

Hiaasen's novel is a wry take on political and popular culture and an underlying anger at the environmental damage being done to Florida.

War Girls Series by Tochi Onyebuchi

1. **War Girls** (Y ONY) - Set in a futuristic, Black Panther inspired Nigeria, *War Girls* by Tochi Onyebuchi is the story of two sisters, Onyii and Ify, who despite being torn apart by war, dream of peace and a future where they can be together, and they're willing to do just about anything to make that happen!

2. **Rebel Sisters**

Fix-It Witches Series by Ann Aguirre

1. **Witch Please** (FIC AGU) - This magical romantic comedy features likable, well thought-out characters while putting an emphasis on family relationships and strong friendships between women.

2. **Boss Witch: An Opposites Attract Paranormal Rom-Com**

3. **Extra Witchy**

Book summaries have been compiled from *Publishers Weekly*, *Book Pages*, *Bookmarks*, *Amazon* and *Book Browse*.

Reading List:

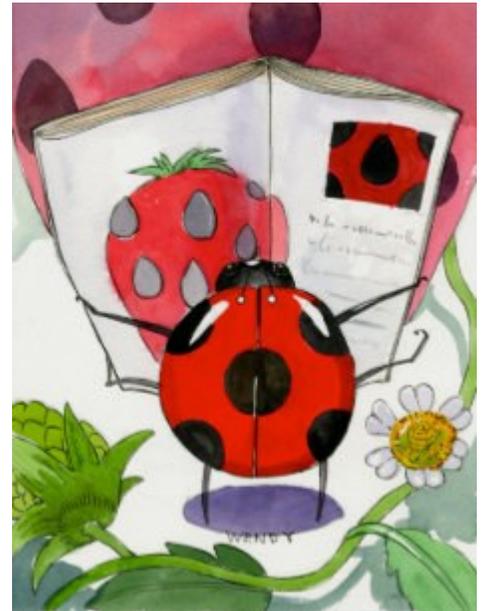


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“The worst thing about reading new books is that they keep us from reading the old ones.”

-Joseph Joubert

The staff at the Hershey Public Library would like to share with you some of the wonderful books we've been reading this past year.

Enjoy!

Key:

LP (Large Print) B (Biography)
cd (audio book on cd) Pb (paperback)
dmd (playaway) GN (graphic novel)
© (Debut-new author's first book)
*Book suggested for book groups
() Numbers shown at the end of book summaries in parenthesis are the number of Staff members who have recommended the book.

56 Days by Catherine Ryan Howard (FIC HOW, LP FIC HOW) - When lockdown threatens to keep them apart, Oliver suggests that he and Ciara move in together. Ciara sees a unique opportunity for a relationship to flourish without the scrutiny of family and friends. Oliver sees a chance to hide who and what he really is.

Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty (FIC MOR, LP FIC MOR) - A novel that looks at marriage, siblings and how the people we love the most can hurt us the deepest.

Blacktop Wasteland by S. A. Cosby (FIC COS) - Blacktop Wasteland is a searing, operatic story of a man pushed to his limits by poverty, race and his own former life of crime.

Caste : The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson (305.5 WIL) - An eye-opening story of people and history and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today. (2)

Dark Archives: A Librarian's Investigation Into the Science and History of Books Bound in Human Skin by Megan Rosenbloom (002 ROS) - Megan Rosenbloom seeks out the historic and scientific truths behind anthropodermic bibliopegy-the practice of binding books in this most intimate covering.

Duck, Death and the Tulip by Wolf Erlbruch (JP ERLBRUCH) - Explaining the topic of death in a way that is honest, lightly philosophical and with gentle humor, this enchanting book has been translated into multiple languages, adapted into an animated movie and short film and performed on stages worldwide.

