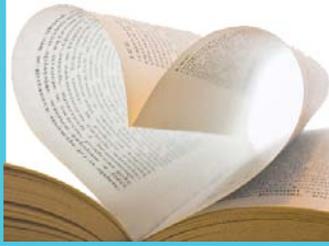


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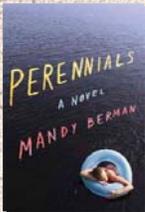
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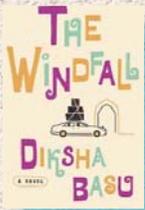
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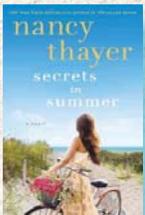
From Milwaukee Public Library Fiction Selector Jacki Potratz



Perennials by Mandy Berman. Fiction. A nostalgic summer camp tale. After years of being summer BFFs, Rachel Rivkin and Fiona Larkin reunite at Camp Marigold as counselors. For these two young women, the hot holiday season sets their coming-of-age aflame.



The Windfall by Diksha Basu. Fiction. What does it mean to be nouveau riche in modern India? This comedy of manners highlights a family dealing with the precariousness of social status, insubstantiality of pride, and the natural determination we have to build and share a home.



Secrets in Summer by Nancy Thayer. Fiction. Darcy spends her days at the library and her nights stargazing and contemplating a new relationship. When she is drawn into the summertime dramas of three families, including those of her recently married ex, Darcy is compelled to consider what she truly wants.



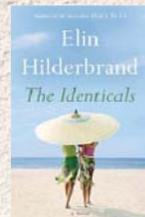
Chemistry by Weike Wang. Fiction. Losing her love for her major when her graduate studies become subject to research failures, a university chemistry student in Boston contemplates a marriage proposal from a more successful fellow scientist, while she pursues an entirely different kind of chemistry.



The Simplicity of Cider by Amy E. Reichert. Fiction. Sanna Lund wants to live a simple life working on her family's apple orchard in Wisconsin, but her life becomes more complicated after single dad Isaac Banks and his young son come to work for her and she discovers that her beloved orchard is being vandalized.



Our Little Racket by Angelica Baker. Fiction. Full of wealth, envy, and secrets, this is the story of five women whose lives are dramatically changed by the downfall of a financial titan. During the 2008 financial crisis, an ousted CEO causes these women to negotiate power on their own terms and ask themselves what – if anything – is worth saving.



The Identicals by Elin Hilderbrand. Fiction. Identical twin sisters Harper and Tabitha Frost have spent a decade living on islands only eleven miles apart. They decide to switch islands and lives for an unforgettable summer that will change them forever. Before the last beach picnic of the season there will be new loves, and the most talked-about summer Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket have experienced in ages.

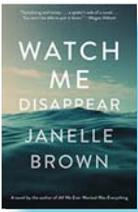


I Need a Lifeguard Everywhere but the Pool by Lisa Scottoline and Francesca Serritella. 818.602 S4311. This lighthearted collection of stories by the award-winning mother-and-daughter team features warm and witty memoir tales. Join Lisa and Francesca as they regret drunk-shopping online, try smell-dating, and explore the freedom of a hiatus from men - a Guyatus.



Driving Miss Norma by Tim Bauerschmidt. 92 B344B. This is the heartwarming story of a 90-year-old woman who was brave enough to say 'no' to medical treatment for cancer, and the family brave enough to take her on the road for the adventure of a lifetime. Laugh and cry with Tim, Ramie, Miss Norma and Ringo (the family dog) on their trip around the country.

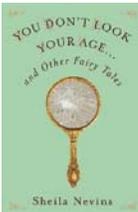
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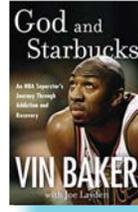
Watch Me Disappear by Janelle Brown. Mystery. This page-turning thriller tells the story of a mother with a troubled past who vanishes while hiking, leaving her family to piece together her secrets. When only a hiking boot is found, they mourn her and look forward to closure...but is she really gone?



