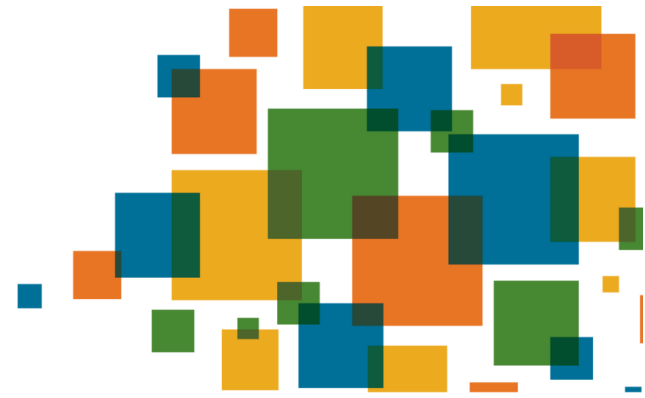




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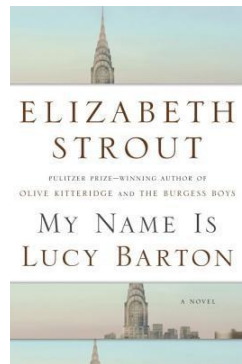
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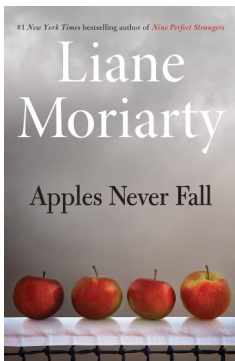
Adult Fiction

Amgash Series by Elizabeth Strout

This three book series is composed of “My Name is Lucy Barton”, “Anything is Possible”, and “Oh William!” All three titles are short collections of fictional essays in the perspectives of normal people. These are quick reads full of heartache and hope.



*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



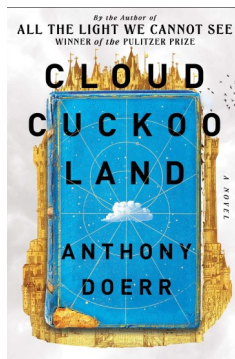
Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty

The Delaney family is like most families. Stan and Joy are retired and living in the same house they raised their four children in. The four adult children all live nearby and each have their own struggles. There are times when they do not get along. And then, Stan and Joy, take in a stranger and let her live in the house, much to the children’s horror. Joy goes missing and Stan looks suspicious to the police. This dysfunctional family will entertain you while making you wonder what happened to Joy.

*Rachel, Information Services Librarian

Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

Jumping among time periods following the lives of five seemingly unconnected people becomes an intricate, beautifully crafted homage to power of stories and reading and books.



*Ann, Information Services Librarian



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To learn more, please visit: <https://davenportlibrary.kanopy.com/>

MOVIES/TELEVISION

Hacksaw Ridge (Rated R)

World War II American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. (synopsis by IMDB.com)



*Kathryn, Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Supervisor



Kundun (Rated PG-13)

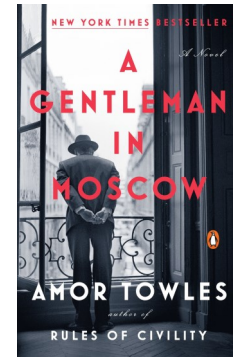
From childhood to adulthood, Tibet's fourteenth Dalai Lama deals with Chinese oppression and other problems. (synopsis by IMDB.com)

*Kathryn, Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Supervisor

Mare of Easttown (Rated TV-MA)

A detective in a small Pennsylvania town investigates a local murder while trying to keep her life from falling apart. (synopsis by IMDB.com)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

A Russian noble is exiled to live in a hotel by the new Soviet government. How he not only survives but thrives in this closed system is hopeful and inspiring. Gorgeous writing that flows effortlessly.

*Ann, Information Services Librarian

The Guncle by Steven Rowley

From the bestselling author of Lily and the Octopus and The Editor comes a warm and deeply funny novel about a once-famous gay sitcom star whose unexpected family tragedy leaves him with his niece and nephew for the summer. (synopsis by Goodreads)

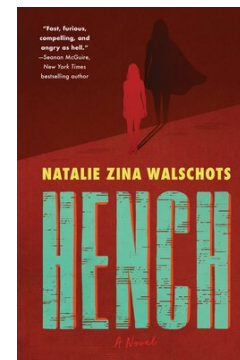
*Stephanie, Information Services Librarian



Hench by Natalie Zina Walschots

Anna does boring things for terrible people because even criminals need office help and she needs a job. Working for a monster lurking beneath the surface of the world isn't glamorous. But is it really worse than working for an oil conglomerate or an insurance company? In this economy?

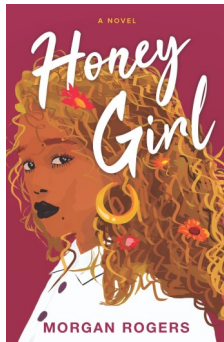
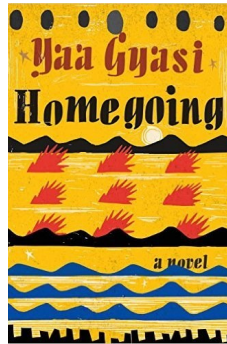
*Allison, Community Outreach Library Assistant



Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

Born in Africa, two half-sisters, unknown to each other, live very different lives. One is sold into slavery and taken to America and the other marries a British officer. Their lives and those of their descendants contrast and echo each other and eventually become entwined.

