Form-Based Readers' Advisory

When your readers (and staff) are at home

NovelList
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(Remote Edition!)
Who We Are

Weymouth Public Libraries

- Weymouth, MA
- Pop. 55,000
- Main Library
  + 3 Branch Libraries
Our RA Team

- 3 or 4 staff doing a MILLION other things
- Have done it with 1 or 2
- You can too!
Introducing: BookMatch

Personalized Reading Recommendations
The Process

- Patron fills out survey
- RA Team receives notification
- We discuss, delegate, divide!
- Research titles and compile list
- Send to patron within one week
# The Survey

Welcome to BookMatch, a reader’s advisory service of the Weymouth Public Libraries. BookMatch is a personalized service to match readers with suggested books or authors to read next. Just fill out the form below and our librarians will compile a list of authors and book titles based on the information you provide. You will receive a personalized list by email within a week. If you do not have an email or would rather pick your list up in person, we can arrange to hold it for you at the reference desk.

This service is free, confidential, and designed for adult and teen readers. If you have any questions, please email us at bookmatchweymouth@gmail.com.

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Teamwork!

THEN: Quick conversation

Present: Getting Creative...
The BookMatch List: In the Beginning

   The untold story of how poison rocked Jazz Age New York City. Blum draws from highly original research to track the fascinating, perilous days when a pair of forensic scientists began their trailblazing chemical detective work, fighting to end an era when untraceable poisons offered an easy path to the perfect crime.

   Why we think you’ll like it: We think you’ll enjoy this combination of history and true crime in this fascinating depiction of the beginnings of forensic science in New York City.

2. *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly (2016)
   This is story of the Ravensbruck Rabbits: seventy-four women prisoners in the Ravensbruck concentration camp. Using alternating first-person narratives, the characters relate their experiences from 1939 through 1959.
The BookMatch List: Using LibraryAware

Your Personal Book List

Based on your responses to our BookMatch survey, we’ve identified the following books, authors, and series that you might enjoy.

Sometimes we provide great suggestions on the first try, while in other cases we need to adjust our approach.

If you like a book we suggest, we can find more like it. If you don’t like a book, tell us that too! We’ll adjust our suggestions as we find out more about your preferences.

We’ve included links to ebook versions of the books we’ve recommended, but if you find that there isn’t a copy available, you can check out ebooks from other library networks in Massachusetts. Here’s a video tutorial we made that shows how to do that: [https://youtube.com/watch?v=0Y01v](https://youtube.com/watch?v=0Y01v)

Have questions? Contact us by email at wecontact@cin.org

Happy Reading!
- The Reference Librarians at the Weymouth Public Libraries

Here are your suggestions. Click on a title to view the catalog record, check availability, and place holds.

**Secrets of Nanrath Hall**
by Ann Reid

This incredible debut historical novel—in the tradition of Barbara Taylor and Jennifer Robson—tells the fascinating story of a young mother who flees her home on the rocky cliffs of Cornwall and the daughter who finds her way back, seeking answers. Cornwall, NH: Carolrhoda Books in England after the horrifying evacuation at Dunkirk. WWII Red Cross nurse Anna Treharne is shocked to learn her adoptive parents Graham and Pru Hanley have been killed in an air raid. She desperately needs their advice as she’s been assigned to the military hospital that has set up

**The Miniaturist**
by Jessie Burton

Engaging the services of a miniaturist to furnish a cabinet-sized replica of her new home, 17-year-old Nella Oortman, the wife of an illustrious merchant trader, soon discovers that the artist’s tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in eerie and unexpected ways.

Why we chose it: Because you enjoy anything by Hilary Mantel.

**The Nightingale**
by Kristin Hannah

Raoulled when the author’s husband is sent to fight in World War II, French sisters Vianne and Isabelle find their bond as well as their respective beliefs tested by a world that changes in horrific ways.

Why we chose it: Because you are interested in historical fiction set in France during WWII.

**The Lost Vintage: A Novel**
by Ann Mal

Returning to her ancestral vineyard in Burgundy, an aspiring master oenologist unexpectedly uncovers a lost diary, an unknown relative, and a family secret from World War II.