The Sunshine Sisters by Jane Green. Fiction. Nell, Meredith and Lizzy have never been close as sisters go, but their mother's illness draws them together. When they confront all the old jealousies and fears that have threatened to tear them apart, will blood be thicker than water after all?



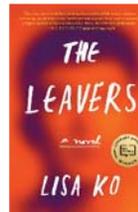
You Don't Look Your Age...and Other Fairy Tales by Sheila Nevins. 927.973 N5285. An astonishingly frank, funny book for anyone who wishes they had someone who would say to them, "This happened to me, learn from my mistakes and my successes. Because you don't get smarter as you get older, you get braver." Nevins is the best friend you never knew you had – the one person who always tells it like it is.



God and Starbucks by Vin Baker. 796.323092 B168. Vin Baker spent thirteen years in the NBA. A graduate of the University of Hartford, he won a gold medal playing for the U.S. Olympic team in 2000 and was selected by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1993 NBA Draft. At the same time, he harbored a dark secret: a dependency on drugs and alcohol. He hit rock bottom, and then with humility and grace, transformed himself.



How to Survive a Summer by Nick White. Fiction. A Midwestern graduate student finds himself reliving a horrible experience he had at a camp that tried to 'cure' teenage boys of their homosexuality when he discovers the campground, now abandoned, is being used in an upcoming horror movie.



The Leavers by Lisa Ko. Fiction. When his undocumented immigrant mother disappears, eleven-year-old Deming Guo is adopted by a family that attempts to make him over as an American teen, while he struggles to reconcile his new life with memories of the family he left behind.



The Fact of a Body by Alexandria Marzano-Lesnevich. 364.1523 M393. An intimate memoir, this is also a compelling and page-turning true crime tale that legal thriller fans will love. If that isn't enough, it is also beautifully written. A summer job at a Louisiana law firm and the case of a convicted murderer changed



My Favorite Thing Is Monsters by Emil Ferris. 741.5973 F394 BK1. Set against the tumultuous political backdrop of late '60s Chicago, this fictional graphic diary of 10-year-old Karen Reyes is filled with B-movie horror and pulp monster magazine iconography. Reyes tries to solve the murder of her upstairs neighbor, a holocaust survivor, while the interconnected stories of those around her unfold.

Marzano-Lesnevich's views about the death penalty and forced her to confront secrets within her own family.



This Is Just My Face by Gabourey Sidibe. 927.973 S568A. Sidibe, who grew up in New York City with a stern Senegalese father, has struggled with body image. She shares details about her childhood with a polygamous father and her gifted mother who supported them by singing in the subway. This girl's got something to say and it will make you laugh out loud!

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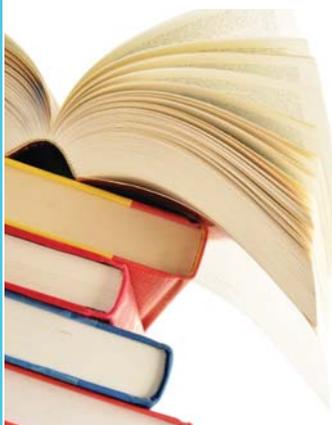
Meet Friends, get great books, and shop local! Please join the Friends on Sunday, August 27, 11am-4pm on the 2nd floor of the Milwaukee Public Market, located at 400 N. Water Street, for a Friends Day Pop-up Book Sale. The sale will feature a large selection of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction used books – all priced at only \$1 each.

Learn what it means to be a Friend of the Milwaukee Public Library! Join or renew your Friends Membership that day to receive two free books and be entered to win a \$100 gift certificate for the Milwaukee Public Market. Friends members can get free parking validation at the Public Market Sale. All proceeds benefit the Milwaukee Public Library.