*Ann, Information Services Librarian



Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers

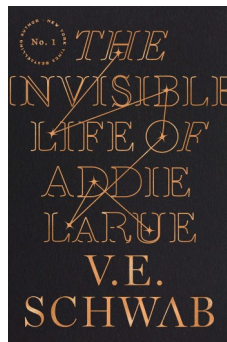
Very serious PhD student Grace goes on a wild trip with her friends to Vegas after completing her degree, but comes back with much more than she bargained for when she discovers she has drunkenly gotten married to a woman she had never met before and whose name is a mystery. While on a journey to find her new wife, Grace goes on a journey to discover herself as well. A moving and romantic story about facing your fears and finding love in unexpected places.

*Lexie, Assistant Director

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V.E. Schwab

In a desperate attempt to avoid a marriage arranged against her will, Addie makes a deal with the devil. Although the deal frees her and makes her immortal, it also means that she will be forgotten by everyone. How she copes through the centuries becomes a story of hope and ingenuity.

*Ann, Information Services Supervisor



CD'S

Happier Than Ever by Billie Eilish

Primarily a downtempo pop record, Happier Than Ever is characterized by sparse, jazz-influenced, electropop arrangements set to meditative tempos, departing from the upbeat, trap-led sound of Eilish's debut studio album, When We All Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? (2019)... At the 2022 Grammys the album and its title track received a total of seven nominations, including Album of the Year, Best Pop Vocal Album, Song of the Year and Record of the Year. (synopsis by Wikipedia.org)



*Nikki, Technical Services Clerk



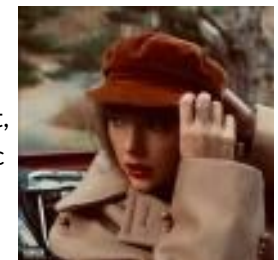
If I Can't Have Love, I Want Power by Halsey

If I Can't Have Love, I Want Power is an alternative rock, grunge-pop, and pop punk effort with heavy industrial influence, driven by clattering drums, distorted guitars, and a cinematic texture to its music. (synopsis by Wikipedia.org)

*Nikki, Technical Services Clerk

Red (Taylor's Version) by Taylor Swift

Red (Taylor's Version) is the second re-recorded album by American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift, released on November 12, 2021, through Republic Records. The re-recording venture is Swift's countermeasure against the changed ownership of the masters to her first six studio albums.



*Nikki, Technical Services Clerk

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The King of Infinite Space by Lyndsay Faye

Brilliantly retells Hamlet in a modern setting, with a queer, feminist twist that was absolutely delightful.

***Callen, Information Services Librarian**



The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave

We all have stories we never tell.

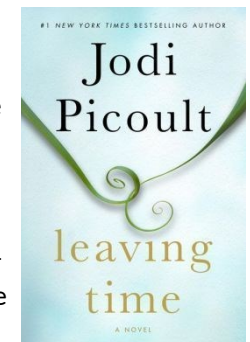
Before Owen Michaels disappears, he manages to smuggle a note to his beloved wife of one year: Protect her. (Synopsis credit to goodreads.com)

***Angie, Youth Services Library Assistant**

Leaving Time by Jodi Picoult

One night, at an elephant sanctuary in New Hampshire ruins the life of a young girl named Jenna. One of the handlers has been trampled to death, Jenna's mom is missing, and her father has been admitted into a psychiatric treatment center. 11 years after this traumatic event, Jenna enlists the help of a psychic who has lost her gift and a washed-up detective with a drinking problem to help her find out what happened that fateful night. Where is Alice Metcalf?

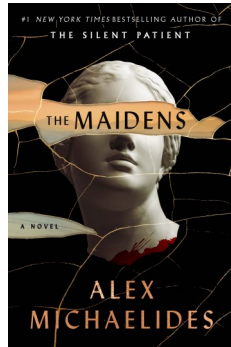
***Brittany, Community Outreach Supervisor**



The Maidens by Alex Michaelides

Edward Fosca is a murderer. Of this Mariana is certain. But Fosca is untouchable. A handsome and charismatic Greek Tragedy professor at Cambridge University, Fosca is adored by staff and students alike—particularly by the members of a secret society of female students known as The Maidens. (synopsis by Goodreads)

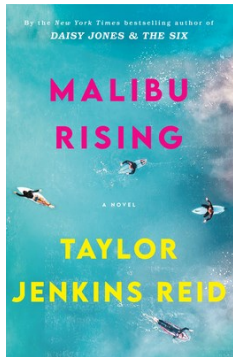
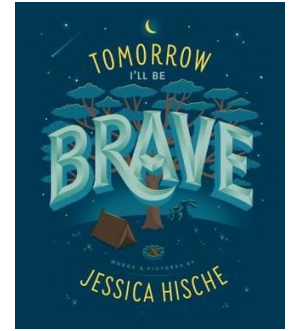
*Stephanie, Information Services Librarian



Tomorrow I'll Be Brave by Jessica Hische

Journey through the beautifully hand-lettered messages by award-winning illustrator Jessica Hische. This uplifting and positive book encourages kids to promise that tomorrow, they will try new things, do their best, and be brave. (synopsis by Goodreads).

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Four famous siblings throw an epic party to celebrate the end of the summer. But over the course of twenty-four hours, their lives will change forever. (synopsis by Goodreads)

*Stephanie, Information Services Librarian

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

A beautiful story where Nora gets the chance to see how different decisions that she's made with her life might have played out. Will she choose another life, or will she find that her current life is the best for her? Fun and uplifting.

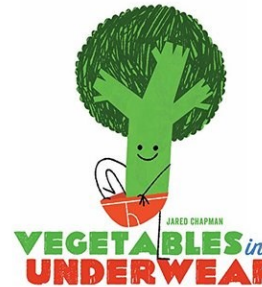
*Ann, Information Services Librarian

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



Vegetables in Underwear by Jared Chapman

A bunch of friendly vegetables wear colorful underwear of all varieties—big, small, clean, dirty, serious, and funny—demonstrating for young ones the silliness and necessity of this item of clothing. With rhyming text that begs to be chanted aloud and art that looks good enough to eat, this vibrant story will encourage preschoolers to celebrate



having left those diapers behind! (synopsis by Goodreads.)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian

What about Worms!? by Ryan T. Higgins

Tiger is big. Tiger is tough. And Tiger is very afraid of worms! (synopsis by Goodreads).

