Books to read:

1984 – George Orwell The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood The Great Gatsby – Scott Fitzgerald Jane Evre - Charlotte Bronte Lord of the Flies – William Golding Great Expectations - Charles Dickens Anna Karenina - Tolstoy Rebecca – Daphne du Maurier Atonement – Ian McEwan Madame Bovary – Flaubert Frankenstein – Mary Shelley I, Claudius - Robert Graves Cold Comfort Farm – Stella Gibbons Wolf Hall – Hilary Mantel The Bell Jar – Sylvia Plath Catch 22 – Joseph Heller The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien The Outsiders – SE Hinton Bonjour Tristesse – Francoise Sagan Neverwhere - Neil Gaiman The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins Sherlock Holmes – Arthur Conan Doyle A Room With a View - EM Forster The Thirty-Nine Steps – John Buchan The Time Machine - HG Wells Dracula – Bram Stoker The War of the Worlds - HG Wells Watership Down – Richard Adams My Man Jeeves – PG Woodhouse My Family and Other Animals – Gerald Durrell The Big Sleep – Raymond Chandler Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman

Recommended Film List

Here is a list of recommended films for you to watch. We will only lend out films that are the appropriate age for your child. We will be updating this list - we would love your suggestions!

I have placed the minimum age rating next to each one. Please note that it is the parents' decision whether they feel a film is suitable viewing for their child.

First and Second World War and Vietnam films The Bridge Over the River Kwai PG The Book Thief 12 The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas 12 Dunkirk 12 War Horse 12 The Great Escape PG
A League of Their Own PG
The Pianist 15
Saving Private Ryan 15
Schindler's List 15
Casablanca PG
The Imitation Game 12
Good Morning Vietnam 15
Sophie's Choice 15
The Imitation Game 12

Thrillers, Ghosts and Suspense
Rebecca PG
Rear Window PG
The Village 12
Don't Look Now 15
Jaws 12
The Amazing Mr Blunden U
Ghostbusters (original version) 12
Vertigo PG
Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?

Musicals/ based on music Grease PG Les Miserables 12 The Greatest Showman PG Yesterday 12 West Side Story PG Bohemian Rhapsody 12 The Sound of Music U Romeo and Juliet 12 La La Land 12A Singin' In The Rain U

Historical Events
The King's Speech 12
Gone with the Wind PG
Titanic 12

America's Deep South dramas Twelve Years A Slave 15 The Help 12 The Colour Purple 15 Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistlestop Café PG

Crime To Kill a Mocking Bird 12 Murder on the Orient Express 12 Twelve Angry Men U Three Billboards 15 An Inspector Calls 12 Rear Window 15 The Italian Job U

Biographical films
Gandhi PG
Lawrence of Arabia 12
The Theory of Everything 12A
Chariots of Fire U

Ghosts

Ghostbusters (original version) 12 The Amazing Mr Blunden U

Teenage/Coming of Age movies
Ferris Bueller's Day Off 12A
Love Story PG
The Breakfast Club 15
Never Let Me Go 12
Juno 15
Lord of the Flies 15
Stand By Me 15
The Champ 15
Rebel Without A Cause PG
Good Will Hunting 15
Dead Poets' Society 12

Comedies
Notting Hill 15
Mrs Doubtfire
Four Weddings and a Funeral 15
Kind Hearts and Coronets U

20th Century classic films
Back to the Future (Trilogy) PG
Doctor Zhivago PG
Citizen Kane U
The Lord of the Rings Trilogy PG
Some Like It Hot 12
Roman Holiday U
Pride and Prejudice (preferably BBC series) PG
Forest Gump 12
ET PG
On the Waterfront PG
Ben Hur PG
Spartacus PG
Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid 12

Citizen Kane U The Elephant Man PG The Wizard of Oz PG

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