

**Fort Collins Regional Library District**  
*Crushes and Crazyes...Romance*

Caletti. **Honey, Baby, Sweetheart.** Ruby is known as "that quiet girl" at school, so she is intoxicated when she meets rich, gorgeous Travis, with whom she feels tough and fearless. Travis involves her in increasingly dangerous stunts until Ruby finally breaks away.

Cheshire. **Kissing Vanessa.** Kevin has plans to do better in school, but when the next term begins he is smitten by his new classmate, Vanessa, and he focuses all of his energy on getting close to her. The instant Kevin Watts sees the new girl he falls head over heels in love. Not only is Vanessa sophisticated, and intelligent, but she's also into photography just like Kevin. He's sure they'd be perfect for each other...if it weren't for one, major glitch. Kevin is "Mr. Background," upstaged by nearly every one else in school.

Dessen. **The Truth About Forever.** The summer following her father's death, Macy plans to work at the library and wait for her brainy boyfriend to return from camp, but instead she goes to work at a catering business where she makes new friends and finally faces her grief.

Dokey. **How Not to Spend Your Senior Year.** Because she and her father are in a witness-protection program, Jo O'Connor has moved yet again. She's done it so often that she has a flawless system: blend in. On her first day as a senior at a new high school, she breaks her own rule, with dire consequences. Alex Crawford, a popular boy, notices her and Jo is sucked into a whirlwind of friends and popularity. Then she learns that she and her father must move again.

Ehrenhaft. **Tell It to Naomi.** In a harebrained scheme concocted by his neurotic older sister to forge a romantic relationship with the girl of his dreams, Dave Rosen pretends to be a female advice columnist for his school newspaper.

Hogan. **Serious Kiss.** This book relates the angst-ridden life of Libby Madrigal as she tries to deal with her unhappily married alcoholic father and overeating mother, moving to a new town, and finding the perfect boy to seriously kiss.

Koja. **Blue Mirror.** Maggy, a talented artist who spends long hours sketching at a local cafe, notices a beautiful boy of extraordinary grace (and dark blue lipstick) through the window. Eventually she and Cole meet, and she falls head over heels in love. Despite the well-meaning advice of a friend, Maggy is unable to see Cole's flaws, and the relationship spirals downward until a tragedy finally forces her to see what is really going on.

Matthews. **Winter Night's Dream.** Casey and Stew search for love separately before meeting each other with a bit of help from a favorite teacher.

McNaughton. **An Earthly Knight.** Love and religious and political intrigue abound in this retelling of the legend of Tam Lin set in 12th-century Scotland. When her older sister dis-graces the family, it is up to Jenny to save her father's reputation and prosperity. Then, she meets Tam Lin in the forest and befriends him. Stories of his insanity and odd behavior fuel the locals' fear of him, so Jenny keeps their romance a secret.

Moriarty. **Year of Secret Assignments.** Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools.

O'Connell. **Pulling Princes.** Hoping to become more popular at her English boarding school, Californian Calypso Kelly invents a fake handsome boy-friend, until she realizes that her wit and skill at fencing may be enough to attract the attention of a real-life handsome prince.

Rinaldi. **Brooklyn Rose.** In late 1899, 15-year-old Rose is living on her parent's plantation off the coast of South Carolina. In her journal, she records her courtship and betrothal to Rene Dumarest, a silk importer from France. Though still a child, Rose agrees to marry her suitor, believing her marriage will insure her family's future financial stability.

Sutherland. **This Must Be Love.** Helena and Hermia are both in love with boys who do not seem to catch on. The girls are involved in a theater production of Romeo and Juliet, which Hermia longs to star in. The drama teacher decides to make the production an all-male cast, crushing Hermia's chances. Many twists and turns lead the girls into their true love's arms, and all's well that ends well.

Waite. **Trick of the Mind.** Erin, a girl with a passion and talent for magic tricks, meets Matt one day and falls in love at first sight. But Matt has eyes for Kirsty, a sexy, complicated girl whose older boyfriend Billy had bullied Matt for years before. Matt observes Billy's ill treatment of Erin and begins to think of himself as her "Pied Piper."