

New teen book collection bought through grant

The Ali Dunn Packer Memorial Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation has awarded the Jamestown Philomenian Library a grant that has been used to purchase all of the 2008 Rhode Island Teen Book Award nominees.

The 22 books listed below, published between 2005 and 2007, were nominated by the Rhode Island Teen Book Award Committee based on their literary quality and their appeal to teens.

The following books are recommended for middle school students:

“Black Duck,” by Janet Taylor Lisle, in which Ruben Hart tells of how, in 1929 Newport, he and his best friend’s families were caught in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade.

“Down the Rabbit Hole,” by Peter Abrahams, which has Ingrid, an avid Sherlock Holmes fan, trying to resist the urge to try to discover who killed an Echo Falls resident.

“Larklight: A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space,” by Philip Reeve, deals with an alternate Victorian England, Arthur and his sister Myrtle, residents of Larklight and a spaceworthy vessel, uncover a spidery plot to destroy the solar system.

“Yellow Star,” by Jennifer Roy, in which Sylvia was 4 years old when the Nazis forced Jews from her area of Poland into the Lodz Ghetto. Six years later, she was

one of only 12 child survivors to be liberated from the ghetto.

The following books are recommended for all students:

“Breathe: A Ghost Story,” by Cliff McNish, in which Jack and his mother move into an old house, and he believes that the spirits he encounters are harmless, but soon discovers that one of them is not as she seems.

“A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life,” by Dana Reinhardt, Simone’s life changes unexpectedly when her parents convince her to contact her biological mother, an agnostic from a Jewish family who is losing her battle with cancer.

“Diva,” by Alex Flinn, is about Caitlin, who pursues her dream of becoming an opera singer by attending a performing arts school even though she must leave her friends and familiar environment.

“Endymion Spring,” by Matthew Skelton, Blake stumbles across an ancient, magical book that was secreted to England in 1453 to save it from evil forces.

“Incantation,” by Alice Hoffman, in which Estrella’s family is hiding a huge secret. But will her best friend, Catalina, betray her trust because of a boy’s love for Estrella and not her?

“Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX,” by Karen Blumenthal, is a fascinating look at the history of Title IX, which bans sex discrimination in United States education with highlights of the women’s movement from the early twenti-

eth century through today.

In “Life As We Knew It,” by Susan Beth Pfeffer, in which a meteor hits the moon and Miranda and her family quickly realize the danger and prepare for the worst as the world faces all sorts of natural disasters.

In “Lush,” by Natasha Friend, Sam decides to get a new friend to help her cope with her alcoholic father and a mother in denial by leaving a biographical letter in a library book.

“Marie, Dancing,” by Carolyn Meyer, is set in a part of Paris in the 1800’s, where things are dismal for Marie, but an invitation to model for Edgar Degas could bring new meaning to the life for this talented Paris Opera ballet dancer.

In “The Night My Sister Went Missing,” by Carol Plun-Ucci, Kurt’s sister goes missing mysteriously, and he spends a night at the police station overhearing statements from witnesses that reveal the prejudices and secrets of their town.

In “Notes from the Midnight Driver,” by Jordan Sonnenblick, Alex befriends a cranky old man with lessons to impart about jazz guitar playing, love, and forgiveness, after being assigned to perform community service at a nursing home.

In “Rules of Survival,” by Nancy Werlin, Matt tells of trying desperately to save his younger sisters and himself from the very real dangers of life with a very disturbing and dangerous woman: their mother.

“Side Effects,” by Amy Goldman Koss is about Izzy, who goes to the doctor to check her swollen glands, and thinks he’ll give her some medicine but it’s not that simple because Izzy has cancer.

In “Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie,” by David Lubar, Scott, during his first year of high school, tries to keep old friends who have changed while dealing with big

changes at home: the approaching birth of his baby brother.

Recommended for High School Students:

The following are recommended for high school students:

“The Book Thief,” by Markus Zusak is about the story of Liesel, as told by Death, whose book-stealing and storytelling talents sustain her German family and the Jewish man they are hiding during the horrors of World War II.

“Peeps,” by Scott Westerfeld is about Cal Thompson, a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, who must now hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.

“Sold,” by Patricia McCormick, is set in India and Pakistan. The free verse novel tells the story of 13-year-old Lakshmi, who is sold into prostitution and struggles to survive and escape the brutality she endures.

“Theories of Relativity,” by Barbara Haworth-Attard, in which a volatile mother throws Dylan out of the house, and he is forced to live on the streets and beg for money. Yet through it all, he finds a way to survive.

Any of these books may be attained through the Jamestown Philomenian Library at 26 North Road. Call the library at 423-7280 to place holds.



Not all the geese are afraid of the mock coyotes at the toll plaza
Photo by Andrea von Hohenleiten

Mystery surrounds authority’s missing coyote silhouettes at bridge

Coyotes are missing from the property owned by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority.

Not real coyotes, but plywood cutouts, put there to scare off the countless Canada geese that make a mess of the landscaped grounds.

RITBA director Buddy Croft said that they originally purchased four of the cutouts after he had seen them in locations around the state and made some inquiries. They cost about \$75 each and were installed by RITBA maintenance workers, Croft said.

“They were working pretty well,” Croft said about the geese deterrents, “but I came in one morning and they were gone.” One is still on the property, Croft said, and noted that another was damaged by heavy winds.

“We suspect it was a juvenile prank,” Croft said, adding “or maybe done by people acting like juveniles.”

Because the geese cause so much damage to the grounds and parking lot, in the form of slippery droppings, Croft said they plan to purchase new ones to replace those that are missing.

“If they were stolen,” Croft said, “we hope the offenders do not repeat the act.”

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