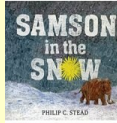


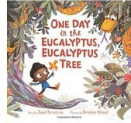
For the Younger Kids:

Ranea recommends Samson in the Snow by Philip C. Stead
A lonely woolly mammoth finds friendship in the midst of a terrible storm.



Betsy recommends One Day in the Eucalyptus Tree by Daniel Bernstrom, ill. Brendan Wenzel

Bouncy cadence and rhyming text tell the tale of a hungry snake and the clever little boy that outwits him.



Ranea recommends Bloom by Doreen Cronin, ill. David Small
Sometimes it takes a little mess to set everything right.



Ranea recommends My Friend Maggie by Hannah E. Harrison
Schoolyard bullying is no match for true friendship.



Ranea recommends Leave Me Alone! by Vera Brosgol
A laugh-out-loud recounting of the day a grandmother just wanted a little piece and quiet in which to knit her sweaters.



For the Older Kids:

Martha recommends The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz

Three kids are on the run from the king. Are they saints or products of the devil himself?



Martha recommends Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami

A normally shy girl finds the strength to start a grassroots campaign to save the free lending library she loves.



Martha recommends Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Lost and alone on an island in the sea, a robot must discover how to adapt to a wilderness where she was never meant to be.



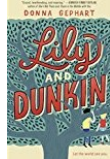
Nancy recommends The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Fun and fantasy combine in a tale of a girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon.



Jude recommends Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart

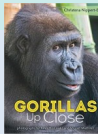
A transgender girl and a bipolar boy find comfort and solace in an unexpected friendship.



For Kids Who Like to Get Real:

Martha recommends Gorillas Up Close by Christena E. Nippert-Eng

The stars of Chicago's own Lincoln Park Zoo get their own book, jam-packed with facts, fun, and fascinating details about these one-of-a-kind ape.



For Teens:

Renee recommends Scythe by Neal Schusterman

Two teens vie to become a professional scythe, a job that kills people in a world without disease.



Nancy recommends Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys
is a touching, scary, YA historical novel. Three teen refugees in the heart of East Prussia attempt to escape the ravages of WWII in this touching, scary novel.

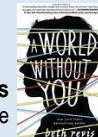


Ami recommends The Creeping Shadow by Jonathon Stroud

In a world where ghosts reign and only kids can see them, a team of ghost hunters and their snarky talking skull take on forces they don't understand.



Renee recommends A World Without You by Beth Revis
Would you remain embedded deep in a psychosis if it allowed you to believe

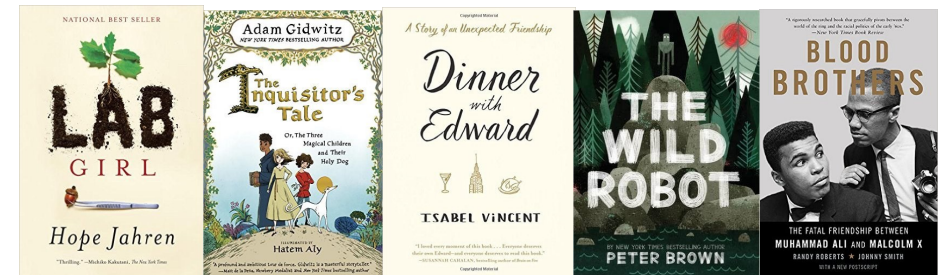


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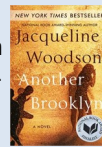
Stumped for book recommendations?
Need to find just the right book for that person on your list?
Let the Evanston Public Library Staff guide you then to some of the most interesting books of 2016. There's something for everybody here, so dive on in and find some hidden gems!



For Lovers of Literature:

Lesley recommends Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson

A coming of age tale set in 1970s Brooklyn where hopeful promise meets heartbreaking reality.



Jeny recommends Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

Tragedy and eventual understanding come to the fore when a white supremacist couple insist on having only a white nurse attend their baby, with terrible results.



Nancy recommends Leaving Lucy Pear by Anna Solomon

A decision to abandon her daughter years ago, comes to a head when a woman encounters the bold and unconventional person her child has become.



Barbara recommends The Longest Night by Andria Williams

A tale based on the true story of the only fatal nuclear accident to occur in America.



Jude recommends Hammers on Bone by Cassandra Khaw

A private detective hired by a 10-year-old to kill the child's stepfather discovers a unspeakable and monstrous evil lurking at the heart of his quarry.