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



Eoin McLaughlin ♥ Polly Dunbar

The Hug



The Hug by Eoin McLoughlin & Polly Dunbar

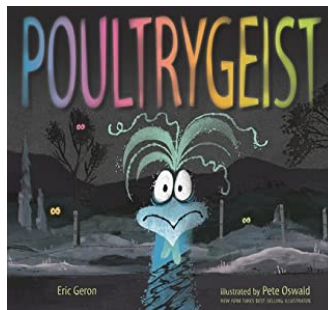
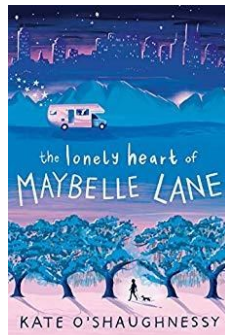
In this clever flipbook, both a hedgehog and a tortoise are looking for a hug. They ask all the other animals they come across but for some reason no one will hug them. Until a wise owl explains: Hedgehog is too spiky; Tortoise is too bony. (synopsis by Goodreads).

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian

The Lonely Heart of Maybelle Lane by Kate O'Shaughnessy

Maybelle Lane is looking for her father, but on the road to Nashville she finds so much more: courage, brains, heart--and true friends. (synopsis by Goodreads).

*Angie, Youth Services Library Assistant



Poultrygeist by Eric Geron

A delightfully uplifting tale about self-belief, courage, and—above all—the power of friendship. Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley are the best of friends. But they are different in almost every way: Pearl loves solving mysteries and moves rather fast in the world, and Charlie likes taking leisurely baths and

watching his flowers grow. So how can Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley be such good friends? (Synopsis by Goodreads.)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



The Moonlight School by Suzanne Woods Fisher

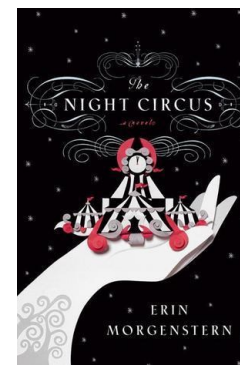
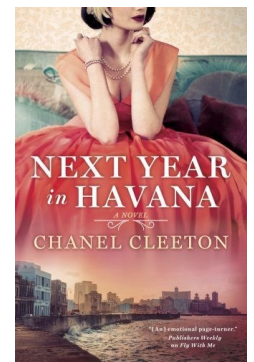
Haunted by her sister's mysterious disappearance, Lucy Wilson arrives in Rowan County, Kentucky, in the spring of 1911 to work for Cora Wilson Stewart, superintendent of education. When Cora sends Lucy into the hills to act as scribe for the mountain people, she is repelled by the primitive conditions and intellectual poverty she encounters. Few adults can read and write. (synopsis by Goodreads)

*Angie, Youth Services Library Assistant

Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton

After the death of her beloved grandmother (Elisa), Marisol is sent on a journey unlocking her grandmother's secrets and learning more about herself and where she came from. Elisa's last wish was to have her ashes spread in your home country, Cuba by her granddaughter. Elisa's only instructions, were "you will find the perfect place".

*Brittany, Community Outreach Supervisor



The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

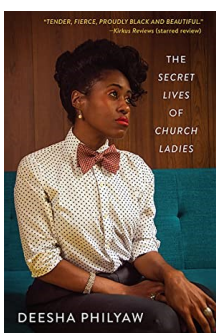
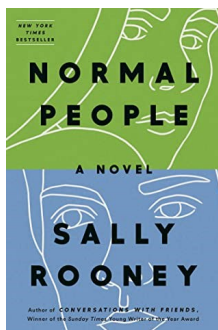
"The finest of pleasures are always the unexpected ones." WOW! I have been meaning to read this story for so long and for some reason was waiting for the perfect time. I guess this was the time and boy am I glad that I checked this out from Overdrive! The Night Circus arrives to town and hosts countless acts and fantastical opportunities for all those entering. So that I don't risk giving anything away, I will say that this book was everything that I wanted in a book. Some mystery, romance, fantasy and so much more!

*Brittany, Community Outreach Supervisor

Normal People by Sally Rooney

At school Connell and Marianne pretend not to know each other. He's popular and well-adjusted, star of the school soccer team while she is lonely, proud, and intensely private. But when Connell comes to pick his mother up from her housekeeping job at Marianne's house, a strange and indelible connection grows between the two teenagers - one they are determined to conceal. (synopsis by Goodreads)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



The Secret Life of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw

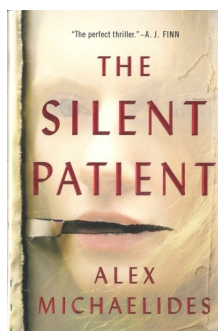
The Secret Life of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw is a debut collection of fiction short stories that explore the lives of Black women on an intimate level. The story-telling is excellent and scope of fiction superb. I laughed, cringed, clapped, cried, and side-eyed my way through this book.