Architectural Tour of Central Library and a FREE Book at the Bookseller and Cafe

Experience fascinating Milwaukee Public Library history every Saturday at 11 a.m. at Central Library, located at 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. Tours begin in the rotunda and tour goers will receive a coupon for a free book at the end of the tour in the Bookseller Book Store and Cafe. Central Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To arrange for a special tour or to learn more about becoming a docent, please call (414) 286-TOUR.



10-cent Used Book Sale

Saturday, September 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. ~ Central Library, 814 W. Wisconsin Ave. Community Room 1, 1st floor

Featuring a large selection of new and used children's and adult books. All proceeds from this sale benefit the Milwaukee Public Library. Friends members may enter sales 30 minutes before the public with current membership card. Please use the Eighth Street entrance and present your card. There will be a 2-for-1 sale in the Bookseller Used Book Store during the sale.

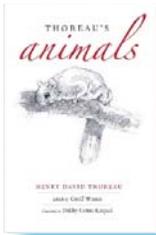
During the month of July, the Bookseller will feature a selection of children's nonfiction. In August, the Bookseller will feature a selection of biographies.

Next Sale: Saturday, November 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Holiday and Children's Sale

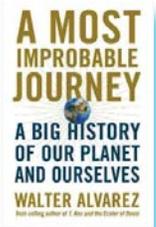


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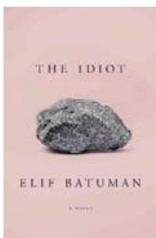
Thoreau's Animals by Henry David Thoreau; edited by Geoff Wisner, illustrated by Debby Cotter Kaspari. 590.9744 T488. Published in time for the 200th anniversary of Thoreau's birth (July 12, 1817), this collection of excerpts from his journals focuses on animals, wild and domestic, showcasing his skills as a natural historian. Arranged by time of year rather than in a strict chronology, it allows the reader to note the richness found in the repeated cycle of the seasons.



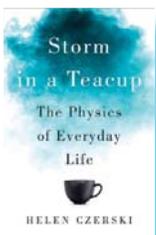
A Most Improbable Journey: A Big History of Our Planet and Ourselves by Walter Alvarez. 550 A473. Alvarez, a geologist best known for his theory that a meteorite impact caused the mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous Period, looks at human life from a 'big history' point of view. He takes into account key events of Earth's prehistory, from the big bang to continental drift, and their effect on how life, intelligence, and civilization developed.



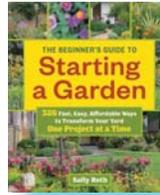
The Idiot by Elif Batuman. Fiction. Turkish-American student Selin goes to Harvard in her freshman year and falls in love with a slightly older, inscrutable Hungarian mathematician. Batuman so expertly places you in the shoes of her laconic protagonist that you can't help but be swept up in the whirlwind of garbled communication that accompanies this tale of first love.



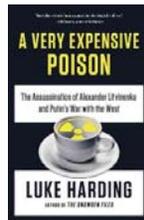
Storm in a Teacup: The Physics of Everyday Life by Helen Czerski. 530 C998. Czerski's aim is to explain the universe through everyday objects, from microwave ovens to carbonated soda, bringing a fresh and engaging perspective to the study of science that's bound to inspire further research. You'll never look at your refrigerator magnets the same once you've read about how they compare to a magnetic resonance imaging machine.



The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Garden: 326 Fast, Easy, Affordable Ways to Transform Your Yard One Project at a Time by Sally Roth. 635 R843B. Not just for beginners, this guide is filled with ideas on how to expand or change-up existing garden space, no matter the size. Including money-saving tips and advice on more than just plant selection, these instructions will help you amp up the curb appeal and create a beautiful space.



A Very Expensive Poison: The Assassination of Alexander Litvinenko and Putin's War with the West by Luke Harding. 327.1247 H263V. A story that would be wholly unbelievable if it didn't actually happen: two Russians covertly smuggled an incredibly lethal poison into the UK in order to assassinate a dissident, only to have their deed discovered after the fact. Thorough reporting and gripping storytelling combine to bring this remarkable story off the page in an era where Russia's influence on the world stage continues to grow.