Why we chose it: Because you are interested in historical fiction about France during WWII.
The BookMatch List: Presently

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We've included links to ebook versions of the books we've recommended, but if you find that there isn't a copy available, you can check out ebooks from other library networks in Massachusetts. Here's a video tutorial we made that shows how to do that: https://youtu.be/ zqKiiYU11

Have questions? Contact us by email at wecontact@ocln.org.

Happy Reading!

- The Reference Librarians at the Weymouth Public Libraries
RA Resources We Use

Literature Map
Big Book Search
Whichbook
Christian Fiction Writers
Stop, You're Killing Me!
It's All About Romance
Readers’ Advisory

Rebooted

Books for a New Year

Our picks for Winter/Spring 2018

The Librarians Recommend

FALL BOOK BUZZ
The Early Word on What’s Worth
Reading This Season

Tuesday, August 28th, 7:00 PM
Jones Room, Tufts Library

The Flight Attendant
Chris Bohjalian

Julian Barnes

The Widows of Malabar Hill
Jane Harper

Force of Nature

Song of a Captive Bird

Killing Omelas

The Life of David Bellamy

The Monster at the End of This Book

Thursday, January 18th, 7:00 PM
Jones Room, Tufts Library
RA From Home

The Librarians Recommend

Weymouth Public Libraries
The Librarians Recommend - March 2020

The library is closed to the public until April 6, 2020. All OCLN materials will be due April 27, 2020. Please do not return items until after the library resumes normal hours.

Welcome to The Librarians Recommend, our newsletter where we share our picks for the most anticipated titles coming out each month, as well as links to video content, resources for readers, and more.

Who are we? We’re Stacey Wilson, Head of Reference and Adult Services, and Janet Gallagher, Teen & Reference Librarian. We LOVE to share book recommendations and we have a lot of fun doing it.

So sit back and relax while we help you find that book you didn’t know you were looking for...

“Books are a uniquely portable magic.”
— Stephen King

Stacey & Janet’s Picks for March

Our Picks for March

We’re feeling lucky that March is bringing so many great new books! Check out Our Picks for March for some of the titles we’re most excited about. There are some page-turning thrillers, a poignant romance, comedy, a gripping, atmospheric new novel from fan favorite, N. K. Jemisin.

Click here to view.

March Madness Basketball Books

If you’re missing March Madness and the NBA, keep your hoop dreams alive with these great non-fiction titles about basketball.

Click here to view.

Top Audiobooks of 2020

Each year the Audio Publishers Association honors the best titles in audio publishing at a gala awards ceremony. In 2020, Awards were given in twenty-four categories including Audiobook of the Year.

Click here to view the winner and finalists for Audiobook of the Year.

BookMatch & NovelList

We’ve given you a lot of great recommendations in this newsletter but it’s always possible that you didn’t see anything that appealed to you personally... so did you know that you can get a personal list of reading recommendations from us through our BookMatch service? All you have to do is fill out this Audio survey and our team of librarians will go to work— you’ll get a great book list in your inbox within a week. This service is free, confidential, and designed for adults and teen readers.

Or, if you’re more of the independent type, check out NovelList Plus, our fiction & nonfiction database that provides title and author recommendations, reviews, annotations, and much more.

Click here to view.
The Librarians Recommend Show

Took 30 minutes to film ...

... Took 3 days to film

We will adapt!
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Personal Librarian Project

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Personal Librarian Project

- #DPLwhatsnext
  - Personalized Reading Recommendations
- Personal Librarians
  - Monthly Curated Content Lists.
  - Newsletters
  - Blog posts
- PLP Fiction (But Not Just Fiction) Podcast.
How to Make a Request.

• [dallaslibrary.org/dplwhatsnext](http://dallaslibrary.org/dplwhatsnext)

• Select Personal Librarian or Surprise Me.

• Fill out the form

• A response will be sent to your email in 3-5 business days.

• By selecting the photo you will advance to the curated lists created by that personal librarian.
Curated Content List

Poetry You Can Feel
For National Poetry Month (or any time) take yourself on a lyrical journey and discover some new and newish poetry by black and Latinx poets. Ranging in age and backgrounds, these poets paint pictures with their word and evoke an emotional rollercoaster within the hearts of their readers.

