

Incarceron

by Catherine Fischer

Finn is a 17-year old prisoner of Incarceron. His memories begin and end there. He knows nothing about his heritage except for vague memories that tease at his mind.

Infernal Devices

by Philip Reeve

It all began when the Brown Leather Man, a mysterious being with a secret older than humankind, asked proper Victorian London gentleman George Dower to repair a weird device.

The Laws of Magic: Blaze of Glory

by Michael Pryor

At a weekend shooting party at Prince Albert's country estate, Aubrey and George find themselves in a hotbed of intrigue and politics.

Larklight

by Philip Reeve

Art and his sister Myrtle are British youngsters living with their father at Larklight during the reign of Queen Victoria. In this alternate Victorian era, Britain controls not only the Earth but also Venus, Mars, and the moons of Jupiter.

The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen

(Located in Adult Graphic Novel Collection)

by Alan Moore

This collection of flawed and gloomy heroes is recruited to fight a criminal mastermind intent on firebombing the East End of London.

Leviathan

by Scott Westerfield

This is World War I as never seen before. This global conflict is between the Clankers, who put their faith in machines, and the Darwinists, whose technology is based on the development of new species.

The Looking Glass Wars

by Frank Beddor

Alyss Heart, heir to the Wonderland throne, is forced to flee when her vicious aunt Redd murders her parents, the King and Queen of Hearts. She escapes through the Pool of Tears to Victorian London, but she finds she has no way home.

Marvel 1602

(Located in Teen Graphic Collection)

by Neil Gaiman

The always inventive Gaiman has concocted an unlikely—but fantastically successful—superhero comic that transfers Marvel's classic characters to the Elizabethan period. Placed in a period landscape these familiar characters must grapple with the issues of the day, chief among them the machinations of the evil King James of Scotland.

The Monstrumologist

by Rick Yancy

Will Henry is the 12-year-old apprentice to Pellinore Warthrop, a brilliant and self-absorbed monstrumologist—a scientist who studies (and when necessary, kills) monsters in late-1800s New England.

Soulless

(Located in Adult Fiction Collection)

by Gail Carriger

Alexia Tarabotti is a soulless, an oddity and a secret even in a 19th-century London that mostly accepts and integrates werewolf packs, vampire hives and ghosts.

Stoneheart

(Located in Youth Fiction Collection)

by Charlie Fletcher

On a school trip to the Natural History Museum in London, a 12-year-old loner named George is banished for something he didn't do. Next thing he knows, a pterodactyl carving comes to life and begins to chase him.

Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos

by R.L. LaFevers

(Located in Youth Fiction Collection)

Theodosia Throckmorton wears gloves all the time. It's a good thing, because they often protect her from the cursed Egyptian artifacts that her parents keep bringing into their Museum of Legends and Antiquities.

Thomas Riley

by Nick Valentino

From the safety of his laboratory, weapons designer Thomas Riley has cleverly and proudly empowered the West Canvian forces with his brilliant designs. But when a risky alchemy experiment goes horribly wrong, Thomas and his wily assistant are thrust onto the front lines of battle.

(all titles are located in Teen Fiction Collection unless stated otherwise)

What is STEAMPUNK?



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Steampunk is a subgenre of speculative science fiction set in an anachronistic 19th century society. Steampunk became popular in the 1980s but is inspired by authors such as Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and Mary Shelley. Steampunk usually includes alternate world histories and other fantasy elements.

You might know Steampunk from:

The Golden Compass

By Philip Pullman

(and movie starring Daniel Craig)

or

The League of Extraordinary

Gentlemen By Alan Moore

(and movie starring Sean Connery)

And even Sherlock Holmes and Leonardo Di Vinci are a little Steampunk-ey.

Use this booklist to explore the world of Steampunk at Portsmouth Public Library

Airborn

by Kenneth Opper

Matt, 15, only feels alive when he's aloft working as a cabin boy aboard the Aurora, a luxury airship that is part dirigible, part passenger cruise ship. When wealthy Kate and her chaperone come aboard, Matt soon discovers that she is determined to prove her grandfather's claims that he saw strange creatures flying in the sky in that area the year before.

Airman

by Eoin Colfer

Conor Broekhart was born in a hot air balloon over Paris and thereafter destined to use his fascination with flight to save his parents, recapture a kingdom, and win the hand of a princess.

The Amulet of Samarkand

by Jonathan Stroud

Nathaniel is a boy magician-in-training, sold to the government by his birth parents at the age of five and sent to live as an apprentice to a master. Powerful magicians rule Britain, and its empire, and Nathaniel is told he will be the "ultimate sacrifice" for a "noble destiny."

Boilerplate: History's Mechanical Marvel

(Located in Adult Graphic Novel Collection)

by Paul Guinan

Meet Boilerplate, the world's first robot soldier. Designed by Professor Archibald Campion in 1893 as a prototype, Boilerplate charged into combat alongside such notables as Teddy Roosevelt and Lawrence of Arabia.

Boneshaker

by Cherie Priest

In an alternate 1880s America, mad inventor Leviticus Blue is blamed for destroying Civil War-era Seattle.

Clockwork Angel

by Cassandra Clare

In London's Downworld vampires, warlocks and other supernatural folk stalk the gaslit streets. Only the Shadowhunters, warriors dedicated to ridding the world of demons, keep order amidst the chaos.

The Diference Engine

by William Gibson

(Located in Adult Fiction Collection)

1855: The Industrial Revolution is in full and inexorable swing, powered by steam-driven cybernetic Engines.

Fever Crumb

by Philip Reeve

Fever Crumb is the adopted daughter of Dr. Crumb, and the only female member of the Order of Engineers. Taken from the safety of the Order into the streets of London, Fever discovers that bands of Skinners have almost exterminated a mutant race of people known as the Scriven.

The Golden Compass

by Philip Pullman

In the epic trilogy His Dark Materials, Philip Pullman unlocks the door to worlds parallel to our own. Dæmons and winged creatures live side by side with humans, and a mysterious entity called Dust just might have the power to unite the universes--if it isn't destroyed first.

Grandville

(Located in Adult Graphic Novel Collection)

by Bryan Talbot

In this alternate historical setting, Britain fell under French rule during the Napoleonic Wars and became the Socialist Republic of Britain, a situation rife with civil disobedience, explosive terrorism and mutual suspicion between the two countries, all simmering elements that could lead to war.

Here, There Be Dragons:

Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica

(Located in the Youth Fiction Collection)

by James Owen

Three Oxford men, brought in for questioning in a London professor's death in 1917, become companions on a voyage through the Archipelago of Dreams where they vanquish a usurper and restore the rightful king, proving themselves worthy to be Caretakers of the Imagination of the World.

The Hunchback Assignments

by Arthur Slade

Modo is a hunchback with an amazing ability to transform his appearance, and Mr. Socrates raises him in isolation as an agent for the Permanent Association, a spy agency behind Britannia's efforts to rule the empire.

The Hungry City Chronicles

by Philip Reeve

As the story opens, the great Traction City of London is chasing a small town. When one city takes over another, it processes all reusable materials to create power to run the motorized wheels that enable the city to travel over the land.