriend.

B R Collins: Gamerunner

Rick is a Gamerunner. His job is to test there are no glitches or bugs in The Maze - the computer game that is much more than just a computer game. In The Maze you physically become your avatar. You fight, run and loot, all the time avoiding the deadly slicing traps - whirling blades that appear from nowhere. Rick has known nothing outside The Maze and his life at the headquarters of Crater, the company that created The Maze.

Michael Grant: Light

Book six in the 'Gone' series which has been likened to *Lord of the Flies* for the 21st century. In turns breath-taking, harrowing, and utterly terrifying. Its complex characters and moral dilemmas will delight fans of *The Hunger Games*, *Divergent* and *The Maze Runner*. This is dystopian fiction at its best.

Sara Grant: Dark Parties

Neva keeps a list of The Missing - the people like her grandmother who were part of her life but who have now vanished. The people that everyone else pretends never existed. In a nation isolated beneath the dome of the Protectosphere - which is supposed to protect, but also imprisons - Neva and her friends dream of freedom. But life is becoming complicated for Neva. She's falling in love with her best friend's boyfriend - and she's learning more than she ever wanted to know about what might be happening to The Missing... A gripping thriller with a dash of romance.

Janice Hardy: The Pain Merchants

This is the first in an epic dystopian fantasy adventure trilogy, where fifteen-year-old Nya is one of Geveg's many orphans; she survives on odd jobs and optimism in a city crippled by a failed war for independence. Nya has a deadly secret. She is a Taker, someone who can extract pain and injury from others, but with unusual differences. Her sister Tali and other normal Takers become Healer's League apprentices and put their extracted pain into enchanted metal, pynvium. But Nya can't dump pain in this way. All she can do is shift it from person to person.

Saci Lloyd: Momentum

London, the near future. Energy wars are flaring across the globe - oil prices have gone crazy, regular power cuts are a daily occurrence. The cruel Kossak soldiers prowl the streets, keeping the Outsiders - the poor, the disenfranchised - in check. Hunter is a Citizen: one of the privileged of society, but with his passion for free running and his rebel friend Leo he cannot help but be fascinated by the Outsiders. So when he meets Outsider Uma, he is quickly drawn into their world - and into an electrifying and dangerous race to protect everything they hold dear.

Marie Lu: Legend, Prodigy & Champion

The Legend series is one to try if you've enjoyed Hunger Games. He is Day...the boy who walks in the light. She is June...the girl who seeks her brother's killer. On the run and undercover, they meet by chance. Irresistibly drawn together, neither knows the other's past but Day murdered June's brother and she has sworn to avenge his death

Anthony McGowan: The Knife that Killed me

Paul Varderman could be at any normal school - bullies, girls and annoying teachers are just a part of life. Unfortunately 'normal' doesn't apply when it comes to the school's most evil bully, Roth, a twisted and threatening thug with an agenda quite unlike anyone else. When Paul ends up delivering a message from Roth to the leader of a gang at a nearby school, it fuels a rivalry with immediate consequences. Paul attempts to distance himself from the feud, but when Roth hands him a knife it both empowers him and scares him at the same time . . . This thought-provoking and original novel highlights the terrible consequences of peer pressure and violence, and casts a spotlight on the worrying rise in knife crime among teenagers.

Sophie McKenzie: All my Secrets

Brand new title from the bestselling, award-winning author Sophie McKenzie. The shocking reality behind a £10 million inheritance turns Evie Brown's world on its head. Unable to find out the truth from her parents, Evie ends up on the mysterious island of Lightsea, where her desire for answers leads her towards a series of revelations that threaten everything she holds dear . . . including her life.

Non Pratt: Trouble (for the more mature reader)

A boy. A girl. A bump. Trouble. A smart, touching and funny contemporary young adult book. Hannah's smart and funny ... she's also fifteen and pregnant. Aaron is new at school and doesn't want to attract attention. So why does he offer to be the pretend dad to Hannah's unborn baby? Growing up can be trouble but that's how you find out what really matters.

Bali Rai: Killing Honour

When Sat's sister, Jas, is married off into the Atwal family she changes, she's quiet and distant. But Sat's too busy with his own life; his girlfriend, his friends, football. Then Jas disappears. According to her new husband, she's run off with another man. Her family disown her; don't seem to care if she's ever found. But Sat doesn't believe it. Something has happened to his sister and he's determined to figure out what. But his investigations take him into dark and dangerous territory . . . A powerful, hard-hitting teen thriller on the controversial topic of honour killing, by multi-award-winning author Bali Rai.

Jerry Spinelli: Jake + Lily

For almost as long as they can remember, Jake and Lily have shared a "special sense". But their bond seems to be weakening as, at age 11, Jake starts spending more time with new friends than with Lily; upset and rejected, Lily has no one to confide in except her grandfather. Lily tries to find out who she is without her brother, but it's hard work. Her feeling of abandonment is as sharply felt as Jake's need to test his independence. The book celebrates each child's individualism and growing self-awareness.

Lauren St John: The One Dollar Horse

Fifteen year old Casey Blue lives in East London's grimmest tower block and volunteers at a local riding school, but her dream is to win the world's greatest Three Day Event: the Badminton Horse Trials. When she rescues a starving, half-wild horse, she's convinced that the impossible can be made possible. But she has reckoned without the consequences of her father's criminal record, or the distraction of a boy with melting, dark eyes, with whom she refuses to fall in love. Casey learns the hard way that no matter how high you jump, or how fast you gallop, you can never outrun the past.

