Do you love the Harry Potter series and are sad that it’s all over? Well, dry those tears– there are so many more good books here to read at the Hammond Public Library!

Bath, K. P. *The Secret of Castle Cant*. Lucy Wainwright, hardworking maidservant to the daughter of the Baron of Cant, is perhaps a bit *too* good at her job. Lucy does what she’s told, never lies, and always takes the blame for the troublesome whims of her mistress. But Lucy’s eagerness to please puts her in the service of a shadowy rebellion that threatens to shake the foundations of the Barony and forever change her life in Castle Cant. YA BATH

Broach, Elise. *Shakespeare’s Secret*. When Hero starts sixth grade at a new school, she’s less concerned about the literary origins of her Shakespearean name than about the teasing she’s sure to suffer because of it. But then, suddenly, there are bigger things to worry about: there’s a million-dollar diamond hidden in her house, an odd neighbor who seems to know an awful lot about it, not to mention Danny Cordova, the most popular kid in school, who seems intent on uncovering the mystery with Hero. Curiouser and curiouser! YA BROA

Carey, Janet Lee. *The Beast of Noor*. The Shriker, a massive beast of unimaginable strength and rage, has roamed the dark woods for nearly 300 years, savaging those unfortunate enough to encounter him. The people of Noor have lived in fear for so long that most have forgotten that the Shriker was once a loyal dog until the day his master betrayed and cursed him, condemning him to a life as a monster. But Miles and Hanna Ferrell have never forgotten where the Shriker came from– how could they? It was *their* ancestor who betrayed the dog. YA CARE

Cheaney, J. B. *The True Prince*. Kit Glover is London’s finest boy actor, but when he’s not acting, Kit’s manner is hard to make out. First he’s cool and disdainful, next fierce and angry, then madcap and bawdy– which is the real Kit? Their animosity towards one another makes their scenes together interesting, but after sharing a stage with Kit for nearly a year, Richard Mallory has given up trying to understand him, until Richard finds out that Kit has fallen in with a bad crowd that is responsible for a series of heinous crimes and decides to help him. YA CHEA

Delaney, Joseph. *Revenge of the Witch*. For years, Old Gregory has been the Spook for the country, ridding the local villages of evil. Now his time is coming to an end. But who will take over for him? Twenty-nine apprentices have tried– some floundered, some fled, some failed to stay alive. Only Thomas Ward is left. He’s the last hope; the last apprentice. YA DELA

Farmer, Nancy. *The Sea of Trolls*. Jack was eleven when the berserkers loomed out of the fog and nabbed him and his sister Lucy from their Saxon village. The year is A.D. 793. In the next months Jack and Lucy are enslaved by Olaf One-Brow and his fierce young shipmate, Thorgil. With a crow named Bold Heart for company, all five of them are swept up into an epic adventure. YA FARM

Flanagan, John. *Ranger’s Apprentice*. Will’s heart had been set on Battleschool, on becoming a hero to the kingdom. But Will is small for his fifteen years, too small to be a warrior. He possesses other skills, though– a Ranger’s skills. Villagers claim that Rangers have the power to become invisible, and Will can move as silent as a shadow. He can climb. And he is brave. He will need all these skills and more, for Morgarath, Lord of the Mountains of Rain and Night, is gathering his forces. YA FLAN

Jarvis, Robin. *The Woven Path*. When his father takes a job as caretaker of the Wyrd Museum, Neil Chapman meets the three eccentric old sisters who run the exhibits and finds a magical room which sweeps him back to World War II London. First in the Wyrd Museum series. YA JARV

Jones, Diana Wynne. *The Merlin Conspiracy*. It all begins when the Merlin of Blest dies of a heart attack...or was he murdered by sorcery? Two friends, Roddy and Grundo, suspect a conspiracy, but no adult will believe them. When a boy from another world, Nick, blunders into the troubles on Blest, Roddy tries to enlist his help. But what can three people do against the new Merlin, the Earthmistress, and the dark powers they’re calling up? YA JONE
Kaaberbol, Lene. **The Shamer’s Daughter.** The Shamer has the power to unmask the soul’s darkest secrets—a useful gift that can feel more like a curse. At least Dina thinks so. She has just inherited her mother’s power, only to find that her childhood friends are now her enemies. But when her mother is called to Dunark Castle to uncover the truth about a bloody triple murder, Dina must come to terms with her Shamer’s eyes—or let her mother fall prey to the vicious dragons of Dunark. YA KAAB

