

Keep Current With Your Teen Reading

For Intermediate/Senior English Teachers
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****April is National Poetry Month in Canada and the United States!****

Go to <http://www.poets.ca> (Canadian information) or
<http://www.poets.org> (United States information)

A Key Source of Information About Children's and YA Literature in Canada:

The Canadian Children's Book Centre

40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 101
Toronto, ON, M4R 1B9
Phone: 416-975-0010
Email: info@bookcentre.ca
<http://www.bookcentre.ca/>

Cost for individuals \$60.00 -- includes a tax receipt.
Members receive the valuable *Best Books* annual and the quarterly *CCBC News* magazine!

Recommended Canadian YA Book Review Sources for Teachers

Canadian Book Review Annual (or its subset ***Canadian Children's Literature***)

An annual publication that attempts to provide a brief critical review of every title published in Canada for that year. The section devoted to children's and young adult literature is also published as a separate paperback with the subtitle *Canadian Children's Literature*. Published by Children's Book Review Annual.

Children's Book News <http://www.bookcentre.ca/>

Published by the Canadian Children's Book Centre and free to members. This valuable resource is put together by the staff of the Children's Book Centre – people who really know what is going on with children's and YA literature in Canada. Issues feature columns by authors, teachers and librarians, and each issue includes reviews of recommended titles.

CM Magazine: Canadian Review of Materials <http://www.umanitoba.ca/cm/>

Published by the Manitoba Library Association, the electronic journal *CM* provides Canadian teachers with rich and curriculum-aware reviews of Canadian materials. Issued biweekly.

Quill & Quire <http://www.quillandquire.com/>

The audience for this magazine ranges from teachers to librarians to people involved in the book trade in Canada. It is the absolute best source for finding out what is being published in Canada -- and it has a very good "Books for Young People" review section in each issue. Every April and October the issue includes a list of every children's book that is to be published for the next half of the year -- so this is an easy way to see who has new books out.

Resource Links <http://www.resourcelinks.ca/>

Canada's version of the glossier *Book Links* -- and a reviewing journal that is directed to teachers. Each review indicates suggested Grade levels and possible curriculum connections. An excellent way to stay on top of Canadian YA literature -- and the journal features good YA columns, frequently, too. Inexpensive (\$45.00 +GST) -- and you should review for it, too -- that's a great way to get free books! Published out of Pouch Cove, Newfoundland!

Teacher Librarian <http://www.teacherlibrarian.com>

A magazine that succeeds in serving both American and Canadian teachers. I love this magazine for its lists, short, practical articles, posters and peppiness. You'll always feel as if you have a hundred things to do and read after you browse through this one!

A Key Source for Information About Children's and YA Literature in the United States:

Children's Book Council

12 W. 37th Street, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10018-7480

Phone: 212-966-1990

Email: info@cbcbooks.org

<http://www.cbcbooks.org/>

Recommended American YA Book Review Sources for Teachers

Book Links <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/publishing/booklinks/index.cfm>

This reviewing journal has a K to 8 focus, but the curriculum connection articles are so good that middle school teachers will want to know about it for sure. The journal is produced by the American Library Association's Young Adult Library Services Association and covers all content areas.

LMC : Library Media Connection <http://www.linworth.com/lmc/>

Another apparent "librarian" magazine that is a great resource for English teachers because it is full of booklists, reviews, and curriculum ideas for English teachers. Not a priority for ordering for yourself -- but a professional resource that you should ask your school's teacher librarian to subscribe to and share with you.

Booklist <http://BooklistOnline.com>

An American Library Association publication that offers short reviews of titles available in the U.S., from picture books to adult titles, and including videos and audiobooks. This is a resource that your school librarian or teacher resource centre librarian may have – so ask to share it! Once a year there is a particularly good selection of "Editors' Choice" lists & "Best Lists" – which includes the best YA fiction published in the US that year. Each month's *Booklist* also features a theme, with handy theme booklists on topics relevant to YA reading – and also lists of "Read-Alikes". The website offers some of the journals features for free – a real bonus!

English Journal <http://www.ncte.org/journals/ej/issues>

The NCTE journal for high school English teachers. Exceptional.

While at Queen's you have full text access to all NCTE journals back to 1997 or earlier. A favourite resource for high school English teachers. These journals are useful for their advertising as well as their content – and each issue focuses on a theme: "Shakespeare for a New Age", "Multigenre Teaching", "Revitalizing Grammar", and "Teaching for Exceptionality" have been recent themes.