*Bianca, Fairmount Branch Supervisor

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Alicia Berenson's life is seemingly perfect. A famous painter married to an in-demand fashion photographer, she lives in a grand house with big windows overlooking a park in one of London's most desirable areas. One evening her husband Gabriel returns home late from a fashion shoot, and Alicia shoots him five times in the face, and then never speaks another word. (synopsis by Goodreads)

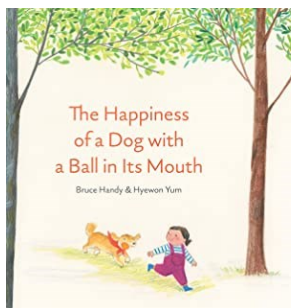
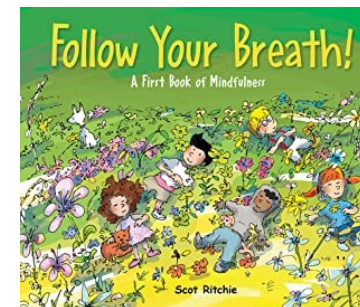
*Stephanie, Information Services Librarian



Follow Your Breath! A First Book of Mindfulness by Jessica Hische

Friends Yulee, Nick, Martin and Sally are at Pedro's house for a sleepover. Pedro is moving in a few days, and he's been feeling both sad about leaving his old house and worried he won't be happy in his new one. To try to help Pedro feel better, his mom decides to teach the five friends about mindfulness, which is, as she describes it, "being aware of what is happening right now." As the children practice focusing on their bodies, using their senses, paying attention to their feelings and accepting life as it happens, Pedro learns there are many ways to manage the stress of his upcoming move. (synopsis by Goodreads.)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian



The Happiness of a Dog with a Ball in Its Mouth by Bruce Handy & Hyewon Yum

Starting from the happiness of waking up into a brand-new day, the book goes on to explore the kinds of relationships and contrasts that play out between our feelings and experiences. These contrasts play out beautifully across the page from left to right, and across a couple of

long gatefold pages. Whether it's the nervousness of a beginning paired with the happiness of a middle; the indignity of a cut against the happiness of a scab; the boredom of nothing to do contrasted with the happiness of nothing to do; or the divide of mine against the happiness of our, these pages challenge the reader to think about daily activities and experiences and the feelings they conjure. The Happiness of a Dog with a Ball in its Mouth is a gentle, fun, and philosophical read, with which one can start and end the day. (Synopsis by Goodreads.)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian

JUVENILE



Blended by Sharon M. Draper

Eleven-year-old Isabella's father is Black, her mother is white - but that doesn't mean she likes them. And now that her parents are divorced (and getting along WORSE than ever), Isabella feels more like a push-me-pull-me toy.

Being split between Mom and Dad is more than switching houses, switching nicknames, switching backpacks:

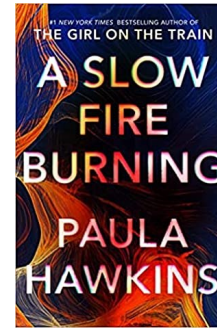
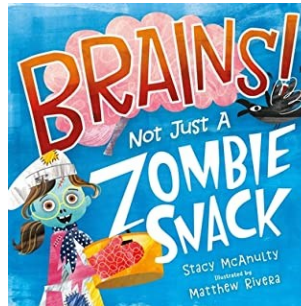
it's also about switching identities. If you're only seen as half of this and half of that, how can you ever feel whole? (synopsis by Goodreads).

***Angie, Youth Services Library Assistant**

Brains! Not Just a Zombie Snack by Stacy McAnulty

Brains. 78% water, 100% delicious. A zombie chef who has sworn off eating brains salivates over this super powerful organ in this funny and fact-filled picture book. From learning about how the brain processes messages from our five senses, to learning why wrinkly human brains are so much more powerful than smooth mouse brains, this is a hilarious introduction to the organ that does it all. Rich with kid-friendly facts and beautifully brought to life by Matthew Rivera, this is a charming and irresistible picture book. (synopsis by Goodreads).

***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**



A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkins

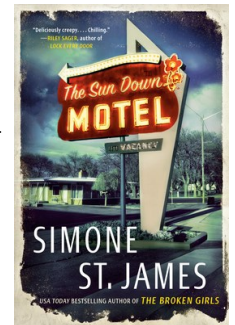
A young man is found murdered on a houseboat in London. There are three women in his life that are suspects. One is the woman that he took out on date the night he was murdered. The second is his nosy neighbor and the third is his aunt. This book will keep you guessing about who did it until the very end.

***Rachel, Information Services Librarian**

The Sun Down Motel by Simone St. James

The secrets lurking in a rundown roadside motel ensnare a young woman, just as they did her aunt thirty-five years before, in this new atmospheric suspense novel from the national bestselling and award-winning author of *The Broken Girls*.

***Stephanie, Information Services Librarian**



The Ten Thousand Doors of January by Alix E. Harrow

In a sprawling mansion filled with peculiar treasures, January Scaller is a curiosity herself. As the ward of the wealthy Mr. Locke, she feels little different from the artifacts that decorate the halls: carefully maintained, largely ignored, and utterly out of place.

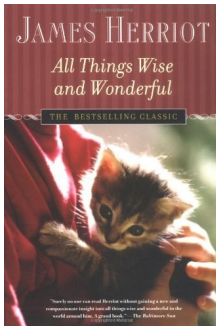
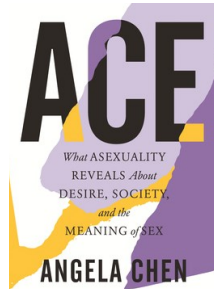
***Stephanie, Information Services Librarian**

Non-Fiction

Ace: What Asexuality Reveals About Desire, Society, and the Meaning of Sex by Angela Chen

A brilliantly-executed study of asexuality, full of information and affirmation that ace folks like me desperately crave.

***Callen, Information Services Librarian**



All Things Wise and Wonderful by James Herriot

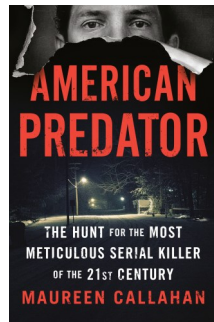
The stories James Herriot tell are heartwarming and charming. The characters and animals come to life with the picturesque descriptions of the country side of Yorkshire and the fictional village of Darrowby.