15 Items that share the Concept PLP -- Poetry You Can Feel -- 2020.03
- Citizen Illegal: poems, Jos? Olivasar
- Felon: poems, Reginald Dwayne Bellefs
- Homie: poems, Danez Smith

The Future is Female
Some familiar, but mostly new voices in feminist literature that especially highlights writers of color through memoirs, essays, anthologies, and poetry.

15 Items that share the Concept PLP -- The Future is Female -- 2020.02
- Beyoncé in Formation: remixing black feminism, Omise'ke Metahe
- You don't have to like me: essays on growing up, speaking out, and finding
- Black girl magic: a poem, by Mahogany L. Browne; art by Jess X. Snow
Web-Form

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I have used this service before:

- Yes
- No

*My choice of Personal Librarian is:*

- Audrey - Children’s Easy/Picture Books, Middle Grade, WomXn in Literature
- Brandon - Science fiction, Dystopian fiction, Satirical/humor
- Carlos - Sci-Fi/Horror, Spanish Fiction, Graphic Novels/Manga
- Haley - Picture Books, Chapter Books, Romance
- Jessica - DIY/cookbooks, Steampunk, Historical fiction
- Kat - General Fiction, Poetry, Queer Literature
- Misty - Brit-everything, Folklore, Fantasy
- Monique - African American fiction & Urban fiction, Multicultural, Young Adult
- Surprise Me!

*I want suggestions for a[n]:*

- Adult
- Teen/YA
- Child

*Please recommend a (check all that apply):*

- Book/Novel
- Large Print Book/Novel
- ebook
- Audiobook on CD
- e-audiobook
- Graphic novel/comic book
- CD
- DVD
- Blu-ray

What are some similar books or movies that you have read or watched that you loved?

Is there anything else you want to share about your preferences/dislikes?

How did you hear about this service?

Submit

Once your response has been submitted to your Personal Librarian, please allow 5 - 8 days for a response.
Responses

- Made in LibraryAware.
- Each Personal Librarian has a template.
- Easily editable.
- Book Jackets and Annotation generated by the software.
- Responses sent directly from LibraryAware.
How do I find recommendations?

• Book Blogs
• Book Reviews Sites
• Your Peers
• NovelList Plus
Narrowing The Search For Niche Genres

Search: AfroFantasy

Other Niche Genres

Escaping exodus (Oct 2019)
Author: Damien, Nino

Description:
The Ceptor, a Crux'xlsx award-winning novel of The Prey of Gods and Tempest returns with a daring, stand-alone novel, set in deep space, in which the fate of humanity rests on the slender shoulders of an idealistic and untrained young woman.

Book Appeal Terms: Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre: African-American; Afrofuturism; Afrofantasy

Character:

Storyline:

Description:

Reviews

More About This Book

Publishers Weekly:
The first of two novels, fantasy author Damien (Tempest) has high ambitions but is slogging and confusing. Cerebral affairs humans abandoned the savaged Earth to create colonies inside enormous starting cities, teenage main-character in existence" Selene emerges from stones to discover the Earth's her people have chosen to inhabit may not be the safer haven they hoped for. As her increasing-fatal-rather Maho, precaution. Woman be the leader's most populated race, she becomes hedged by the barriers of expectation and the price of being Maho's new legitimate heir. Her cunning sister, Left Begotten and narrowed to society's tricolor-khaki rules, challenges Selene's claim to the throne at every turn, while Ahab, Selene's forbidden love, fascinates a rival, demanding destiny as a beastly being who will thrust her life to the deep blue seas for the sake of it. When Maho's first identity, the other is threat to the beleaguered and preen, not. Conflicting subplots (moonscape, revolution, love triangles) combine with the main characters and their primary relationships; in the end, all are undeveloped. Incisive characterization and engaging world-building significantly limit the appeal of this disappointing novel. (Agent: Jennifer Jackson, Donald Massim Literary, Oct.) —Staff (Reviewed 07/15/2019) (Publishers Weekly, vol 324, issue 29, p. )
Promoting Diverse Content

- Try to find materials that aren’t on google or the best sellers list.
- Recommend 1 or two titles by a diverse author within the desired genre.
- Utilize your library’s resources for diverse materials.
- Do your research!

