Lesson 13 – Steampunk Romance

**Romance… Steampunk Style!**

*What do you get when you mix fantasy & romance?* *Paranormal & Steampunk romance!*

With the recent popularity of Stephenie Meyer’s books and all things vampires, many adult romance readers desire to find an Edward of their own. **Paranormal romance** focuses on fantasy, the supernatural, vampires, ghosts, or time travel mixed with romance. The NoveList database (find under the “[Books & Reading](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/booksandreading/)” part of the library web site) has a list for paranormal romances. A few popular authors are: Jayne Castle (aka Jayne Ann Krentz), Marjorie Liu, Melissa Marr, Katie MacAlister’s *Dark Ones* series, Sherrilyn Kenyon, and Charlaine Harris.

**Steampunk** **romance**, a popular sub-genre of the science fiction/fantasy genre, mixes historical settings (such as the Victorian era), steam power and other elements from the Industrial Revolution combined with science fiction/fantasy basics and romance, of course. Examples include [*Clockwork Heart*](http://opac.tulsalibrary.org/record=b2238668~S27) by Dru Pagliassotti, *Steamed* by Katie MacAlister, Emma Holly’s [*Demon* series](http://opac.tulsalibrary.org/record=b2184754~S27), and Meljean Brook.