

Set your library

ON FIRE

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A resource to help you find the hot new books of 2007 and beyond.



NEW SPARKS

Authors who are starting to come into their own.

- Genesis Alpha by Rune Michaels
- Cross my Heart and Hope to Spy by Ally Carter



Do you like Among the Hidden?

Rune Michaels breaks onto the scene with a suspenseful murder mystery that also challenges the ethics of modern science.

KEEPING THE HEAT

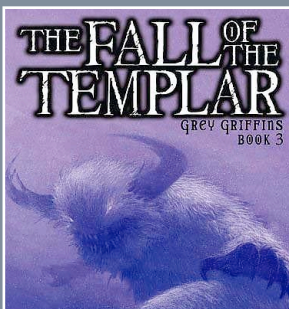
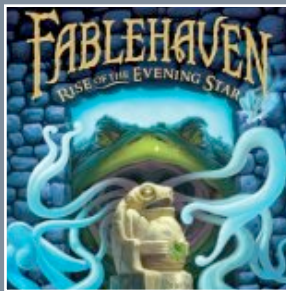
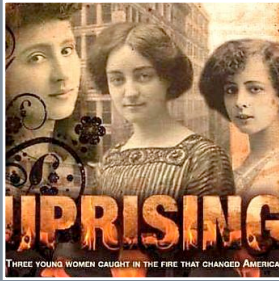
Authors who still deliver.

- Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- Icebound Land and Battle for Skandia by John Flanagan
- Rise of the Evening Star by Brandon Mull
- Fall of the Templar by Derek Benz
- What my Girlfriend Doesn't Know by Sonya Sones
- Sealed with a Diss by Lisi Harrison
- Snakehead by Anthony Horowitz
- Extras by Scott Westerfeld
- Boot Camp by Todd Strasser
- Love, Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
- Saving the World by James Patterson
- Eclipse by Stephenie Meyer

These grab students' attention in our libraries.

Cross my Heart gives students fast-paced spy action with Princess Diaries-style dating situations. Icebound Land and Snakehead give readers action where quick-thinking protagonists problem-solve to victory. Students still love Sonya Sones' poetic format to her books.

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What's hot?

Gritty superheroes, fantasy crashing in on reality, comedic spies, and teens being real about pressing issues.

How can I stay current?

Young adult literature has progressively become a legitimate (and lucrative) publishing field. As a result, there are a lot of new books coming out each month. How do we figure out how to spend our book budgets?

1. Check online book sellers

Places like bn.com and phoenixbookcompany.com usually have a section of coming releases.

I don't always have time to keep up on librarian journals; sometimes I just need a quick scan.

2. Use Follett's TitleWave's lists to keep track of titles

I get overwhelmed with the amount of titles that I'm watching and sometimes I'm tempted to only follow the ones that I am excited about, making it tough to balance my selections.

Also, TitleWave has a great collection of reviews from sources such as Kirkus and ALA Booklist.

3. Talk with your students

This is the number one way of keeping track of what is out there. Students become fans of a certain series or author and they come into the library looking for the most recent book. If you start chatting with them, they can give you a heads up about what's being released. Each library's demographic is different, but there are some shared books for all to enjoy.

Want to learn more?

We are public school librarians who enjoy reading and talking about what's new and hot.

For more information, definitely find us on the Internet.

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