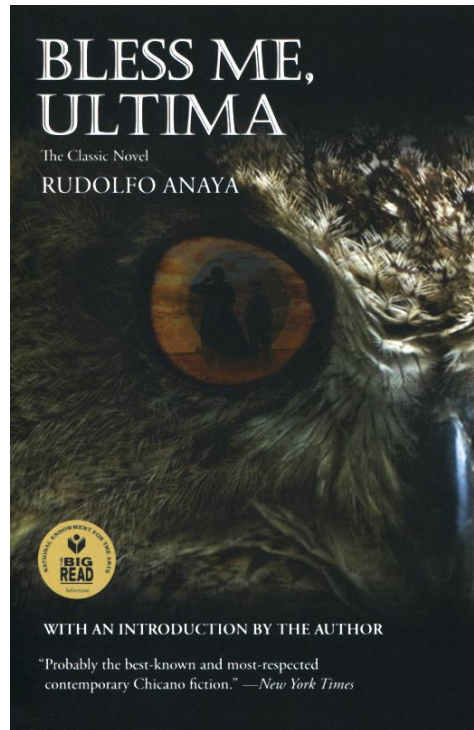
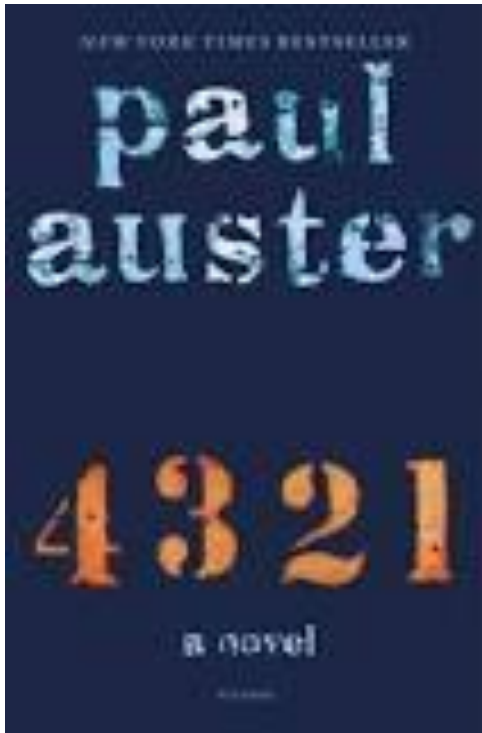


## BOOK CLUB KITS

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### **4 3 2 1** by Paul Auster, 2017

A single child born in 1947 experiences four parallel lifetimes poignantly marked by shifting family fortunes, athletic pursuits, friendships, sex, intellectual passions and the same intriguing woman.

**Kit size:** 6 copies

**Genre:** Coming-of-age stories, literary fiction

**Characters:** Complex

**Storyline:** Character-driven, sweeping, unconventional

**Tone:** Moving

**Writing style:** Descriptive, engaging, stylistically complex

**Awards:** *New York Times* Notable Books: Fiction and Poetry 2017

### ***Bless Me, Ultima*** by Rudolfo Anaya, 1972

**Description:** A young New Mexico boy comes of age.

**Kit size:** 9 copies

**Genre:** Books-to-movies; coming-of-age story

**Character:** Culturally diverse

**Storyline:** Character-driven; own voices

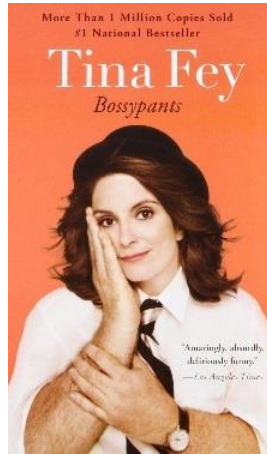
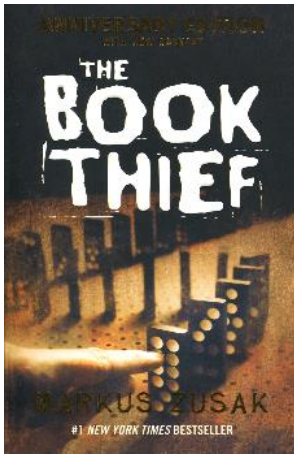
**Pace:** Leisurely paced

**Tone:** Atmospheric; haunting; mystical

**Writing Style:** Descriptive; lyrical

**Award Winners:** Great American Read 2018

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### ***The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak, 2006**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