All Our Wrong Todays by Elan Mastai. Science Fiction. Tom lives in a technological utopia with flying cars, moon bases and a general sense of ennui. He also lives in 2016, in an alternate world from the one we occupy. But when a time-travel mistake strands Tom in our reality, he discovers a chaotic dystopia – and maybe the place he's meant to be.

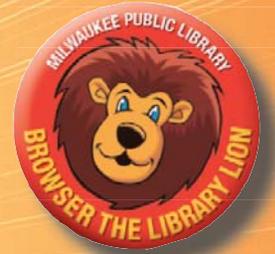


Sustainability Made Simple: Small Changes for Big Impact by Rosaly Byrd and Lauren DeMates. 338.927 B995. Making an effort to help the environment and create a greener future isn't complicated. Turning off the lights, filling the trash bag completely, or using stairs instead of the elevator are easy and simple things you can do to foster sustainability.



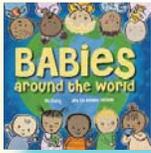
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CHILDREN'S ROOM



Great Reads for a Great Summer!

Babies Around the World by Puck; illustrated by



Violet Lemay. BRD PUCK. Ages 0-3. Babies can explore the world and learn to say hello in different languages all from the comfort of an adult lap with this charmingly illustrated board book.

And Then Comes Summer by Tom Brenner; illustrated



by Jaime Kim. PIC BRENNER. Ages 2-6. When summer comes, get ready for fun! From lemonade stands to family vacations, this is the perfect ode to the joys of summer.

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall. PIC CORNWAL.



Ages 4-7. While at the pool with his father and sister, Jabari decides he wants to go off the high dive, but first he has to find his courage to make the jump!

The Good for Nothing Button! by Charise Mericle



Harper. EASY LEVEL 2 HARPER. Ages 6-8. When three avian friends press the button it does nothing or does it?! This latest in the *Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!* series is perfect for humor-loving beginning readers.

Stinky Spike the Pirate Dog by Peter Meisel.



INT MEISEL. Ages 6-9. When Stinky Spike is washed out to sea and subsequently rescued by Captain Fishbeard, he gets put to work sniffing out treasure on the high seas!

Stef Soto, Taco Queen by Jennifer Torres. INT TORRES.



Ages 8-12. Stef is embarrassed by her family's taco truck. However, when the future of their livelihood is at stake, Stef begins to understand the importance of family, culture and identity.

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-



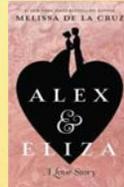
Garcia. FIC WILLIAM. Ages 9-13. Clayton Byrd and his grandfather bonded over blues music. When tragedy strikes and his mother takes the music away, Clayton decides to run away to join a blues band in this coming-of-age story.

Real Friends by Shannon Hale; artwork by LeUyen Pham;



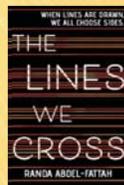
color by Jane Poole. GRPH HALE. Ages 9-12. Hale recounts her experiences navigating the challenging world of elementary school friendships in this graphic novel memoir.

Alex & Eliza: A Love Story by Melissa de la Cruz.



FIC DELACRU. Ages 12 & up. This is the tale of an epic romance between young Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler.

The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah.



FIC ABDELFA. Ages 12 & up. Michael's family is active with the local anti-immigrant group. Mina and her family are trying to adjust to their new life after fleeing Afghanistan. When the two meet, will their family's politics halt their friendship or make them press on?

Spill Zone 1 by Scott Westerfeld. GRPH WESTERF.



Ages 15 & up. Addison must survive after a disaster destroys her city, killing her parents and leaving her sister badly scarred. Photographing the devastation is her way of earning a living, but one job offer may be too risky.

Bang: A Novel by Barry Lyga. FIC LYGA. Ages 15 & up.



For years, Sebastian Cody has lived with the guilt of accidentally shooting his infant sister. One summer, with his best friend away, he must figure out a way to end his pain and fix the crime of his past.



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