The setting of the book is during World War II, Jim training as a pilot for the Royal Air Force. As he practices flying and develops his physical stamina, he recalls his bachelor life and his early life with Helen and country veterinary practice.

***Kathryn, Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Supervisor**

American Predator by Maureen Callahan

Most people have never heard of Israel Keyes, one of the most ambitious and terrifying serial killers in modern history. The FBI considered his behavior unprecedented. Described by a prosecutor as "a force of pure evil," Keyes was a predator who struck all over the United States. He buried "kill kits"--cash, weapons, and body-disposal tools--in remote locations across the country. (synopsis by Goodreads.)



***Stephanie, Information Services Librarian**

Strange Planet by Nathan W. Pyle

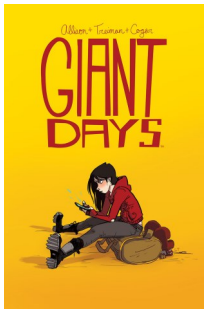
Straight from the mind of New York Times bestselling author Nathan W. Pyle comes an adorable and profound universe in pink, blue, green, and purple. Based on the phenomenally popular Instagram of the same name, *Strange Planet* covers a full life cycle of the planet's inhabitants. With dozens of never-before-seen illustrations in addition to old favorites, this book offers a sweet and hilarious look at a distant world not all that unlike our own. (synopsis by Goodreads).

***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**



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Giant Days by John Allison

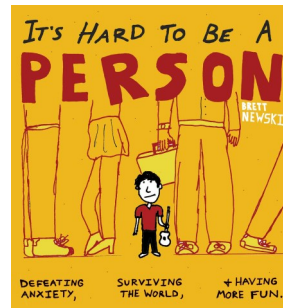
A graphic novel about three friends navigating their first year at college. I liked it showed the ups and downs of college dorm life -- getting the flu without someone to take care of you; reinventing yourself; struggling and succeeding. The importance of having friends as a support system.

***Beth, Acquisitions Clerk**

It's Hard to Be a Person by Brett Newski

Inspirational graphic novel filled with tips and tricks for dealing with anxiety from a 90s kid.

***Cristina, Principal Clerk**



Something is Killing the Children by James Tynion IV, Wether Dell'Edera, & Miguel Muerto

In a small midwestern town (isn't that how it always goes?) children are disappearing. Those that come back tell horrific, unbelievable stories. The town is on edge, parents bereft, and the sheriff helpless. Then arrives a woman with strange eyes calling herself Erica Slaughter. She is the only one who believes what

the surviving children say they have seen because she can see them too. And it is her duty to kill the monsters, whatever the price.

This is a brutal and at times gruesome story - "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" it is not. Erica is an intriguing protagonist; her exhaustion and disgust are palpable in how well she is drawn by Werther Dell'Edera, and while she has seen so much, she still manages to hew to her own sense of right and wrong.

***Allison, Community Outreach Library Assistant**



The Anthropocene Reviewed by John Green

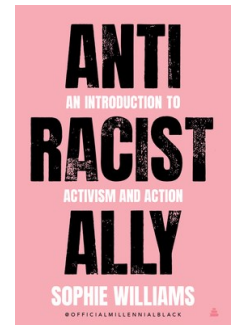
A deeply moving and mind-expanding collection of personal essays in the first ever work of non-fiction from #1 internationally bestselling author John Green. The Anthropocene is the current geological age, in which human activity has profoundly shaped the planet and its biodiversity. In this remarkable symphony of essays adapted and expanded from his groundbreaking, critically acclaimed podcast, John Green reviews different facets of the human-centered planet - from the QWERTY keyboard and Halley's Comet to Penguins of Madagascar - on a five-star scale.

***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**

Anti-Racist Ally: An Introduction to Activism and Action by Sophie Williams

If you are looking for "sound bites" of information on anti-racism work, this is the book for you. Digestible chapters with information on how to dig deeper.

***Beth, Acquisitions Clerk**



The Comfort Book by Matt Haig

A small book for anyone in search of hope, looking for a path to a more meaningful life, or in need of encouragement.

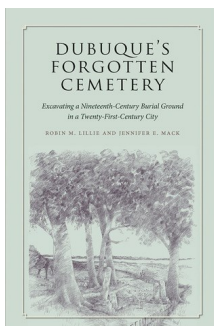
Happiness occurs when you forget who you're expected to be. And what you're expected to do. Happiness is an accident of self-acceptance. It's the warm breeze you feel when you open the door to who you are.

***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**

Dubuque's Forgotten Cemetery: Excavating a Nineteenth-Century Burial Ground in a Twenty-first Century City by Robin M. Lillie & Jennifer E. Mack

This book covers early Dubuque history through the citizens who were interred in this Catholic cemetery. The reader learns of the various burial practices and records used in the mid to late 19th century and what is left of the burials today. The authors also describe archeological practices of researching and excavating historic and ancient burials.

*Kathryn, Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Supervisor



Feeling Good Together



David D. Burns, M.D.

Feeling Good Together by David D. Burns, M.D.

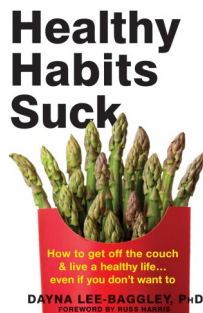
A communication manual that carefully maps out where conversations usually go wrong, and how to do things differently. A hard pill to swallow but really effective.

*Callen, Information Services Librarian

Healthy Habits Suck by Dayna Lee-Bagley PhD

Practical, realistic, and evidence-based advice for making changes in your life, alongside comforting explanations of why it's so hard to do what's healthy.

