

2024 Rainbow List for Teens

The 2024 Rainbow List is selected by the committee of the Rainbow Project, a joint task force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Queer Round Table of the American Library Association. This booklist includes selected titles for teens available in HSPLS. Books with an *asterisk are "Top Ten Titles." For the complete 2024 Rainbow List, visit [2024 Rainbow List](#). Some titles may be available in e-formats. Check the catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.

Fiction

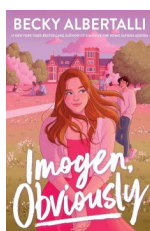


Acker, James

*The Long Run

YA Acker, Gr. 9 and up

Track and Field athletes Sebastian Villeda, Bash the Flash, and Sandro Miceli have never really moved in the same social circles in their South Jersey high school. Track captain Bash, whose dad left when he was young, also recently lost his mom, leaving him to live with his always working stepfather. Field captain Sandro is the middle-child of a large Italian-American family, who are too busy to pay Sandro any attention. When the two boys become friendly at a party, their tentative friendship becomes something more. *Fiction – Romance*



Albertalli, Becky

*Imogen, Obviously

YA Albertalli, Gr. 9 and up

Imogen Scott is the loudest and proudest ally around, but a little white lie from her best friend, Lili, leads Imogen into pretending to be not only queer, but exes with her best friend. But when she meets one of Lili's new college friends, Tessa, Imogen learns that maybe the big flashing ally sign she wears on her head may be masking a bigger truth inside of her. *Fiction - Romance*

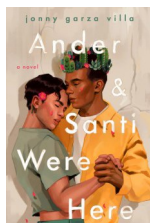


Arlow, Jake Maia

How to Excavate a Heart

YA Arlow, Gr. 9 and up

While most holiday romances don't actually start with your mom hitting your leading lady with her car, maybe they are missing part of the equation! Follow along with this will they/won't they winter storm full of Jewish traditions, snow, and a sweet corgi! *Fiction – Romance*

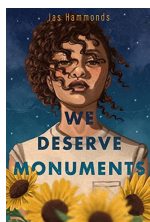


Garza, Jonny Villa

*Ander and Santi Were Here

YA Villa, Gr. 9 and up

Ander Martinez has lived in the Santos Vista neighborhood of San Antonio, Texas for their entire life. Working at their family's taqueria is a part of who they are, and they want to continue working there while taking a gap year before leaving for art school. With their family nervous that a gap year will cause Ander to get complacent, they "fire" them and seek new staff in the form of a beautiful boy named Santiago. Ander and Santi fall quick and hard, but their happiness is put into jeopardy when ICE agents come looking for Santi. *Fiction – Romance*

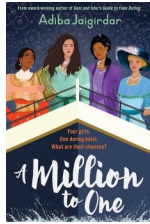


Hammonds, Jas

*We Deserve Monuments

YA Hammonds, Gr. 9 and up

Avery and her family move from Washington DC to a small town in Georgia to take care of her ailing Grandmother. Tensions in her family are high, and as Avery gets to know her new neighbors, she begins to learn about the buried truths of this town and how her family history is intertwined. *Fiction - Mystery*



Jaigirdar, Adiba

A Million to One

YA Jaigirdar, Gr. 8 and up

This is a story about the Titanic you've never heard before. When four girls make their way onto the Unsinkable ship, they have one goal in mind: steal a rare book and become rich. It's every woman for herself, but the trials they face will have them come together in unexpected ways. At times both sweet and heartbreaking, this is a story filled with hijinks, danger, and ultimately love in all its forms. *Fiction - Historical*



La Sala, Ryan

Beholder

YA La Sala, Gr 9 and up

Athan Bakirtzis unwittingly releases an unknown evil at a party when he rewinds his reflection in the mirror. Stepping out of the bathroom, he is unprepared to find the once lively crowd gruesomely arranged in a chilling tableau of death. *Fiction - Horror*

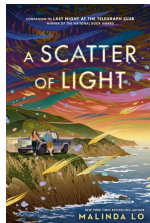


Lee, Sher

Fake Dates and Mooncakes

YA Lee, Gr. 6 and up

Dylan Tang spends his time working in his family's Chinese restaurant and daydreaming about winning the Mid-Autumn Festival mooncake-making competition (and about boys). When the wealthy and charming Theo shows up offering to solve some of Dylan's problems in exchange for a fake- dating scheme at a family wedding, Dylan must figure out how to navigate his very real feelings for Theo while keeping his eye on the prize. *Fiction - Romance*

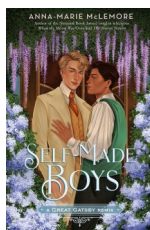


Lo, Malinda

A Scatter of Light

YA Lo, Gr. 9 and up

Set in 2013, Aria Tang West's summer is not going as planned. Instead of spending the summer on Martha's Vineyard with her school friends before everyone splits ways for college in the fall, Aria is exiled to Northern California to spend time with her grandmother, artist Joan West, after a graduation party went awry. When Aria meets her grand- mother's gardener, Steph Nicohls, she becomes close with Steph's queer friend group and starts to fall for Steph. *Fiction - Realistic*