Helpful book lists that may be relevant to your search.
Culturally Based Newsletters

Young Black Readers

Picture Books

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

In 2019, Ceo Debid Director launched multi-work of literary genius, and represented for literary American writers. While readers were still falling in love with American Black Pride, she released an anthology called Black through that outlined the nuanced experiences of black girls. Then she released the middle grade novel on her life as an ice cream sandwich that follows through 12 year old Ebony Graces summer journey with her father in Harlem. Zebid finds a way to tackle tough issues in realistic stories about black youth, while highlighting the great aspects of black culture. She deserves more awards.

Chapter Books

Tristan Strong Punches A Hole In The Sky by Kwanza Mbbila

When Tristan Strong, a seventh grade student from Chicago, teams up with his best friend, he's sent to stay with his grandparents on their Alabama farm to recover. Tristan gets more than he bargained for when a mysterious creature steals his only means he has left of his friend. Desperate to get it back, he finds himself transported into another world where it's impenetrable and suffering. African American's heroic were seen in the warrior's battle against the God. Would the strength to save the lives of others even make it seem of Saved?

Latinx Reads

Dominicans by Angela Cruz

Fifteen-year-old Ana Cancion almost dreamed of moving to America. She was getting over with the Dominican countryside. But when Juan Puy prepares and promises to take her to New York City, she has to say yes. It doesn't matter that she's a teenager, that there's no money between them, that marriage is an impossibility in her entire island family. Ana is determined to make her dreams behind her. She doesn't know that Juan is a child of washing machines in Washington Heights. While Ana dreams of being an actress, Juan dreams of ending up behind bars. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Clare, a lesbian storyteller, and summoned for her identity. As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan and Ana are separated from each other, seeking each other to save. But at the bus terminal, she is stopped by Clare, a lesbian storyteller, and summoned for her identity. As the Dominican Republic slides into political turmoil, Juan and Ana are separated from each other, seeking each other to save.
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SHELF-SERVICE

From Bench Warmer to Star Player in Readers Advisory in The Age of COVID19
Personalized Reading Recommendations

Looking for something new to read? Answer a few questions about your reading habits and preferences and our librarians will respond with 3-5 picks, just for you.

The more information you provide, the more likely it is that we can suggest books you will like.

This service is available only to Boston Public Library and Metro Boston Library Network cardholders.

1. Tell us about a few books or authors you’ve enjoyed. What made these books great? *

   Words used: 0 out of 200.

2. In the space below, please describe some authors or titles you DID NOT like and why.
3. Are there any particular genre(s) you'd like to see on your list of recommended titles? (mark up to 5)
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   - Chapter book (kids)
   - Fantasy
   - Fiction
   - Graphic novel
   - Mystery
   - Picture book (kids)
   - Romance
   - Science fiction
   - Urban fiction
   - Other - Write In

4. Tell us a bit about what you're looking for in your next book.
   The more you can tell us, the better: mood, de-stressers, books that would be perfect if you hadn't already read them, etc.

   Words used: 0 out of 200.

5. Reading level
   (check all that apply)
   - Adults
   - Teens
   - Children

6. Preferred Formats
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Personalized Reading Recommendations

Our librarians will be in touch with your list of recommendations via email in 5-7 days. Stay tuned!

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Libraries are closed, but they’re still offering a vast selection of free entertainment and education

Did you know you can access electronic and audiobooks, international newspapers, and movies through a public library?

By Jakub Mencendez Globe Correspondent, Updated March 29, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Even with libraries closed temporarily, your local library card gives you access to much more than you may know — dozens of online resources from movies to electronic books and audiobooks, newspapers from across the world, and language instruction. And if you’re reading this and have a library card in hand, you can use it for access to additional resources, from Shelf-Service.

Shelf-Service — Available to Boston Public Library and Metro Boston Library Network cardholders, Shelf-Service gives you personalized book recommendations based on your answers to questions about your favorite genres and books. While libraries are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shelf-Service recommendations are limited to electronic and audiobooks. “Some people, with all the stress of everything that’s happening, are looking for a very particular type of escape,” said Melissa Andrews of the Boston Public Library. https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2671668/BPLRA

www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/
- Hoopla — Another option for streaming and downloading ebooks and audiobooks, Hoopla offers something additional and unique: comic books. “Every once in a while, you want something light and fun, and maybe nostalgic,” said Will Adamczyk of the Milton Public Library. “It’s got your Batman and Superman, and it’s got your Marvel stuff in there, too.” Movies, TV shows, and music are also available. www.hoopladigital.com
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ONLINE RESOURCES

Get personalized reading suggestions

The Wedding Party
by Guillory, Jasmine

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What to read? What to read?

