

Genre Guide for Kids

What makes a Mystery a Mystery? What is the difference between Science Fiction and Fantasy? And how can you find them on the shelves at Thomas Crane Public Library?

Genres are different types of story and we use special stickers to help people find the genres they like!



Adventure

Full of action and excitement with plenty of dangerous situations. These stories are often set far from home.

Realistic Fiction

Stories set in the real world with everyday people and situations you might well encounter yourself. These books are not stickered because they make up so much of our collection in the Children's Department.



Fantasy

Magical tales with creatures like elves, unicorns and more. Wizards and talking animals are often the characters in these stories.



Science Fiction

Aliens, space travel, futuristic machines and technology are all what you will find in this story, whether they take place on Earth or another world.



Historical Fiction

Stories set in the past, either recent or distant, with made-up characters. Sometimes these stories happen during a real historical event.



Sports

Whether it's the big game or learning how to play, these stories are about all kinds of sports. You'll find everything from baseball to bowling to snowboarding.



Mystery

Tales of amateur detectives using clues and puzzles to solve cases and uncover spies and crimes both big and small.



Supernatural

Stories with ghosts, vampires, werewolves, and other spooky creatures of the night to scare, amaze, or even amuse you.

Remember that not every book in our collection has a sticker. Sometimes books have more than one genre, like a mystery set in Ancient Egypt or a story about ghosts playing baseball. Ask a librarian if you need help, and don't be afraid to try a new genre! You just might find a new favorite.



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