*Callen, Information Services Librarian



Graphic Novels

Ascender by Jeff Lemire & Dustin Nguyen

Set ten years after the events in "Descender," the machines have (nearly) all disappeared, and now magic rules the universe. The all-powerful Mother holds the planets in her bloody grip, destroying what remains of the UGC. On Sampson, Andy and his daughter Mila scrape out a life without Effie while trying to remain free of Mother's control. But when someone from Andy's past appears, they can no longer hide. With breathtaking watercolor illustrations by Dustin Nguyen, this is a thrilling conclusion to this epic story.

*Allison, Community Outreach Department

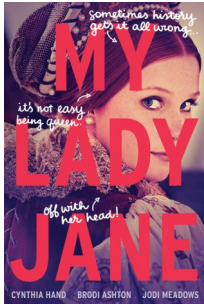


Die by Kieron Gillen, Stephanie Hans, & Clayton Cowles

Heartbroken Saga fans! Wandering W+D acolytes! Looking for something to fill the void? This is the series for you! In 1991 six teenagers disappear into a role-playing game. Two years later, only five return. Now 25 years later, they are called back into that fantasy world and must face the horrors they left behind to return home.

I've said before that pretty much everything Kieron Gillen touches turns to gold and he's yet to prove me wrong! I resisted this series because I'm not much of a fantasy fan or a D&D player but I'm so glad I finally picked it up! This is epic storytelling, worldbuilding, and adventure, and the character's conflicts between and within themselves are just as compelling. The painterly art by Stephanie Hans adds even more depth to the world of DIE.

*Allison, Community Outreach Department



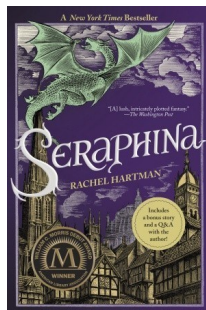
My Lady Jane by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, & Jodi Meadows

Edward is dying, he is dying before he will ever kiss a girl. Jane, Edward's beloved cousin has been notified that she is to marry Gifford Dudley, son of the giant-nosed Lord Dudley. Gifford isn't at all what Jane expects, handsome, stately, and a horse. That's right, her husband is a horse. I will not give anything else away, this story is just a delight!

***Brittany, Community Outreach Supervisor**

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman

An engaging young-adult novel about dragons and a young girl in the throes of becoming herself and learning how to be a part of the world.



***Kathryn, Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Supervisor**



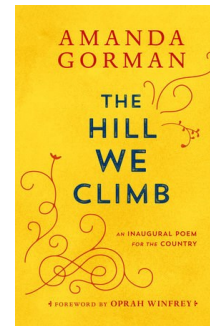
Watch Over Me by Nina LeCour

Mila is used to being alone. Maybe that's why she said yes to the opportunity: living in this remote place, among the flowers and the fog and the crash of waves far below. But she hadn't known about the ghosts.

Newly graduated from high school, Mila has aged out of the foster care system. So when she's offered a job and a place to stay at a farm on an isolated part of the Northern California Coast, she immediately accepts.

Maybe she will finally find a new home, a real home. The farm is a refuge, but also haunted by the past traumas its young residents have come to escape. And Mila's own terrible memories are starting to rise to the surface. (synopsis by Goodreads)

***Angie, Youth Services Library Assistant**



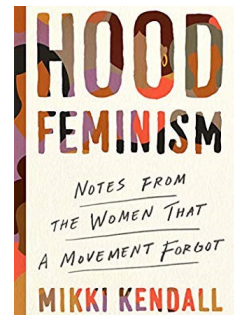
The Hill We Climb by Amanda Gorman

This poem is filled with hope while acknowledging history and work to be done.

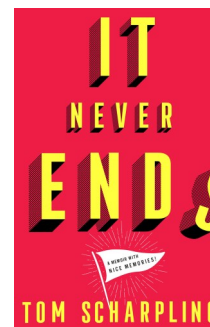
***Beth, Acquisitions Clerk**

Hood Feminism by Mikki Kendall

Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot by Mikki Kendall is a series of essays describing feminism as needing to first meet the needs of all women. Kendall believes that mainstream feminism focuses on the needs of a privileged few and explains that feminism isn't a one-size fits all movement. This book educated me about feminism in a way I had never considered before. I truly feel this book has helped me change my perspective on a fundamental level, and I hope to use the knowledge in the this book to support all women's needs within my community.



***Bianca, Fairmount Branch Supervisor**

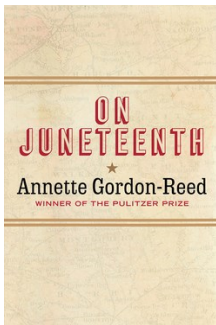


It Never Ends by Tom Scharpling

A memoir by comedy writer and host of The Best Show on WFMU Tom Scharpling. He tells us about going to concerts at a very early age, writing a music magazine, writing about basketball, getting his own radio show, writing for the show "Monk" for 8 seasons, and his "unqualified successes." He also shares for the first time details about his mental health struggles as a teenager and reveals the origin of his

name.

***Cristina, Principal Clerk**



On Juneteenth by Annette Gordon-Reed

The author is from Texas and she knows the history of Juneteenth. Annette Gordon-Reed is the descendent of enslaved people and she is a native Texan. She describes Juneteenth and the struggles Black people have endured from Reconstruction, Jim Crow and to the present. This book will revise what you think about Texas and about the country's history.