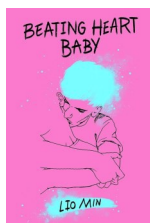


McLemore, Anna-Marie

***Self-Made Boys: A Great Gatsby Remix**

YA McLemore, Gr. 8 and up

A queer, transgender, Latine retelling of The Great Gatsby that deals with passing as white, straight, or cisgender in wealthy American society. *Fiction - Historical*



Min, Lio

***Beating Heart Baby**

YA Min, Gr. 9 and up

Artistic and sensitive Santi and prickly, proud musical prodigy Suwa's lives tangle and unravel as they create a present together, imagine a future with one another, and uncover a complicated past they didn't know they shared. A love letter to internet friendships, anime, and indie rock, Beating Heart Baby is a queer musical odyssey filled to the brim with compassion and hope. *Fiction - Romance*



Nazemian, Abdi

Only This Beautiful Moment

YA Nazemian, Gr. 8 and up

A gorgeous, sweeping story about three generations of boys in the same Iranian family that spans decades, crosses countries, and examines queer-ness in the past and present. *Fiction - Historical, Multigenerational*



Novoa, Gabe Cole

***The Wicked Bargain**

YA Novoa, Gr. 6 and up

Transmasculine nonbinary teen, Mar, is hiding their magical ability to manipulate fire and ice. When El Diablo boards their father's pirate ship ready to collect on a bargain he made 16 years ago, Mar is left as the only survivor of the ship's crew. Mar is left with an ultimatum: give up their soul to save their father or never see him again.

Fiction – Fantasy



Oseman, Alice

Nick and Charlie: A Heartstopper Novella

YA Oseman, Gr. 9 and up

Nick has just graduated and is getting ready to attend Uni in the fall. Charlie is anxious about Nick leaving because what will that mean for their relationship? A graduation party leads to the biggest fight Nick and Charlie have ever had. Will they work through this miscommunication?

Fiction - Realistic



Sharpe, Tess

6 Times We Almost Kissed (and One Time We Did)

YA Sharpe, Gr. 9 and up

Penny and Tate have never gotten along, which is unfortunate since their mothers are best friends, forcing the two into close contact their entire lives. When Tate's mom needs a liver transplant, Penny's mom does not hesitate to be a living donor. To get through this difficult ordeal, the two girls make a pact to be drama-free daughters for their mothers. But as Penny and Tate grow closer, they find they may not hate each other after all. *Fiction – Realistic*



Silvera, Adam

The First to Die at the End

YA Silvera, Gr. 8 and up

Would you want to know if you were going to die in the next 24 hours? As Death Cast goes live, Orion and Valentino's new romance together gets upended as they learn only one of them will survive the day. *Fiction - Romance*



Tran, Trang Thanh

***She Is a Haunting**

YA Tran, Gr. 8 and up

Jane Nguyen visits the father who abandoned her family after he promises to pay for her to go to college. Little does she know that the house he is renovating is haunted AF and dangerous. With a touch of enemies-to-lovers mixed into pure house horror, this book is everything. *Fiction - Horror*

Graphic Novels/Manga



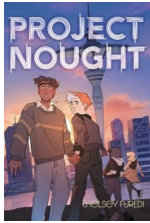
Boo, Sweeney

Over My Dead Body

YA GN Over My Dead Body or YA GN Sweeney, Gr. 9 and up

After the disappearance of her best friend who was like a sister to her, Abby seeks answers to the mysteries of the forest surrounding her magical school in this dark academia graphic novel full of cute familiars and deals with the devil.

Fiction - Horror



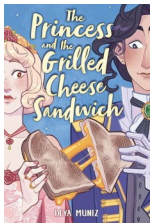
Furedi, Chelsey

Project Nought

YA GN Project Nought or YA GN Furedi, Gr. 7 and up

After unknowingly entering a time-travel project, Ren wakes up in a bed in 2122, a big change from the bus he was traveling on to confess his love for his penpal in 1996. Once he comes to, he is surrounded by the excitement of those around him who are studying the past through unsuspecting time travelers, morals be gone. Things quickly escalate as previous participants start exposing the secrets of the company running the program, and we realize that almost nothing is as it seems.

Science Fiction



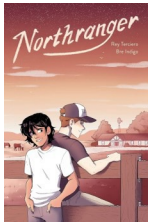
Muniz, Deya

The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich

YA GN Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich or YA GN Muniz, Gr. 6 and up

When Lady Camembert's father passes away, she disguises herself as a man and moves into the capital city of the Kingdom of Fromage with her handmaiden, Feta. Camembert is not so good at keeping a low profile and falls for Princess Brie, which threatens to compromise her identity and Princess Brie's ascension to the throne.

Fiction – Romance



Terciero, Rey and Indigo, Bre (illustrator)

***Northranger**

YA GN Northranger or YA GN Terciero, Gr. 8 and up

In this graphic twist on Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey, Cade's obsession with horror movies gets him into trouble when looking into the mysteries at his new job on a ranch with his step-dad. But the ranch owner's son, Henry, cute and mysterious, is hiding something Cade can't yet pin down. Will the horrors in Cade's mind tear them apart or will Henry's real-life demons be too much for their new bond to contend with? *Fiction – Horror*



Isaki, Uta

***Is Love the Answer?**

YA GN Is Love the Answer or YA GN Isaki, Gr. 11 and up

Manga that explores a first-year college student's journey of self discovery to find her identity as an aro-ace individual in a culture that seems obsessive about love and sex. *Fiction – Realistic*

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