

Alex Rider Read-Alikes

Waiting for the next spy story from author Anthony Horowitz? Try these in the meantime...

Books at the Civic Center Branch:

[Airborn](#) by Kenneth Oppel

Matt, a young cabin boy aboard an airship, and Kate, a wealthy young girl traveling with her chaperone, team up to search for the existence of mysterious winged creatures reportedly living hundreds of feet above the Earth's surface.

[Code Orange](#) by Caroline B. Cooney

While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.

[Dark Side of Nowhere](#) by Neal Shusterman

Fourteen-year-old Jason faces an identity crisis after discovering that he is the son of aliens who stayed on earth following a botched invasion mission.

[Destiny of Linus Hoppe](#) by Anne-Laure Bondoux

In a utopian world, fourteen-year-old Linus, who is approaching the test that will determine which Realm he will live, rejects the accepted way of life and ventures to change his destiny.

[Fell](#) by M.E. Kerr

A strange incident on the night of the senior prom changes John Fell's entire life, leading him to enroll in an exclusive private school under an assumed name.

[Flash Fire](#) by Caroline B. Cooney

As fire sweeps through a canyon near Los Angeles, teenagers Danna and Hall Press and other children whose parents are not around must work together to save themselves.

[The Gadget](#) by Paul Zindel

In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

[House of the Scorpion](#) by Nancy Farmer

In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patrón, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.

[Kit's Wilderness](#) by David Almond

Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stonegate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past.

[Mortal Engines](#) by Philip Reeve

In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, a fifteen-year-old apprentice is pushed out of London by the man he most admires and must seek answers in the perilous Out-Country, aided by one girl and the memory of another.

[Predator's Gold](#) by Philip Reeve

In the distant future, when cities move about and consume smaller towns, Tom and Hester hope that the ice city of Anchorage will reach the rumored haven of the Dead Continent--America--before the savage Hunstmen of Arkangel find them. (Sequel to *Mortal Engines*)

[Rash](#) by Peter Hautman

In a future society that has decided it would "rather be safe than free," sixteen-year-old Bo's anger control problems land him in a tundra jail where he survives with the help of his running skills and an artificial intelligence program named Bork.

[Shades of Simon Gray](#) by Joyce McDonald

Seventeen-year-old Simon lies in a coma, finding his space and time overlapping with that of a man who was lynched over 200 years ago, while a member of the cheating ring he has been helping wonders if their actions have caused the plagues assaulting their New Jersey town.

Also, the [CHERUB](#) series by Robert Muchamore is on order in paperback!

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