**Kit size:** 9 copies

**Genre:** Australian fiction; books-to-movies; historical fiction

**Themes:** Life during wartime

**Characters:** Religiously diverse; well-developed

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Pace:** Leisurely paced

**Tone:** Haunting; moving

**Writing Style:** Compelling; lyrical; stylistically complex

**Awards:** Great American Read 2018; Booklist Editors' Choice - Books for Youth - Older Readers Category: 2006; E.B. White Read-Aloud Awards: Middle Reader; Garden State Teen Book Awards (New Jersey): Fiction (Grades 9-12); Kathleen Mitchell Award (Australia); National Jewish Book Awards: Children's and Young Adult Literature; Parents' Choice Awards - Fiction: 2006; School Library Journal Best Books: 2006; Sydney Taylor Book Awards: Teen Readers; USBBY Outstanding International Books - Grades 9-12: 2007; YALSA Best Books for Young Adults: 2007; YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults: Book to Movie: Ripped From the Pages (2015); YALSA Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults: Death and Dying (2009)

**Funding:** This kit is offered as part of a grant for *The Great American Read* from the American Library Association and PBS.

### ***Bossypants* by Tina Fey, 2011**

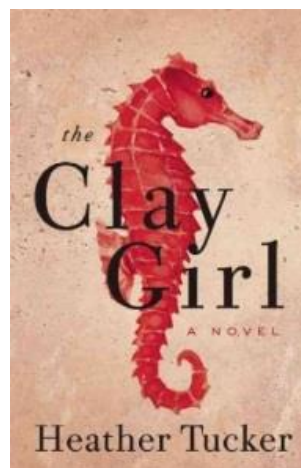
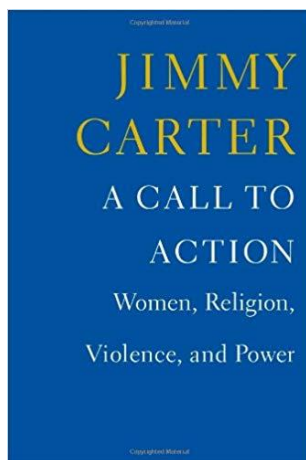
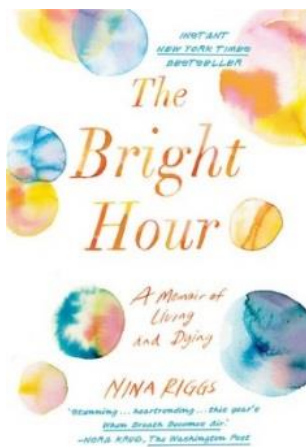
Before Liz Lemon, before "Weekend Update," before "Sarah Palin," Tina Fey was just a young girl with a dream: a recurring stress dream that she was being chased through a local airport by her middle-school gym teacher. She also had a dream that one day she would be a comedian on TV. She has seen both these dreams come true. At last, Tina Fey's story can be told. From her youthful days as a vicious nerd to her tour of duty on *Saturday Night Live*; from her passionately halfhearted pursuit of physical beauty to her life as a mother eating things off the floor; from her one-sided college romance to her nearly fatal honeymoon—from the beginning of this paragraph to this final sentence. Tina Fey reveals all and proves what we've all suspected: you're no one until someone calls you bossy.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Memoir

**Awards:** Booklist Top of the List, 2011

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### ***The Bright Hour: A Memoir of Living and Dying* by Nina Riggs, 2017**

The author of *Lucky, Lucky* presents a full-length account of her experiences with terminal metastatic breast cancer, a journey that reshaped her views about marriage, motherhood, friendship and memory. Her story is also documented in her blog Suspicious Country.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Biography

**Awards:** Best Books of 2017 selection by *The Washington Post*, *O Magazine*, NPR

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### ***A Call to Action* by Jimmy Carter, 2014**

In the highly acclaimed bestselling *A Call to Action*, President Jimmy Carter addresses the world's most serious, pervasive, and ignored violation of basic human rights: the ongoing discrimination and violence against women and girls. President Carter was encouraged to write this book by a wide coalition of leaders of all faiths. His urgent report covers a system of discrimination that extends to every nation. Women are deprived of equal opportunity in wealthier nations and "owned" by men in others, forced to suffer servitude, child marriage, and genital cutting. The most vulnerable and their children are trapped in war and violence. *A Call to Action* addresses the suffering inflicted upon women by a false interpretation of carefully selected religious texts and a growing tolerance of violence and warfare. Key verses are often omitted or quoted out of context by male religious leaders to exalt the status of men and exclude women. And in nations that accept or even glorify violence, this perceived inequality becomes the basis for abuse. Carter draws upon his own experiences and the testimony of courageous women from all regions and all major religions to demonstrate that women around the world, more than half of all human beings, are being denied equal rights. This is an informed and passionate charge about a devastating effect on economic prosperity and unconscionable human suffering. It affects us all.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction

**Donated by:** Jemez Springs Public Library

### ***The Clay Girl* by Heather Tucker, 2016**

After her father's suicide, Ari goes to live with her aunt in Cape Breton who provides an unexpected refuge. Ari returns to Toronto and comes of age during the sexual revolution and drug culture of the 1960s.

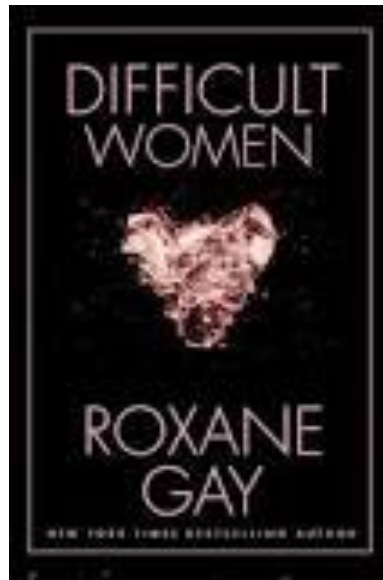
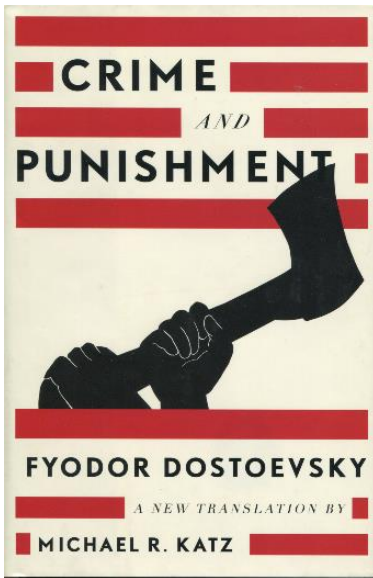
**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Canadian fiction, coming-of-age story, literary fiction

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Heart wrenching

**Writing style:** Lyrical, spare, stylistically complex



### ***Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky**

An acclaimed translator breathes fresh life into this ageless classic in a new translation, with novel insights into the linguistic richness, subtle tones and cunning humor of Dostoevsky's magnum opus.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Classics; psychological fiction; translations

**Character:** Authentic; complex; flawed

**Storyline:** Character-driven; intricately plotted

**Pace:** Leisurely paced

**Tone:** Bleak; Disturbing; reflective; thought-provoking

**Writing Style:** Descriptive; stylistically complex

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### ***Difficult Women* by Roxane Gay, 2017**

A collection of short stories about unforgettable characters, including:

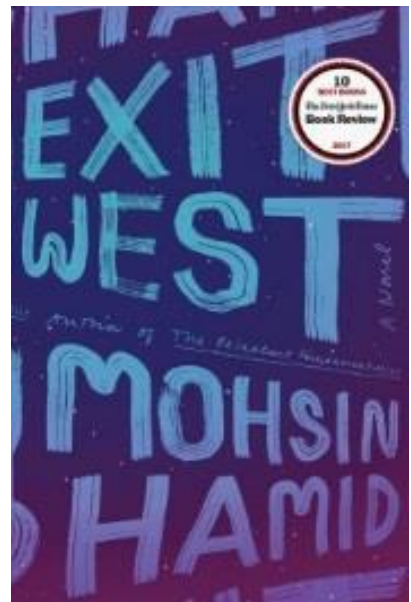
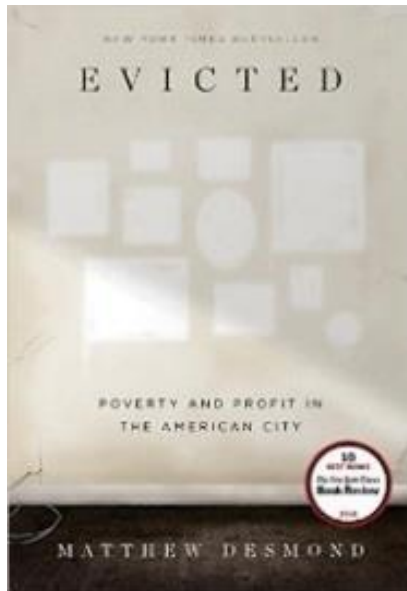
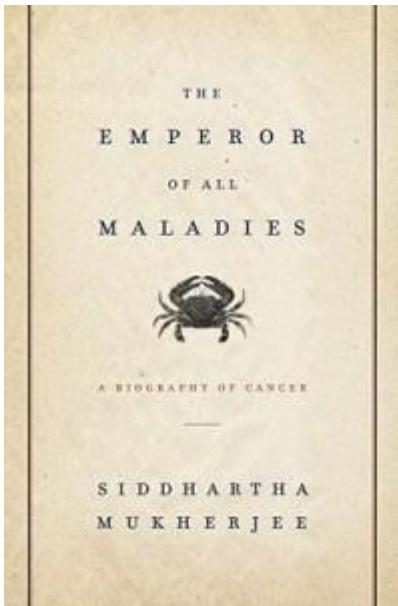
- \* A black scholar who receives constant unwelcome advances and questions of "Are you from Detroit?"
- \* A writer who turns a blind eye to her respected husband's many affairs while meeting her own lover in a cabin in the woods.
- \* A man called "the stone thrower" who loves a woman made entirely of glass.
- \* A couple who must choose sides for the sake of their son after the second Civil War and the secession of the American South.
- \* Two adult sisters who refuse to live in fear after being kidnapped and sexually assaulted as young girls.
- \* A wife who pretends not to know that her abusive husband has swapped places with his kinder identical twin, who doesn't beat her.
- \* A couple who learns to overcome their guilt and grief over the death of their son when they are handed a new child by a mother who can't care for her.
- \* A cross-section of the women in a wealthy development, from the aimless, neglected white housewives to the Latina fitness trainer who's misunderstood by them.
- \* A priest and the woman he has an affair with.
- \* A woman who craves pain in a relationship after the loss of her son.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Literary fiction, short stories

**Tone:** Offbeat, thought-provoking

**Writing style:** Stylistically complex



### ***The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer***

by Siddhartha Mukherjee, 2011

Here is a magnificent, profoundly humane "biography" of cancer - from its first documented appearances thousands of years ago through the epic battles in the twentieth century to cure, control, and conquer it to a radical new understanding of its essence. Physician, researcher, and award-winning science writer Siddhartha Mukherjee examines cancer with a cellular biologist's precision, a historian's perspective, and a biographer's passion.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction, book to movie (documentary)

**Award:** Pulitzer Prize for General Non-fiction, 2011

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### ***Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*** by Matthew Desmond, 2016

A Harvard sociologist examines the challenge of eviction as a formidable cause of poverty in America, revealing how millions of people are wrongly forced from their homes and reduced to cycles of extreme disadvantage that are reinforced by dysfunctional legal systems.

**Kit size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction

**Award:** Pulitzer Prize for Non-fiction 2017

### ***Exit West*** by Mohsin Hamid, 2017

The internationally best-selling author of *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* presents the story of two young lovers whose furtive affair is shaped by local unrest on the eve of a civil war that erupts in a cataclysmic bombing attack, forcing them to abandon their previous home and lives.

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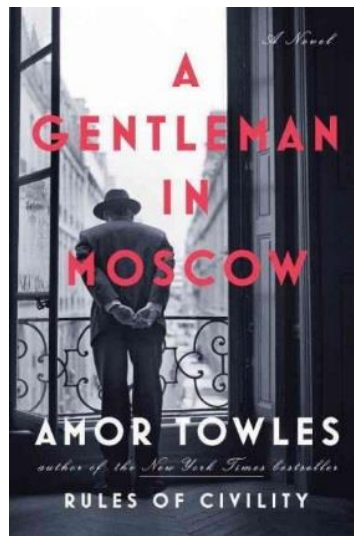
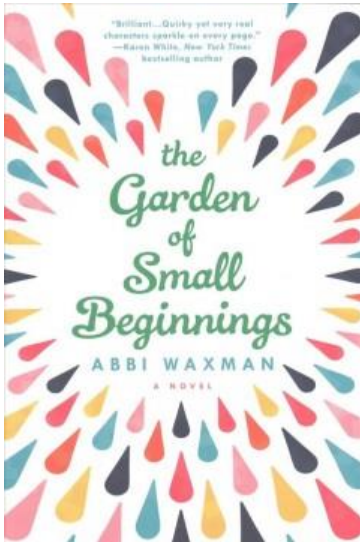
**Genre:** Adult books for young adults, literary fiction, love story, political fiction, war story

**Characters:** Authentic

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Bittersweet, bleak

**Awards:** *New York Times* Notable Books-Fiction and Poetry 2017



### ***The Garden of Small Beginnings* by Abbi Waxman, 2017**

Rendered a single mom after her husband's fatal car accident, textbook illustrator Lillian recruits her young daughters and supportive sister to help her do research for a boutique vegetable guide at the Los Angeles Botanical Garden. A patient instructor and quirky gardeners help her grieve and find healing.