Join Librarian Patty at 3 p.m. this Thursday (April 16) for our next live-streamed Reader’s Corner, right here on the Children’s Library’s Facebook page. We’ll share exciting eReads for everyone, inspired by this week’s Shelf Service requests.
About Our Requests

• Majority of patrons are interested in multiple genres
• Submissions can be very specific
• Suggest authors, but also language, story, setting, character
• Uptick in patrons looking for mood and emotion since Covid19
• Patrons still asking for print.
4. Tell us a bit about what you’re looking for in your next book.

I really want something with really beautiful writing that touches on what it means to be human. Something with passages that I want to read over and over again. I prefer quieter books that are more about a long journey in which the characters encounter many other people and learn about humanity, the world, and develop and grow. Or, more of an internal journey of growth.

Something that I would like in a book that I read is that it has a lot of plot twists, and is packed with some action, and violence. I also like the category that’s part of sci-fi, which is superpowers, and abilities. I also like a book that might make you feel sad, or frustrated at a character.

escapism of the purest kind, Happy Ending a must!!!
We live in the darkest of times, reading yet another grimdark or YA dystopia is a bad idea today.

well written but easy to read, intelligent female characters. Maybe hopeful or uplifting?

Something that will make me laugh and cry

Absurdity.
Real Question:

PAGE 1 QUESTIONS:

1. Tell us a bit about a book you've recently enjoyed. What did you like about it and why?
   Virginia Woolf Orlando feminist Zora neale Hurston women fiction Toni Morrison

2. In the space below, please describe some authors or titles you DID NOT like and why.
   Dave eggers writing sloppy incoherent science fiction male violence gratuitous

3. Are there any particular genre(s) you'd like to see on your list of recommended titles?(check up to 5)
   Fiction

4. Tell us a bit about what you're looking for in your next book.
   Adventure philosophy feminist female centered heroine eco environmentally friendly nature woman discoveries science natural history geography
Morrison, Toni, 1931-2019

Author:

Ages 0-8  Ages 9-12  Teen  Adult  Nonfiction  Fiction

Description:
Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison is known for an emotive, rhythmic writing style that achieves racism and sexual oppression are major themes, often framed in vividly depicted historical structures, and difficult, complex characters who may evoke readers' pity, horror, sorrow, a always the core of the story. Readers journey with them toward personal and societal enlig

Start with: Sula.

Book Appeal Terms:  Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre:  African American fiction; Literary fiction; Modern classics

Character:  Anthropomorphic; Authentic; Complex; Culturally diverse; Flawed; Sympathet

Storyline:  Character-driven; Own voices

Tone:  Disturbing; Haunting; Moving

Writing Style:  Lyrical; Stylistically complex

Author:

Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941

Description:
Although Virginia Woolf wrote letters, essays, and both long and short fiction, she is best entirely without dialogue or one adopting a stream-of-consciousness style. Woolf focuses characters, subordinating plot to character development and action to introspection. Her fur

reality, the significance of the individual in the world, feminism, sexuality, the evolution of s (Fiction); A Room of One's Own (Nonfiction)

Book Appeal Terms:  Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre:  Modern classics; Psychological fiction

Storyline:  Unconventional

Tone:  Moving; Reflective

Writing Style:  Lyrical; Stream of consciousness; Stylistically complex; Witty

Author:

Hurston, Zora Neale

Description:
Zora Neale Hurston thrived during the Harlem Renaissance, producing novels, short stories, plays, essays, articles, a

including works of folklore, anthropology, and autobiography. Hurston's nonfiction writings are historically valuable for i

racial and sexual politics of the Jazz Age, but most people today read Hurston's fiction, with nuanced characters, auth

and events; her novels and short stories eloquently depict the culture and experiences of black Americans in the early 1

Eyes Were Watching God.