6. ***Calling Maggie May***
7. ***Breaking Bailey***

Heartstopper Series by Alice Oseman

1. ***Heartstopper Vol. 1*** (GN Y OSE Vol. 1) - Charlie, a highly-strung, openly gay over-thinker, and Nick, a cheerful, soft-hearted rugby player meet at a British all-boys grammar school. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and sometimes good things are waiting just around the corner.
2. ***Heartstopper vol. 2***
3. ***Heartstopper vol. 3***
4. ***Heartstopper vol. 4***

Pax Series by Sara Pennypacker

1. ***Pax*** (J PEN) - A beautifully wrought, utterly compelling novel about the powerful relationship between a boy and his fox. *Pax* is a wonderful choice for independent reading, sharing in the classroom, homeschooling, and book groups. (2)
2. ***Pax, Journey Home***

Ready Player One Series by Ernest Cline

1. ***Ready Player One***
2. ***Ready Player Two*** (FIC CLI, cd FIC CLI) - *Ready Player Two*, the sequel to *Ready Player One* takes us on another imaginative, fun, action-packed adventure through his beloved virtual universe, and jolts us thrillingly into the future once again.

Shadow and Bone Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo

1. ***Shadow and Bone*** (Y BAR) - Set in an exquisitely detailed world rooted in Russian lore, *Shadow and Bone* follows Alina, a young woman who discovers she has a dormant power within herself that might be the key to freedom for her war-torn country. It is a must-read for all YA Fantasy fans.
2. ***Siege and Storm***
3. ***Ruin and Rising***

Skink Series by Carl Hiaason

1. ***Double Whammy***
2. ***Native Tongue***
3. ***Stormy Weather***
4. ***Sick Puppy***
5. ***Skinny Dip***
6. ***Star Island***
7. ***Squeeze Me*** (FIC HIA, LP FIC HIA) - Carl

Books in a Series

Listed below are books that were also selected but are part of a series. The title of the book recommended appears in **red** and the other books in the series appear in black print.

Aunties Series by Jesse Q Sutanto

1. ***Dial A for Aunties*** (FIC SUT, LP FIC SUT) - What happens when you mix one (accidental) murder with 2000 wedding guests, and then toss in a possible curse on three generations of an immigrant Chinese-Indonesian family? You get four meddling Asian aunties coming to the rescue! A hilarious book!
2. ***Four Aunties and a Wedding***

Wayward Children Series by Seanan McGuire

1. ***Every Heart a Doorway*** (FIC MCG, Y MCG) - New York Times bestselling author Seanan McGuire presents a fresh take on the portal fantasy genre that blends Alice in Wonderland, The Magicians, and The Nightmare Before Christmas.
2. ***Down Among the Sticks and Bones***
3. ***Beneath the Sugar Sky***
4. ***In an Absent Dream***
5. ***Come Tumbling Down***
6. ***Across the Green Grass Fields***
7. ***Where the Drowned Girls Go***

Thursday Next Series by Jasper Fforde

1. ***The Eyre Affair*** (FIC FFO) - Fans of Douglas Adams and P.G. Wodehouse will love visiting Jasper Fforde's Great Britain, circa 1985, when time travel is routine, cloning is a reality and literature is taken very, very seriously.
2. ***Lost in a Good Book***
3. ***The Well of Lost Plots***
4. ***Something Rotten***
5. ***First Among Sequels***
6. ***One of Our Thursdays is Missing***
7. ***The Woman Who Died A Lot***

Anonymous Diaries Series by Anonymous

1. ***Go Ask Alice*** (Y GOA) - For thirty-five years, the acclaimed, bestselling first-person account of a teenage girl's harrowing descent into the nightmarish world of drugs has left an indelible mark on generations of teen readers. As powerful and as timely today as ever, *Go Ask Alice* remains the definitive book on the horrors of addiction.
2. ***Jay's Journal***
3. ***Lucy in the Sky***
4. ***Letting Ana Go***
5. ***The Book of David***

Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger (Y LIT) - A breath-taking debut novel featuring an asexual, Apache teen protagonist. *Elatsoe* combines mystery, horror, noir, ancestral knowledge, haunting illustrations, fantasy elements and is one of the most-talked about debuts of the year. (2) ☺

Fire Keeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (Y BOU) - Boulley's authentic depictions of the complexities of Native communities and the trauma and strength of Native women, specifically, make this book a complete standout for YA and adult readers alike. ☺

From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement by Paula Yoo (Y 305.895 YOO) - A compelling account of the killing of Vincent Chin, the verdicts that took the Asian American community to the streets in protest, and the groundbreaking civil rights trial that followed.