Robin Stevens:

Murder Most Unladylike – When Daisy Wells & Hazel Wong set up a secret detective agency at school, they can't find a truly exciting murder to investigate...then Hazel discovers the body of the Science Mistress but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared.

First Class Murder – Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are taking a holiday on the famous Orient Express. From the moment the girls step aboard, it's clear that everyone in the first-class carriage has something to hide. Then there is a scream from one of the cabins...

Arsenic for Tea – Schoolgirl detectives Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong are at Daisy's home for the holidays. Daisy's glamorous mother is throwing a tea party for her birthday...one of the guests falls seriously, mysteriously, fatally ill and everything points to poison.

Philip Webb: Six Days

In a ruined future, an extraordinary artefact from the past lies buried. Everyone wants it. But why? What is it? And how can it save them all? For scavengers Cass and Wilbur, slaving to dig it up, there are no answers. But when two strangers from another time turn up claiming to know about the lost relic, their world will change for ever. Six Days. If you thought you knew how the world began ... think again.

Susan Winnacker – The Other Life

It's been 3 years, 1 month, 1 week and 6 days since Sherry has seen daylight. When things went wrong up above, she was sealed off from the world in a bunker with her family. But when they run out of food, Sherry and her dad must venture outside. There they find devastation, desolation... When her dad is snatched, Sherry joins forces with gorgeous but troubled Joshua - can Sherry keep her family and Joshua safe, when his desire for vengeance threatens them all? The seeds of first love are sown amongst the death and destruction of a nightmare future in this incredible debut novel. Beautifully formed and gut-wrenchingly gripping, its essential reading.

Historical titles:

Theresa Breslin: *Ghost Soldier*

A thrilling, poignant story of hope and loss set during World War 1, from Carnegie Medal-winning author Theresa Breslin. *Nobody believes in ghosts until they see one . . .* The war has changed everything for Rob and Millie. Their father is missing in action and they are terrified they'll never see him again. Then one night, deep in the woods, Rob and Millie see an eerie figure in the window of an abandoned house. But there's no such thing as ghosts, is there?

Vanessa Curtis: *The Earth is Singing* (for the older reader)

My name is Hanna. I am 15. I am Latvian. I live with my mother and grandmother. My father is missing, taken by the Russians. I have a boyfriend and I'm training to be a dancer. But none of that is important any more. Because the Nazis have arrived, and I am a Jew. And as far as they are concerned, that is all that matters. This is my story.

L M Elliott: *Across Enemy Seas*

Evacuated by ship from Blitz-stricken London, Charles and Wes survive deadly submarine attacks to reach America. But Charles is guilt-ridden about leaving his family behind, while Wes is haunted by terrifying nightmares. Together, the boys struggle to come to terms with their new life on a family farm - working alongside German POWs in the fields.

Mary Finn: *No Stars at the Circus*

No Stars at the Circus is the beautifully told story of 10-year-old Jonas Albers, as written in his notebooks. Jonas lives in hiding in the Professor's house during the six months following the round-up of Jews in Paris on 16 July 1942. Jonas writes about his life in the attic, as well as the past, in which the circumstances of his rescue are revealed. He writes about his friends at the circus and the family he greatly misses. Unaware of the atrocities happening around him and throughout Europe, Jonas hears that his parents have gone off "to work" and is worried about his little sister, Nadia, who is deaf - so worried that one day he steps outside in the hope of finding out where she is.

Sonya Hartnett: The Children of the King

The world is at war and Cecily, Jeremy and May have been sent to the countryside, to keep safe from the bombs that are falling on London. There they discover two strange boys hiding in the ruins of an old castle. The castle belongs in the past but its story will take these children on an extraordinary adventure.

Mary Hooper: Poppy & Poppy in the Field

Poppy is young, beautiful and clever - and working as a parlour maid in the de Vere family's country house. Society, it seems, has already carved out her destiny. But Poppy's life is about to be thrown dramatically off course. The first reason is love - with someone forbidden, who could never, ever marry a girl like her. The second reason is war. As the lists of the dead and wounded grow longer, Poppy must do whatever she can to help the injured soldiers, knowing all the while that her own soldier may never return home . . . The story continues in 'Poppy in the Field'.

Shirley Hughes: Hero on a Bicycle

In extraordinary circumstances, people are capable of extraordinary things... Italy, 1944: Florence is occupied by Nazi German forces, the Italian resistance movement has not given up hope though - and neither have Paolo and his sister, Constanza. Both are desperate to fight the occupation, but what can two siblings do against a whole army with only a bicycle to help them?

Linda Newbery: Some Other War

As servants at the Morland family mansion before the summer of 1914, twins Jack and Alice know their place. When the war came, they knew their duty. As Jack fights on the front line and Alice tends to the wounded, they learn the truth. But what they cannot know is what the future holds - and who will be there to see it.

Kate Saunders: Five Children on the Western Front

'We didn't ask him to come back', Robert said. 'Didn't we?' Jane replied. 'All the other times, the Psammead turned up because something was wrong. Well the war counts as something wrong, doesn't it?' They were all silent for a moment. 'I have a ghastly feeling you may be right,' Cyril said. 'In which case, we're honour bound to help him. Eat quickly chaps - or I'll be late for the war.'

Rebecca Stevens: Valentine Joe

Rose's granddad takes her on a trip to Ypres, Belgium to visit the graves of those who died in the Great War. It's the day before Valentine's, but Rose can sense the shattered old city beneath the chocolate-box new. And it seems that it can sense her too. When she goes up to her room that night, she hears the sound of marching feet and glimpses from her window a young soldier on his way to the front line.

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