Book Appeal Terms:  Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre:  African American fiction; Literary fiction; Love stories; Modern classics; Psychological fiction; Southern fiction

Character:  Complex; Culturally diverse

Storyline:  Character-driven; Own voices

Tone:  Moving

Writing Style:  Compelling; Descriptive; Dialect-filled; Engaging

Author:

Eggers, Dave

Description:
Dave Eggers is a jack of all trades in the literary world. He's an editor, a publisher, and a writer of bot

memoir to literary fiction to picture books. It is difficult to make generalizations about the unpredictable on

one book, but it's safe to say that he reliably delivers pathos and passion, whether his subject is seri

Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius (Nonfiction), What Is the What (Adult Fiction); Her Right F (Fiction).

Book Appeal Terms:  Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre:  Autobiographies and memoirs; Mainstream fiction; Picture books for children; Psychological fiction; S

Storyline:  Character-driven; Issue-oriented

Pace:  Fast-paced; Leisurely paced

Tone:  Inspiring; Moving; Offbeat; Patriotic; Reflective; Suspenseful; Thought-provoking; Whimsical

Writing Style:  Attention-grabbing; Candid; Compelling; Lyrical; Spare; Witty
Our Response:

Your Personal Book List!

Dear

Thank you for using the Boston Public Library’s Personalized Reading Recommendation service. You indicated in your request that you have previously enjoyed Orlando by Virginia Woolf, feminist works by Zora Neale Hurston, and women’s fiction by Toni Morrison; and were interested in fiction works which had a central female character and included adventure, natural history, science, and were eco-friendly. We hope you enjoy our selection of titles based on your reading interests.

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Have questions? Contact us at readerservices@bpl.org or in person at New & Novel in the Central Library in Copley Square.

Happy Reading! – Eileen
Questions?

“Is it greedy to ask for more recommendations? Or is there perhaps a period after which it's ok to submit a follow-up request based on this feedback?

Thank you so much for the many hours of delight I got out of this personalized list and will continue to get whenever I remember or re-read the books”

Thanks!

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Promoting Your Books Online

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Talk about the books!

Digital collection marketing is **vital** to your library’s success.
Cardholders are here for the books.

Marketing Rule of 7 is real.
People love getting email from libraries.

- Newsletter with multiple book recommendations.
- Expand your readers’ format preferences.
- Create themed lists.
What do your cardholders want to read?
Track holds and checkouts

• How many people put your titles on hold or check them out one week after email?
• Prove value of your promotions.
• Learn what your cardholders like.
Social media reaches cardholders and non-cardholders.
Book Of The Day
A not-so-scientific look at...

What are library staff reading while at home this week?

now reading
With many restaurants temporarily closed or limited to carryout right now, you may be cooking more than ever. This makes it the perfect time to decompress, try a new recipe, and express love for yourself or others. Find out which cookbook ...see more
New Books

New books just arrived in our Library's collection. See all the best new books here first and click on a Pin to place a hold.
Your cardholders can find what they want—books—on your website.
Recommended Adult Booklists

Resources to Keep You Healthy (View/Print the full list)

Adult LGBT (View/Print the full list)
Digital promotion leads to increases in holds and checkouts.
Questions?
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Recommending Books Using LibraryAware

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“Personalized Reading Recommendations”
LibraryAware email has advantages.

Track results more closely.
Are cardholders opening them?
Are they clicking on your titles?
This is valuable data.
WE'VE PICKED THESE JUST FOR YOU!

We've identified the following books, authors, and series that you might enjoy.

If you like a book we suggest, we can find more like it. If you don't like a book, tell us that too! We'll adjust our suggestions as we find out more about your preferences.

Have questions? Contact me by phone at (000) 000-0000, or email.

Happy Reading! - Staff's Name

Here are your suggestions; click on a title to place a hold:
The girl with the louding voice : a novel

Abi Daré

Adunni, a 14-year-old Nigerian girl who longs for an education, must find a way for her voice to be heard loud and clear in a world where she and other girls like her are taught to believe, through words and deeds, that they are nothing.

ISBN: 9781524746087

Publication Date: February 4, 2020
A good neighborhood

Therese Fowler

The single mother of a mixed-race college student and a thriving business owner with a troubled daughter clash over a historic oak tree on their property line and the blossoming romance between their children. By the best-selling author of Z.

Publication Date: March 10, 2020

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