The Girl on the Cliff by Lucinda Riley (FIC RIL) - A mesmerizing story about two Irish families and the tangled ties that have bound them since World War I.

Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (FIC MOR) - The Mayan god of death sends a young woman on a harrowing, life-changing journey in this dark, one-of-a-kind fairy tale inspired by Mexican folklore.

Horse by Geraldine Brooks (FIC BRO, LP FIC BRO) - Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession and our unfinished reckoning with racism. *

The House in the Cerulean Sea by T. J. Klune (FIC KLU) - A thoroughly enchanting novel that follows lovable Arthur, the caretaker of magical misfit orphans from around the world.

If We Were Villains by M. L. Rio (FIC RIO) - A chilling tale of a group of Shakespeare students who are "a little more than kin, and less than kind" especially after one of their own meets a horrific fate.

I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness by Claire Vaye Watkins (FIC WAT, LP FIC WAT) - A beguiling exploration of motherhood (and personhood) that weaves in rich biographical details and is set in the desert heat of her California and Nevada hometowns.

The Incognito Lounge by Denis Johnson (811.5 JOH) - This is Johnson's third and most widely acclaimed book of verse that contains some of the finest poetry.

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab (FIC SCH, LP FIC SCH, cd FIC SCH) - This story sends you whirling through a dizzying kaleidoscopic adventure through centuries filled with love, loss, art and war. Schwab has created a genre-defying epic of a woman fighting to thrive in a world that denies her existence.

Jimmy Buffett: A Good Life by Jimmy Buffett (B BUF) - Music critic Ryan White has crafted the first definitive account of Buffett's rise from singing songs for beer to his emergence as a tropical icon and CEO behind the Margaritaville industrial complex.

Kafka and the Doll by Laurissa Theule (JP THUELE) - Inspired by a true story, Kafka and the Doll recounts a remarkable gesture of kindness from one of the world's most bewildering and iconic writers.

Kindred by Octavia Butler (FIC BUT, GN FIC BUT) - This powerful novel about a modern black woman transported back in time to a slave plantation in the antebellum South is as much a novel of psychological horror as it is a novel of science fiction.

The Last House on the Street by Diane Chamberlain (FIC CHA, LP FIC CHA) - Chamberlain elegantly braids together two stories, set apart by history, to render this taut, edge-of-your-seat tale of two women reckoning with the dark truth of the land they each call home. As compelling as it is important, the novel's focus is on the efforts of a group of college students in the South during the Civil Rights movement. *

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave (FIC DAV, LP FIC DAV, cd FIC DAV) - Hannah Michaels finds out that her husband, Owen, is being investigated for a crime and has now gone missing. She's left alone with her 16-year-old stepdaughter and together the two must work together to figure out the truth behind Owen's disappearance.

The Tobacco Wives by Adele Myers (FIC MYE, LP FIC MYE) - Shedding light on the hidden history of women's activism during the post-war period, *The Tobacco Wives* is a deeply human, emotionally satisfying, and dramatic novel about the power of female connection and the importance of seeking truth. ☺

Trust by Hernan Diaz (FIC DIA, LP FIC DIA) - Though set in a historical New York, *Trust* speaks to matters of the most urgent significance to the present day; money, power, class, marital and filial relations and the roles played by trust and betrayal in human affairs.

The Warehouse: A Novel by Rob Hart (FIC HAR, LP FIC HAR) - A thrilling story of corporate espionage at the highest level and a powerful cautionary tale about technology, runaway capitalism and the nightmare world we are making for ourselves.