Mahy, Margaret. **The Changeover: A Supernatural Romance.** Neither Laura’s mother nor the doctors could understand what was wrong with her brother, Jacko, but Laura alone knew it was the work of the evil Carmody Braque. Together Laura and a brooding, mysterious boy from school named Sorry (who was raised by two witches) will try to use Laura’s latent supernatural powers to save her little brother. YA MAHY

Marillier, Juliet. **Wildwood Dancing.** Five adventurous sisters, four dark creatures, three magical gifts, two forbidden loves, and one enchanted frog. Once they leave their home in Transylvania to cross into the world of Wildwood, the sisters enter a land of magic, daring, betrayal, and true love. YA MARI

Miller, Kirsten. **Kiki Strike: Inside the Shadow City.** Life becomes more interesting for Ananka Fishbein when, at the age of twelve, she discovers an underground room in the park across from her New York City apartment and meets a mysterious girl called Kiki Strike who claims that she, too, wants to explore the subterranean world. YA MILL

Pullman, Philip. **The Golden Compass.** Accompanied by her shape-shifting daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North. The story continues in *The Subtle Knife* and *The Amber Spyglass*. YA PULL

Rees, Celia. **Sorceress.** Agnes Herne, known back at home as Karonhisake, or Searching Sky, is living in Boston and beginning college when she reads a book that changes her life. She’s not sure, but she suspects a connection between the girl described in the story—Mary Newbury, a 17th century self-professed witch—and one of her own ancestors, a medicine woman whom Agnes’s aunt still honors in her storytelling. Agnes begins to contact the website listed in the book, but before that happens she undergoes a strange and frightening experience. Is she having a vision, a dream, or is Agnes really living in the long-ago past? YA REES

Richardson, V. A. **The House of Windjammer.** It is the autumn of 1636. As tulip fever sweeps Amsterdam and Europe’s fortunes rise and fall with the promise of the New World, the Windjammer family suffers the loss of its entire trading fleet and faces certain ruin. Soon the responsibility falls to Adam, young heir to the once mighty House of Windjammer, to save his family’s fortune from men who will stop at nothing to get what they want. YA RICH

Riordan, Rick. **The Sea of Monsters.** The sequel to *The Lightning Thief* finds Percy Jackson in the seventh grade, and it’s been surprisingly quiet so far—not a single monster has set foot on his prep-school campus. But when an innocent game of dodgeball among Percy and his classmates turns into a death match against an ugly gang of cannibal giants, things get ugly. YA RIOR

Schlitz, Laura Amy. **A Drowned Maiden’s Hair.** The day Maud was adopted by the three elderly Hawthorne sisters was the happiest day of her life, but now something has gone wrong. Maud is being recruited into the eerie “family business,” and Maud must decide how much she is willing to overlook and keep secret for the sake of being loved. YA SCHL

Shusterman, Neal. **Everlost.** Nick and Allie don’t survive the car accident, but their souls don’t exactly get where they’re supposed to go either. Instead they are caught in a halfway place called Everlost that’s filled with all the things and places that no longer exist. When they find Mary, the self-proclaimed queen of lost kids, Nick feels like he’s found a home, but Allie isn’t satisfied spending eternity between worlds and begins to learn the “Criminal Art” of haunting. Venturing into dangerous territory, Allie and Nick stumble on a monster that threatens all the souls of Everlost. YA SHUS

Sleator, William. **The Boxes.** When Uncle Marco goes on one of his frequent, mysterious trips, he leaves Annie in charge of two exotic, sealed boxes on one condition: She must not open either one while he is away. But as time passes, Annie can think of virtually nothing else, even with all her other problems at home and school. Worse of all, the evil Crutchley Development Company is trying to buy the family house out from under them. Surely, like couldn’t get much worse if she were to take a little glimpse inside one of the tempting boxes. YA SLEA

Stroud, Jonathan. **The Amulet of Samarkand.** Nathaniel is eleven years old and a magician’s apprentice, learning the traditional arts of magic. All is well until he has a life-changing encounter with Simon Lovelace, a magician of unrivaled ruthlessness and ambition. Nathaniel, seeking revenge for Simon’s humiliation, summons Bartimaeus, a 5,000 year old djinni, to assist him. The first book in the Bartimaeus Trilogy, followed by *The Golem’s Eye* and *Ptolemy’s Gate*. YA STRO

Yolen, Jane. **Sword of the Rightful King.** Merlinnus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England—pulling a sword from a stone—but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first. YA YOLE