The Horn Book Guide <http://www.hornbookguide.com/>

The *Guide* "strives to include short, critical annotations of all hardcover trade children's and young adult books published in the United States within a six-month period".

The Horn Book Magazine <http://www.hbook.com>

Articles and reviews from picture books to YA literature. Often columns by authors.

Knowledge Quest

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/aaslpubsandjournals/knowledgequest/knowledgequest.cfm>

Journal of the American Association of School Librarians – and another journal that both librarians and English teachers will find useful. Free segments available online.

School Library Journal

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/>

A fabulous site for keeping up with teen lit even if you don't subscribe. The site is updated daily and spills over with links to materials that teachers will love. Sign up for blogs, newsletter, rss feeds, & enjoy the free content.

Voices from the Middle <http://www.ncte.org/journals/vm>

The NCTE journal for middle school English teachers. Exceptional. "VM offers middle level educators a practical guide to best practices in middle schools".

Track Award Winners

Ontario

Red Maple Award <http://www.accessola.com/> -- Reading Programs
Winners are selected by Grade 7 – 8 students in Ontario.

White Pine Award <http://www.accessola.com/> -- Reading Programs
Winners are selected by high school students in Ontario

Golden Oak Award <http://www.accessola.com/> -- Reading Programs
Winners are selected by new readers in adult literacy programs

Canada

The Canadian Children's Book Centre award web site has a comprehensive list of Canadian children's & YA book awards

http://www.bookcentre.ca/awards/canadian_awards_index

United States

The American Library Association web site has a comprehensive list of American children's & YA book awards
<http://www.ala.org/ala/awardsgrants/booksprintmedia/childrenyngadults/index.cfm>

Track Your Favourite YA Book Blogs, e-Newsletters & Web Sites

Alan Online (Assembly for Literature for Adolescents)

<http://www.alan-ya.org/>

Cooperative Children's Book Center (American)

<http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/>

Guys Lit Wire

<http://guyslitwire.blogspot.com/>

Guys Read – see Older Guys – under Guys Picks

<http://guysread.com/>

Readergirlz

<http://readergirlz.blogspot.com/>

Reading Rants: Out of the Ordinary Teen Booklists

<http://www.readingrants.org/>

SLJTeen

<http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/eNewsletterArchive/4302.html>

School Library Journals' SLJ Teen free e-newsletter keeps you up-to-date on the latest YA fiction.

Teen Reads

<http://teenreads.com/>

Young Adult Library Services Association (an American Library Association Division)

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists>

A great source for best book lists and award links.

Booklists in the Content Areas

Best Bet: *NoveList Plus* or *NoveList*

This database is available from many Canadian public libraries and school boards. Search here for fiction – by grade level -- on any theme or subject area. Access the Queen's subscription from QCAT – just look up *NoveList Plus*.

The logo for NoveList, featuring the word "NoveList" in a serif font on a purple rectangular background.

Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

Google this one – it is not available to me today, except for the 2007 edition at

<http://downloads.ncss.org/notable/notable2007.pdf> and 2008 at

<http://downloads.ncss.org/notable/notable2008.pdf>

Outstanding Science Trade Books for Students K-12 (An American list)

<http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/>

Use *Thinkfinity.org* to search for teen books by Subject. Try the term reading or books with a subject limit.

<http://thinkfinity.org>

Using Children's Literature in the Geography Classroom. Prepared by Ontario teacher Doug Koegler.

<http://library.queensu.ca/webedu/is/Children'sLit&Geography.pdf>

Your Professional Associations as English Teachers:

National Council of Teachers of English <http://www.ncte.org/>

Web form to join online at: <http://www.ncte.org/store/membership>

Cost: only \$20.00 U.S. for students – take advantage! and between \$15 - \$25 for the print version of a journal that you may want to add on. Join now!

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The Canadian association for English teachers is the **Canadian Council of Teachers of English Language Arts**. <http://www.cctela.ca/>

The CCTELA's journal is *English Quarterly*.

The British Columbia Teacher Librarians' Association (BCTLA) also publishes a journal that English teachers will find useful – called *The Bookmark*. The BCTLA website is at <http://bctf.ca/bctla/> and *The Bookmark* is at <http://bctf.ca/bctla/bookmark.html>