**Kit size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Women's lives and relationships

**Characters:** Authentic

**Tone:** Heart-wrenching

**Writing style:** Engaging, well-crafted dialogue

**Award:** Great Gift Books for Adult Readers 2017

### ***A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, 2016**

Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal in 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin, where he endures life in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history unfold. By the best-selling author of *Rules of Civility*.

**Kit A:** 5 copies

**Kit B:** 5 copies

**Genre:** Historical fiction, Literary fiction

**Characters:** Likeable

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Strong sense of place

**Writing style:** Lyrical, witty

### ***The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes, 2015**

A college student investigates the sad story of a displaced Chinese American in 1886 before making a discovery in a scrap of silk that forces her to choose between her family's honor and the truth.

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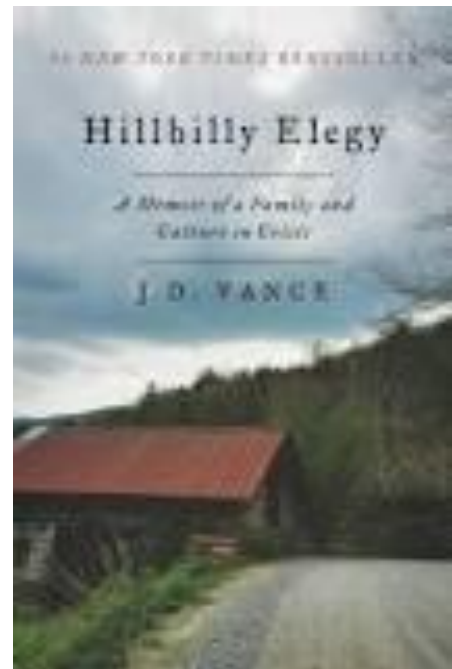
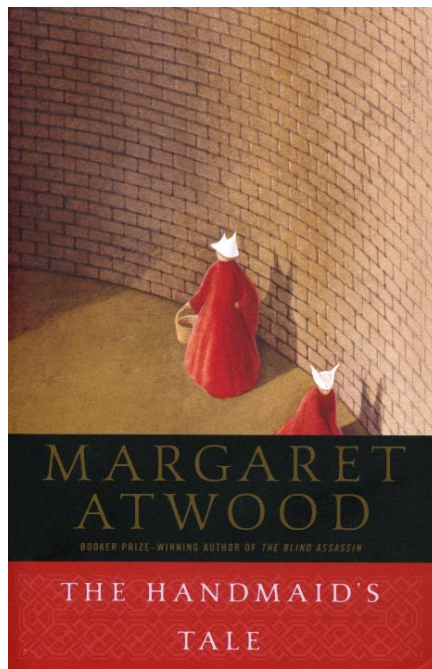
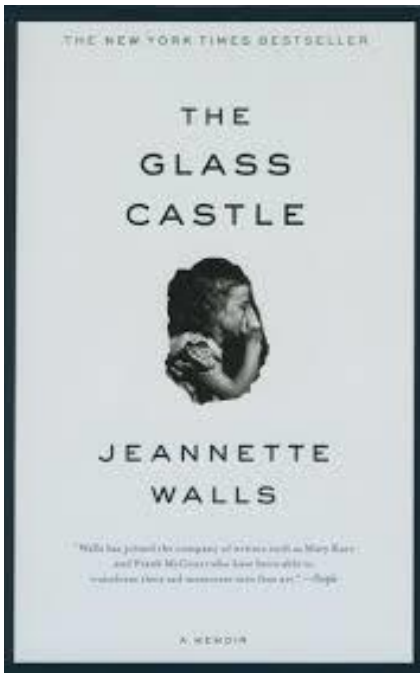
**Kit B:** 6 copies

**Genre:** Mainstream fiction, parallel narratives

**Tone:** Atmospheric, moving

**Writing style:** Compelling

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### ***The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, 2009**

The second child of a scholarly, alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing from the Arizona desert, to Las Vegas, to an Appalachian mining town, during which her siblings and she fended for themselves while their parents out-maneuvered bill collectors and the authorities.