For Armchair Detectives:

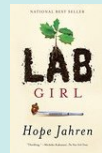
Barb recommends Hell Fire by Karin Fossum

Two investigators look into the stabbing death of a woman and her young son, leading to a heartbreaking conclusion.



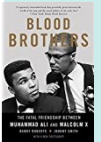
Nancy recommends Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

Part memoir, part treatise on plant life, author Jahren recounts a life that found a sanctuary in science.



Lesley recommends Blood Brothers: The Fatal Friendship Between Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X by Randy Roberts, Johnny Smith

First friends, then foes, the story of the close mentorship/friendship of two great men, and how Elijah Muhammad came between them.



Nancy recommends Dinner with Edward by Isabel Vincent

A short, sweet memoir recounting a man ready to die, a woman who's given up on love, and the friendship that ended up changing both of their lives.

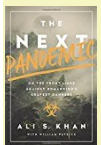


For the Math and Science Lovers:

Barb recommends The Next Pandemic:

On the Front Lines against Humankind's Gravest Dangers by Ali S. Khan

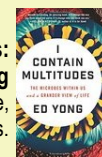
Wonder where and how the next major disease outbreak will arrive? A good book to read if you never want to sleep again.



Martha recommends I Contain Multitudes:

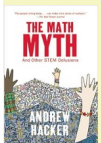
The Microbes Within Us and a Grand View of Life by Ed Yong

A paean to our invaluable microbes and the ways they affect our behavior, defend us from disease, and grant us incredible abilities.



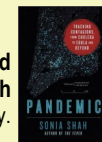
Lesley recommends The Math Myth: And Other STEM Delusions by Andrew Hacker

Widely held assumptions about math are challenged in a book that scrutinizes the question of whether or not every student needs a mastery of azimuths and asymptotes.



Barb recommends Pandemic: Tracking Contagions, from Cholera to Ebola and Beyond by Sonia Shah

The origins of epidemics are examined and compared to the new pathogens that stalk humankind today.



For Lovers of Health and Beauty:

Barb recommends Little Black Dress: From Mourning to Night by Shannon Meyer

The 150-year-old history of the dress that went from standard traditional mourning garment to the fashion staple it is today.



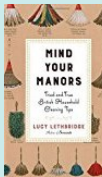
Kathleen recommends Eat Fat, Get Thin: Why the Fat We Eat is the Key to Sustained Weight Loss and Vibrant Health by Mark Hyman

An examination of the weight-loss benefits of a high-fat diet rich in eggs, nuts, oils, avocados, and other delicious super-foods.

Barb recommends Mind Your Manors:

Tried-and-True British Household Cleaning Tips by Lucy Lethbridge

Live up the mundanity of housework with methods of cleaning best known during the Victorian through Edwardian years.



For People Who Like to Feed Their Minds:

Lesley recommends Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul by Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

The "value gap" of America (where white lives are valued more than others) is argued with impassioned calls to confront the country's racial divide.



Lesley recommends Blackballed: The Black and White Politics of Race on America's Campuses by Lawrence C. Ross

A call to action for universities to make radical changes to their policies and standards to foster a better legacy for all students.



Lesley recommends Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement by Angela Y. Davis, Frank Barat (Editor), Cornel West (Preface)

Davis illuminates the connections between struggles against state violence and oppression throughout history and around the world.



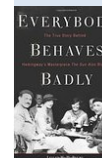
Lesley recommends The South Side:

A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation by Natalie Y. Moore

The contemporary segregation on the South Side of Chicago told through reported essays, with an emphasis on the impact of how history has divided the city in the past.



For History Buffs:



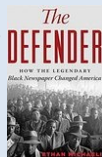
Kathleen recommends Everybody Behaves Badly:

The True Story Behind Hemingway's Masterpiece The Sun Also Rises by Lesley M.M. Blume

A close examination of how Hemingway created his own legend, with a look at the inner circle of the Lost Generation as you've never seen them before.

Lesley recommends The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America by Ethan Michaeli

The reporters who braved lynch mobs and policemen's clubs to do their jobs are recounted here in this tale of the newspaper that condemned Jim Crow, catalyzed the Great Migration, and focused the electoral power of black America.



Kathleen recommends When Paris Sizzled : the 1920s Paris of Hemingway, Chanel, Cocteau, Cole Porter, Josephine Baker, and Their Friends by Mary McAuliffe

Dive deep into the heady heyday of fabulous 1920s Paris, when art, architecture, music, literature, fashion, entertainment, transportation, and behavior all took dramatic new forms.