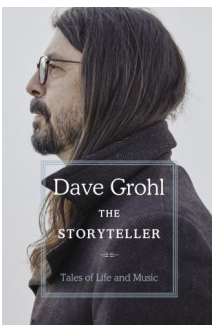
*Rachel, Information Services Librarian

Set the Night on Fire by Robby Krieger

There are several books about The Doors, but this is the one that you want to read. Robby Krieger is the guitarist from the legendary band, The Doors. He includes stories of Jim Morrison that have never been published before. Krieger is a great storyteller and talks about the band, recording, touring, living in L.A, and stories about other rock stars that he came across. If you are a fan of The Doors, you will definitely want to read this book.



*Rachel, Information Services Librarian



The Storyteller by Dave Grohl

Anyone that is a fan of Nirvana or the Foo Fighters knows who Dave Grohl is. This autobiography details stories of his childhood, being a father, and playing in his bands. He also tells stories of his encounters with other rock stars and celebrities and his experiences playing with other musicians. A very entertaining read for anyone that is a fan of music.

*Rachel, Information Services Librarian

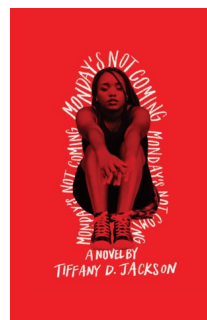
YOUNG ADULT

Fireborne by Rosaria Munda

Fireborne by Rosaria Munda begins where most books usually end. It is the "happily ever after" that is supposed to happen when the evil lords are overthrown. When the dragon lords are overthrown, the new government decides that dragon riding will no longer be a birthright. Instead, all people will test for the opportunity to be chosen by a dragon. This book is full of magic, friendship, suspense, and honor. I loved every moment of it.



*Bianca, Fairmount Branch Supervisor

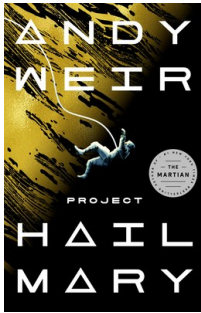


Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson

Where is Monday, she never misses school and she certainly would never just up and leave her best friend Claudia without so much as a note. When Claudia's best friend doesn't show up to greet her at the airport after spending a summer with her grandma, Claudia doesn't think much of it, she will see her at school.

When Monday doesn't show up to school, Claudia begins to worry and feel apprehensive, how will she navigate middle school and all of the bullies all by herself? After weeks of no Monday, Claudia begins to launch her own investigation, her best friend has never been out of her life this long and why is she the only one worried about her? I knew this book was going to be sad but, wow, Ms. Jackson wrote a gripping and powerful novel that literally punches you in the gut and makes it hard to breathe. As I listened to this book, I hurt for Claudia and worried about Monday at every twist and turn. I highly recommend but also urge readers that there are major trigger warnings. This book is not for the faint of heart.

*Brittany, Community Outreach Supervisor



Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir

A humorous adventure and friendship story packed with rock-solid hard science.

***Callen, Information Services Librarian**

This is How You Lose the Time War by Max Gladstone

Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading. Thus begins an unlikely correspondence between two rival agents hellbent on securing the best possible future for their warring factions. Now, what began as a taunt, a battlefield boast, grows into something more. Something epic. Something romantic. Something that could change the past and the future. Except the discovery of their bond would mean death for each of them. There's still a war going on, after all. And someone has to win that war.

Dense and lyrical, this is an incredible sci-fi/romance/spycraft novella that will stick with you for a very long time.

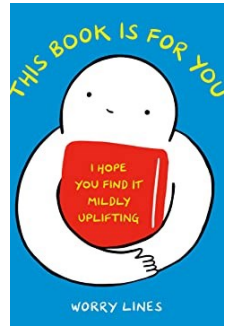
***Allison, Community Outreach Library Assistant**



This Book is for You by Worry Lines

Worry Lines has captured hearts around the world by posting daily drawings on Instagram. In this book, Worry Lines interweaves these fan-favorites into an entirely new story about the making of the book itself. Charting the creative process from its anxiety-riddled beginning to its (hopefully) hopeful end, This Book Is for You is a charming and honest portrait of worry.

***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**



Untamed by Glennon Doyle

Soulful and uproarious, forceful and tender, Untamed is both an intimate memoir and a galvanizing wake-up call. It is the story of how one woman learned that a responsible mother is not one who slowly dies for her children, but one who shows them how to fully live. It is the story of navigating divorce, forming a new blended family, and discovering that the brokenness or wholeness of a family depends not on its structure but on each member's ability to bring her full self to the table.

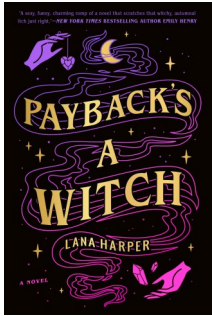
***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**

A Very Punchable Face by Colin Jost

Colin Jost is one of the anchors on Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update. It is no surprise that his autobiography is funny. It was a surprise to read about his life and struggles and to learn more about the guy that makes me laugh every Saturday night. It was interesting to read about his childhood, how he went to Harvard and ended up on SNL. There are stories about fellow cast members that might surprise you and he talks about his wife, Scarlett Johansson. A must read for anyone that enjoy Saturday Night Live.

***Rachel, Information Services Librarian**



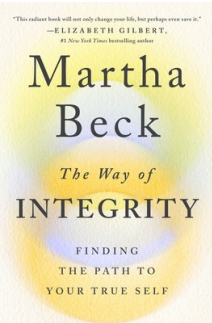


Payback's a Witch by Lana Harper

Emmy has returned to her magical hometown to be the judge in a magical tournament between the four founding families of Thistle Grove, dreading seeing her ex-boyfriend Gareth. But after running into another one of Gareth's wronged exes, a revenge plot forms. This is basically the Triwizard Tournament for grownup witches, with a side of revenge and a delightful romance between Emmy and Gareth's other ex and fellow tournament competitor Talia.