**Kit Size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Biography, book to movie

### ***The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, 1986**

Offred, a Handmaid, describes life in what was once the United States, now the Republic of Gilead, a shockingly repressive and intolerant monotheocracy, in a satirical tour de force set in the near future.

**Kit size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Books to movies; books to tv; Canadian fiction; dystopian fiction; literary fiction; science fiction; science fiction classics

**Character:** Complex; introspective; large cast of characters

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Pace:** Leisurely paced

**Tone:** Disturbing; reflective

**Writing Style:** Compelling; descriptive; lyrical

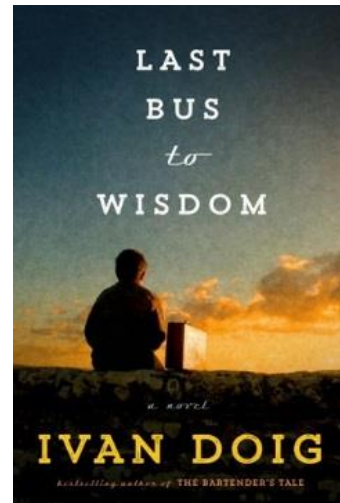
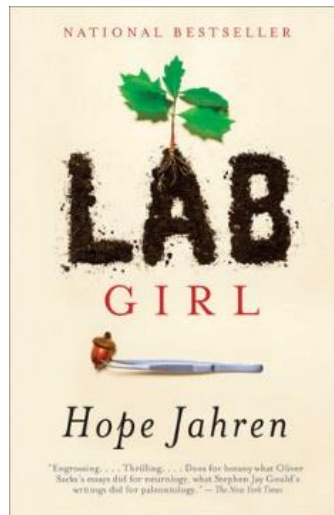
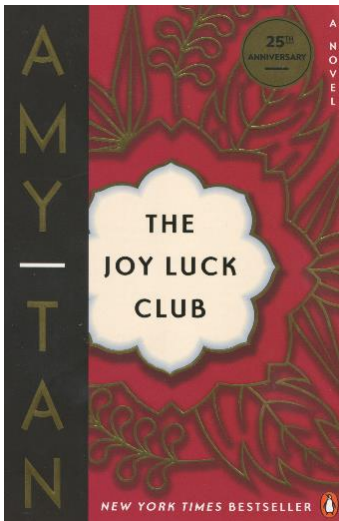
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### ***Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance, 2017**

*Hillbilly Elegy* is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck. A deeply moving memoir with its share of humor and vividly colorful figures, *Hillbilly Elegy* is the story of how upward mobility really feels. And it is an urgent and troubling meditation on the loss of the American dream for a large segment of this country.

**Kit Size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction



### ***The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan, 1989**

After being drawn together by the shadows of their past, four women start meeting every week in San Francisco to engage in hobbies they all enjoy. After one of the four members dies, her daughter takes her place to fulfill her mother's dying wish. After the revelation of a secret, the women are forced to think back to their pasts and remember the sometimes painful events of their lives.

**Kit size:** 9 copies

**Genre:** Books-to-movies; first person narratives; historical fiction; multiple perspectives; women's lives and relationships

**Themes:** Immigrant experiences

**Character:** Authentic; culturally diverse

**Storyline:** Character-driven; nonlinear; own voices

**Tone:** Moving; mystical

**Writing Style:** Lyrical; witty

**Awards:** Great American Read 2018; ALA Notable Books - Fiction: 1990; YALSA 100 Best Books (1950-2000)

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### ***Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren, 2016**

A debut memoir by an award-winning paleobiologist traces her childhood in her father's laboratory, her longtime relationship with a brilliant but wounded colleague and the remarkable discoveries they have made both in the lab and during extensive field research assignments.

**Kit Size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Biography

### ***Last Bus to Wisdom* by Ivan Doig, 2015**

Rejected by his domineering great-aunt during the summer of 1951, imaginative eleven-year-old Donal travels back to his ailing grandmother's home accompanied by his German great-uncle while experiencing haphazard adventures along the way.

