

High Interest/Low Vocabulary Books

Youth Services

The books listed below are from the following series: *Orca Currents*, *Orca Soundings*, *New Series Canada*, *HIP Junior*, *Deer Lake*, *Stone Arch* and *Keystone Books*. Please see a Librarian for help in finding other titles in these series.

Grade 2 reading level with higher interest level.

J Paperback BRO

Brown, Liz. **Misty Knows.**

Reading level: 2.7, Interest level: grades 3-7

Someone is putting poison in the feed at Shady Acres farm. Jen and Keisha have an idea who's behind it, but first they need some proof.



YA Paperback DEN

Denman, K.L. **Battle of the Bands.**

Reading level: 2.9, Interest level: grades 7+

When a competitor's guitar is trashed right before a battle of the bands contest, The Lunar Ticks are the prime suspects.



YA Paperback GAE

Gaetz, Dayle Campbell. **Spoiled Rotten.**

Reading level: 2.8, Interest level: grades 5-9

Jessica must trek through bear country to save her stepsister.

YA Paperback GOO

Goobie, Beth. **Sticks and Stones.**

Reading level: 2.6, Interest level: grades 7+

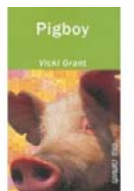
No one expects Jujube to fight back when her reputation takes a beating.

YA Paperback GRA

Grant, Vicki. **Pigboy.**

Reading level: 2.0, Interest level: grades 5-9

A school field trip to a remote heritage farm turns dangerous when Dan discovers the bus driver and teacher have been bound and gagged.

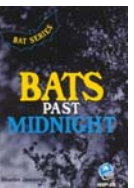


J Paperback JEN

Jennings, Sharon. **Bats Past Midnight.**

Reading level: 2.5, Interest level: grades 3-6

Sam and Simon (the "Bat gang") wonder about a fancy car that hangs around their school late at night. When they try to find out more, they end up in trouble at school, at home and with the police.



YA Paperback SPA

Spafford-Fitz, Karen. **Dog Walker.**

Reading level: 2.6, Interest level: grades 5-9

Turk's money making scheme gets out of control.

Grade 3 reading level with higher interest levels.

YA Paperback BEL

Bell, William. **Death Wind.**

Reading level: 3.2, Interest level: 7+

Allie is caught up in a tornado that threatens to destroy everything.



YA Paperback BRO

Brown, Liz. **The Bully.**

Reading level: 3.2, Interest level: grades 4-9

A teenage girl struggles against lies and rumours spreads by a female bully at her school.

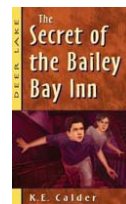


J Paperback CAL

Calder, K.E. **The Secret of the Bailey Bay Inn.**

Reading level: 3, Interest level: grades 4-6

Weird things are happening at the old boarded up Bailey Bay Inn. Will learns the truth about the building, but now he and his friends are in danger.



YA Paperback JAM

Jamison, Lauri. **Running for Dave.**

Reading level: 3.2, Interest level: grades 6-10

When a track star gets cancer, his best friend finds new meaning for his own life.



YA Paperback KRO

Kropp, Paul. **Avalanche.**

Reading level: 3.4, Interest level: grades 5-10

A group of teens is trapped by an avalanche in British Columbia – not all of them survive.

YA Paperback KYI

Kyi, Tanya. **Truth.**

Reading level: 3.2, Interest level: grades 7+

When a neighbour is brutally murdered during a high-school house party, no one will go to the police. As a reporter for the school TV show, Jen decides to try and uncover the truth.

YA Paperback PAT

Paton, Doug. **Terror 9/11.**

Reading level: 3.5, Interest level: grades 5-10

A teenage boy and his sister survive the collapse of the World Trade Center.



J Paperback ZUC

Zucker, Jonny. **The Bombed House.**

Reading level: 3.2, Interest level: grades 5-9

During World War II Ned and Harry Jennings find something very strange at 46 Willow Street. The only problem is that no one believes what they have discovered.



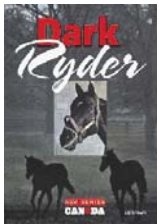
Grade 4 reading level with higher interest level.

YA Paperback BRO

Brown, Liz. **Dark Ryder.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 4-9.

A teenage girl must train and ride a wild horse in order to keep him.



YA Paperback BUT

Butcher, Kristin. **Chat Room.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 5-9

When Linda, a normally shy girl, participates in her high school's chat room, she becomes quite popular online. She is certain that life is for the better, until a secret admirer enters the scene.



YA Paperback BUT

Butcher, Kristin. **The Hemingway Tradition.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 7+

Shaw is trying to outrun his father's ghost.

YA Paperback CHO

Choyce, Lesley. **Thunderbowl.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 7+

Jeremy wants to make it in the music business. Does he have what it takes?



YA Paperback KRO

Kropp, Paul. **Caught in the Blizzard.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 5-12.

Three teenagers in the Arctic deal with rivalry and crime, then must survive a winter storm.

YA Paperback MCC

McClintock, Norah. **Tell.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 7+

How much does David know about his stepfather's death?

YA Paperback PAT

Paton, Doug. **Our Plane is Down.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 4-10

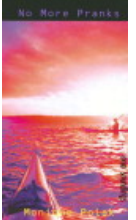
A small plane goes down in the bush, hours from anywhere. A teenage brother and sister must fight to rescue the pilot and survive themselves.

YA Paperback POL

Polak, Monique. **No More Pranks.**

Reading level: 4.0, Interest level: grades 7+

Pete has to pull the most important prank of his life to bring about justice.



Grade 5 reading level with high interest level

YA Paperback FAS

Fast, A.D. **Beating Up Daniel.**

Reading level: 5.0, Interest level: grades 7+

Justin feels like he is part of the cool school group when he becomes friends with the older boys at Bayview High. When these new friends plan on a beating, Justin has to make a decision about where he really stands.



YA Paperback FAS

Fast, A.D. **Dangerous Rivals.**

Reading level: 5.0, Interest level: grades 7+

The Bayview High crew has a shot at a medal at the biggest rowing event of the year. When a rivalry with another high school gets out of control with gunshots and police, the kids at Bayview must choose if winning is the most important thing.

YA Paperback LEV

Levigne, H.A. **Dear Liz.**

Reading level: 5.0, Interest level: grades 7+

When Liz Gordon agreed to write a column for the Bayview High newspaper, she didn't expect romance with a secret admirer. Life gets confusing and complicated when Liz tries to find out who he is.



YA Paperback SOT

Sotzek, H.G. **The Edge.**

Reading level: 5.0, Interest level: grades 7+

Ethan Munroe didn't think he would ever have a problem saying no to drugs. Soon Ethan feels too pressured to refuse, trouble starts to follow him everywhere, and he finds himself pushed towards the edge.



One may also consider the Choose Your Own Adventure series for those struggling with reading. The series is written approximately at a grade 4 to 5 level, with an interest level from grades 4-8 and can be found in the J Paperback area of your library.

Using comics and graphic novels also encourages reluctant readers. These can be found in either the J or YA 741.5 area of your library. Please see a Librarian for help in finding any of these suggestions.

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