What Kind of Woman: Poems by Kate Baer (811.6 BAE) - A stunning and honest debut poetry collection about the beauty and hardships of being a woman in the world today, and the many roles we play as mothers, partners, and friends. ☺

What the Fireflies Knew by Kai Harris (FIC HAR, LP FIC HAR) - A moving novel about family, identity, and race, *What the Fireflies Knew* poignantly reveals that heartbreaking but necessary component of growing up and the realization that loved ones can be flawed and that the perfect family we all dream of looks different up close. (2) ☺ *

Will by Will Smith (B SMI, LP B SMI) - This is a memoir about Will Smith's life, starting from the days of early hip-hop, through The Prince of Bel-Air, all the way to making movies and becoming one of the most recognizable actors in the world.

Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult (FIC PIC, LP FIC PIC, cd FIC PIC) - *Wish You Were Here* is a transporting and transcendent novel about seeking out glimmers of light in the darkness, and following them wherever they lead. It is based on a true story of a traveler stranded on a remote island. *

Severance by Ling Ma (FIC MA) - A moving family and coming-of-adulthood tale that is a heartfelt tribute to the connections that drive us to do more than survive. It is a brilliantly unsettling dystopian novel. ☺

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaels (FIC MIC, LP FIC MIC) - A psychological thriller in which a woman named Alicia murders her husband, then becomes completely silent through psychological treatment, in which her doctor, Theo, is obsessed with uncovering her motive. ☺

The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey (FIC IVE) - A realistic depiction of 1920s homestead-era Alaska and the people who settled there, including an older couple bound together by resilient love. ☺

Stardust by Neil Gaiman (FIC GAI) - An enchanting fairy tale by master storyteller Neil Gaiman, full of unexpected adventures, true love, whimsy, wonder and plenty of magic.

Texts from Jayne Eyre : And Other Conversations with Your Favorite Literary Characters by Mallory Ortberg (818.6 ORT) - Ortberg offers a side-splitting take on famous literary characters from Gilgamesh to Hermione Granger by peeking into their imagined text messages.

That Summer: A Novel by Jennifer Weiner (FIC WEI, LP FIC WEI) - From the manicured Main Line of Philadelphia to the wild landscape of the Outer Cape, *That Summer* is a story about surviving our pasts, confronting our futures and the sustaining bonds of friendship.

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei (GN Y 940.53 TAK) - A stunning graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisonment within American concentration camps during World War II. Experience the forces that shaped an American icon and America itself in this gripping tale of courage, country, loyalty, and love.

Three Rooms by Jo Hamya (FIC HAM) - A novel about one young woman's endless quest for an apartment of her own and the aspirations and challenges faced by the Millennial generation as it finds its footing in the world. ☺

The Lies That Bind by Emily Giffin (FIC GIF, LP FIC GIF) - A mesmerizing and emotionally resonant exploration of the never-ending search for love and truth in our relationships, our careers and deep within our own hearts.

The Lioness by Chris Bohjalian (FIC BOH, LP FIC BOH, cd FIC BOH) - A luxurious African safari turns deadly for a Hollywood starlet and her entourage in this riveting historical thriller. It is the best possible combination of a Hemingway and Agatha Christie novel. *

The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis (FIC DAV, LP FIC DAV) - Combining a mansion turned museum, a missing diamond, a mystery and the lives of two young women separated by half a century, Fiona Davis stirs up a beguiling story that unfolds like a clever game of Clue. (2)

Mastering the Art of French Cooking : 50th Anniversary Edition by Julia Child (641.59 CHI) - For this special edition, Julia Child has written a new introduction that recalls the nascent food scene in America at the time of the book's original publication. Forty years ago, "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" ignited America's passion for good food, and brought that food into our homes. This new edition features 524 delicious recipes and over 100 instructive illustrations to guide readers every step of the way.

Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia (FIC MOR, LP FIC MOR) - A darkly enchanting reimagining of Gothic fantasy, in which a spirited young woman discovers the haunting secrets of a beautiful old mansion in 1950s Mexico.