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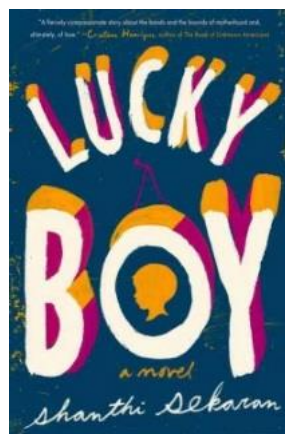
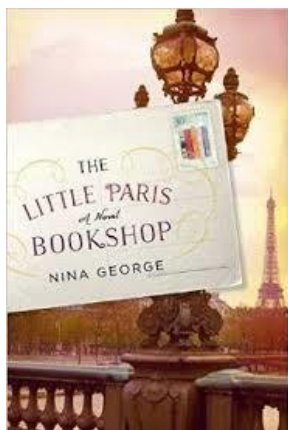
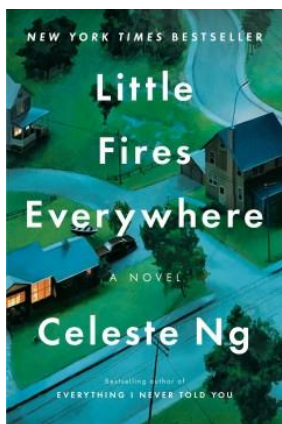
**Genre:** Coming-of-age story, historical fiction, road novel

**Characters:** Likeable

**Tone:** Amusing, heartwarming, home-spun, nostalgic

**Writing style:** Engaging





### ***Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, 2017**

Ugliness seethes under a placid suburban surface in this multilayered novel, in which two families grow too close for comfort. Itinerant artist Mia and her teenage daughter Pearl rent a Shaker Heights, Ohio, house from the Richardsons, who have four kids around Pearl's age. Three of the four become Pearl's constant companions; the fourth becomes Mia's. A custody suit elsewhere in the community threatens everything -- and calls into being the "little fires everywhere." Told backwards through time via multiple narrators, this insightful book will appeal to fans of complex family dramas.

**Kit size:** 6 copies

**Genre:** Adult books for young adults; Literary fiction; Multiple perspectives

**Themes:** Maybe baby; Suburban malaise

**Character:** Complex

**Storyline:** Character-driven; Nonlinear

**Awards:** Booklist Editors' Choice - Adult Fiction for Young Adults: 2017; Goodreads Choice Awards: 2017; LibraryReads Favorites: 2017; Loan Stars Favourites: 2017

### ***The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George, 2015**

Prescribing books that offer therapeutic benefits to his customers, a literary apothecary in a floating bookstore on the Seine struggles with private heartbreak before embarking on a journey of healing at the side of a blocked writer and a lovelorn chef.

**Kit size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Mainstream fiction, translation

**Characters:** Likeable, quirky

**Tone:** Heartwarming, romantic

**Writing style:** Descriptive, engaging

**Award:** LibraryReads Favorites 2015

### ***Lucky Boy* by Shanthi Sekaran, 2017**

A wrenching emotional battle ensues between an undocumented Mexican single mother and an Indian-American chef who cannot have children when the latter is placed in the care of the former's son during an immigration detention. By the author of *The Prayer Room*.

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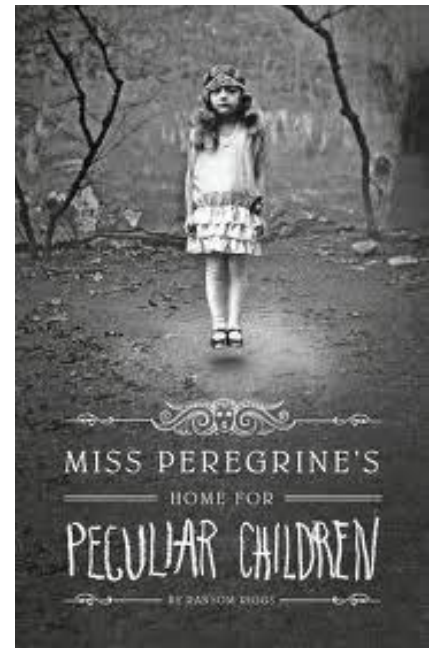
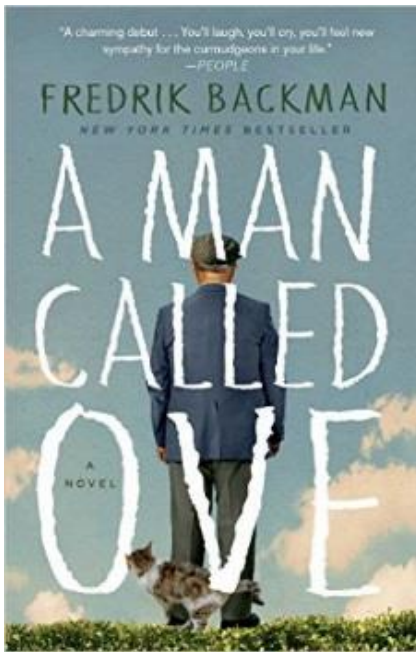
**Genre:** Multiple perspectives