***Lexie, Assistant Director**

SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY



The Way of Integrity by Martha Beck

"As Martha Beck says in her book, "Integrity is the cure for psychological suffering. Period." In *The Way of Integrity*, Beck presents a four-stage process that anyone can use to find integrity, and with it, a sense of purpose, emotional healing, and a life free of mental suffering. Much of what plagues us--people pleasing, staying in stale relationships, negative habits--all point to what happens when we are out of touch with what

truly makes us feel whole. Inspired by *The Divine Comedy*, Beck uses Dante's classic hero's journey as a framework to break down the process of attaining personal integrity into small, manageable steps. She shows how to read our internal signals that lead us towards our true path, and to recognize what we actually yearn for versus what our culture sells us. With techniques tested on hundreds of her clients, Beck brings her expertise as a social scientist, life coach and human being to help readers to uncover what integrity looks like in their own lives. She takes us on a spiritual adventure that not only will change the direction of our lives, but bring us to a place of genuine happiness." (Synopsis by Goodreads)

***Joanna, Cataloger Librarian**

The Once and Future Witches by Alix E. Harrow

In 1893, there's no such thing as witches. There used to be, in the wild, dark days before the burnings began, but now witching is nothing but tidy charms and nursery rhymes. If the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box. But when the Eastwood sisters--James Juniper, Agnes Amaranth, and Beatrice Belladonna--join the suffragists of New Salem, they begin to pursue the forgotten words and ways that might turn the women's movement into the witch's movement. Stalked by shadows and sickness, hunted by forces who will not suffer a witch to vote-and perhaps not even to live-the sisters will need to delve into the oldest magics, draw new alliances, and heal the bond between them if they want to survive. There's no such thing as witches. But there will be.



***Stephanie, Information Services Librarian**

ROMANCE

A Lot Like Adiós by Alexis Daria

Michelle and Gabe grew up together and secretly crushed on each other for years, but an explosive fight before Gabe left for college kept them from speaking to each other for 13 years. Now unexpectedly thrown together because of work, they're finding that the chemistry never really disappeared. Steamy while also being very heartfelt!

*Lexie, Assistant Director



The Charm Offensive by Alison Cochrun

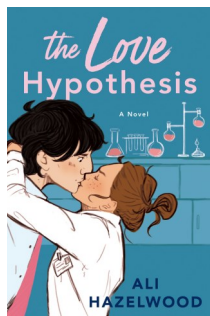
Charlie, a contestant on a Bachelor-like reality show, is having trouble connecting with the women who are vying for his affections. When his producer Dev steps in to help him become more comfortable with dating, Charlie finds love in a place he never expected. A very sweet romance that also deals with mental health in an honest and realistic way.

*Lexie, Assistant Director

The Love Hypothesis by Ali Hazelwood

Through an unlikely series of events, PhD candidate Olive ends up in a fake relationship with Adam, the most notoriously severe professor at the University. But as Olive gets to know Adam she discovers that there is more to him than the harsh veneer everyone else sees. This is a really sweet love story and is made even better by how well-developed of a character Olive is – we get to know a lot about her career aspirations, drive, and passions for science and discovery.

*Lexie, Assistant Director



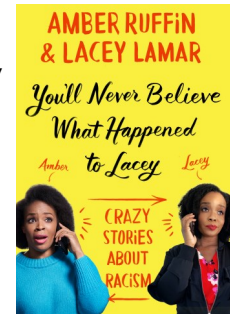
You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories About Racism by Amber Ruffin & Lacey Lamar

You'll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories about Racism by Amber Ruffin makes light of a heavy issue in a really positive way. Amber Ruffin is a comedian and her narration of this book is an absolute delight. Lacey is Amber's sister and growing up in Omaha, Nebraska led to some really absurd (but true) experiences for the both of them. For some reason, extra absurd seems to happen to Lacey. This book will entertain while teaching you a thing or two about things that people sometimes say and do that they absolutely shouldn't.

*Bianca, Fairmount Branch Supervisor

Do yourself a favor and check out the audiobook version of this excellent book from America's Sweetheart Amber Ruffin and her sister Lacey Lamar. Amber is a comedy writer and performer who has her own show, and Lacey is her good-natured and very patient sister, who lives in their hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. Together these two women give us an instructional inside look at the things white people have said (and done) to them. The stories are brutal and also hilariously told. You 100% will laugh your face off, and also feel uncomfortable. This book isn't only one thing, and that's what makes it so great. Amber and Lacey deliver a message about racism in such a scathingly humorous way that the message comes across loud and clear. Don't sleep on this one- it is totally worth it and is the best thing I read/listened to this year.

*Michelle, Community Outreach Library Assistant



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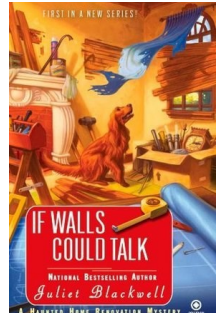
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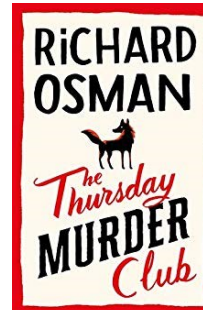
MYSTERY

If Walls Could Talk by Juliet Blackwell

Mel has been asked to assist her Rock Star friend in a home renovation. Mel has taken over the reigns of her father's construction company that specializes in restoring old homes to their previous glory. Upon entering her friend's newly purchased home, she finds him passed out on the couch and an unbelievable mess. A man is dead after a "Home Demolition Party" and Mel is now haunted by his ghost. Who killed Kenneth?



*Brittany, Community Outreach Supervisor



The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves The Thursday Murder Club. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron might be pushing eighty but they still have a few tricks up their sleeves. (Synopsis credit to goodreads.com)

*Joanna, Cataloger Librarian