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (FIC HAI, LP FIC HAI) - When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?

Milk Fed by Melissa Broder (FIC BRO) - With luscious descriptions of delectable foods and fantastical romps through imagination, *Milk Fed* oscillates between serious and playful, and explores the difficulties of loving oneself in a world that prizes thinness above all else.

Nerdycorn by Andrew Root (JP ROOT) - Fern isn't your usual unicorn because she loves chemistry and math more than glitter or flowers. She also refuses to change who she is in this sweet and empowering picture book about being yourself.

The Newcomer by Mary Kay Andrews (FIC AND, LP FIC AND) - *The Newcomer* takes us from a murder scene in Manhattan to a laid-back beach town on Florida's west coast, as one brave woman tries to save her young niece's life.

New Suns: Original Speculative Fiction by People of Color by Rebecca Roanhorse (FIC NEW) - This book showcases emerging and seasoned writers of many races telling stories filled with shocking delights and powerful visions of the familiar made strange.

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern (FIC MOR, cd FIC MOR) - *The Night Circus* tells the story of the rivalry between two different forms of magic, the old and the new, and the competition and love affair between two young magicians who are destined to face each other in a magical duel to the death.

Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson (FIC WIL, LP FIC WIL) - An entertaining and insightful book about the hazards of child-rearing and the value of friends. Wilson keeps readers engaged and captivated as he builds a world that we accept and believe without question.

Nowhere Near First by Cory Reese (796.426 REE) - Cory shares his deeply personal story about experiencing his father's suicide at a young age, and how this led to a career in endurance running and a desire to live life to the fullest.

Oksi by Mari Ahokoivu (GN Y AHO) - A breathtaking exploration of generational connection and the ways that damage can pass down from mother to daughter as easily as love. 😊

Olga: A Novel by Bernhard Schlink (FIC SCH) - Through two world wars and the passage of more than a century, this is a story of lovers who never fully belong to each other, just as they never fully belonged to the world.

The Only Good Indians: A Novel by Stephen Graham Jones (FIC JON, LP FIC JON) - *The Only Good Indians* follows four American Indian men after a disturbing event from their youth puts

them in a desperate struggle for their lives.

Out of Office: The Big Problem and Bigger Promise of Working from Home by Charlie Warzel (658.31 WAR) - This isn't just a book about remote work. It's a book that helps us imagine a future where our lives at the office and home are happier, more productive, and genuinely meaningful.

The Pleasures of the Damned by Charles Bukowski (811.54 BUK) - *The Pleasures of the Damned* is an astonishing poetic treasure trove. It is essential reading for both longtime fans and those just discovering this unique and legendary American voice.

Poems 1962-2012 by Louise Glück (811.54 GLU) - Glück's *Poems 1962-2012* is by a poet who values, above all, intensity of address, leanness of sentiment, and precision of speech. She is one of the most moving poets of our era. If you want to know about the last half-century of American poetry, this book is for you.

The Reason for the Darkness of the Night: Edgar Allan Poe and the Forging of American Science by John Tresch (B POE) - In *The Reason for the Darkness of the Night*, John Tresch offers a bold new biography of a writer whose short, tortured life continues to fascinate while highlighting his fascination and feuds with science.

Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel by Shelby Van Pelt (FIC VAN, LP FIC VAN) - *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is a beautiful examination of how loneliness can be transformed and cracked open with the slightest touch from another living thing. It is a story of family, community, and optimism in spite of darkness. 😊

The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes by Diane Chamberlain (FIC CHA) - As a man's life hangs in the balance, CeeCee Wilkes finds herself faced with an impossible choice, in this compelling novel from award-winning author Diane Chamberlain. *

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid (FIC REI, LP FIC REI) - This book tells the story of a reclusive Hollywood starlet as she reflects on her relentless rise to the top and the risks she took, the loves she lost, and the long-held secrets the public could never imagine.