**Characters:** Sympathetic

**Tone:** Moving

**Writing style:** Thoughtful

**Awards:** Library Journal Top Ten, Loan Stars Favourites 2017



### ***A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, 2014**

A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.

**Kit Size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Book to movie, mainstream fiction, translation

**Characters:** Quirky, sympathetic

**Tone:** Upbeat

**Writing style:** Engaging, thoughtful, witty

### ***Mary Coin* by Marisa Silver, 2013**

Imagines the lives of the subject of the photograph, photographer, and a college professor who finds a connection to a family legacy in the image of the iconic "Migrant Mother."

**Kit size:** 5 copies

**Genre:** Historical fiction; parallel narratives; women's lives and relationships

**Tone:** Heart-wrenching; moving; reflective

**Donated by:** Jemez Springs Public Library

### ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, 2011**

A horrific family tragedy sends sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of an old orphanage that was home to children who were not just peculiar, but also possibly dangerous--and who may still be alive. Illustrated with vintage photographs.

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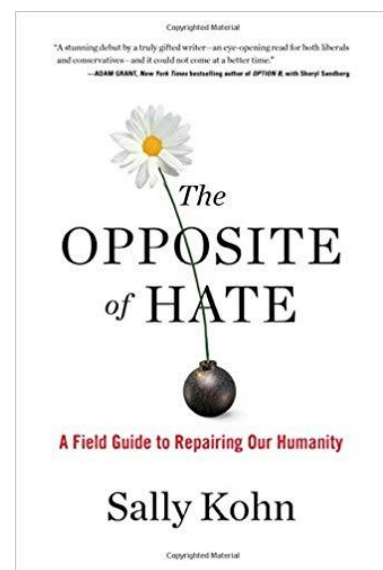
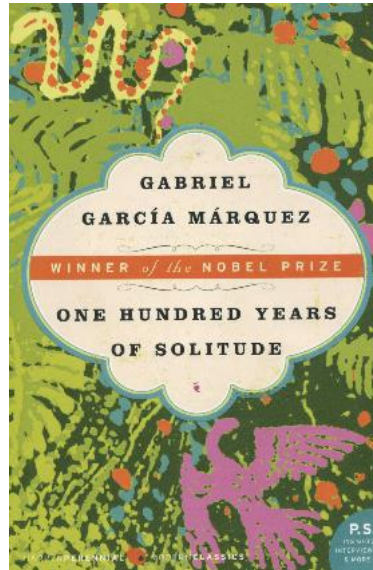
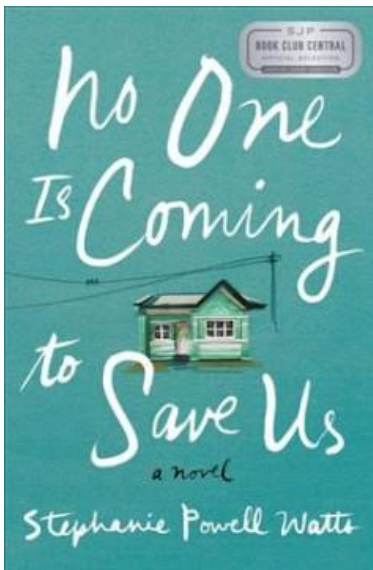
**Genre:** Book to movie, fantasy fiction, illustrated book

**Characters:** Authentic, well-developed

**Tone:** Atmospheric, creepy

**Illustration:** Black-and-white, photographic

**Awards:** BILBY Books I Love Best Yearly (Australia): Older Reader; Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards, Young Adult; Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults 2012



***No One Is Coming to Save Us* by Stephanie Powell Watts, 2017**

A tale inspired by *The Great Gatsby* is set in the contemporary South and follows the difficulties endured by an extended black family with colliding visions of the American dream. By the author of *We Are Taking Only What We Need*.

**Kit size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Adaptation, African American fiction, domestic fiction, literary fiction, Southern fiction

**Characters:** Authentic, sympathetic

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Pace:** Leisurely paced

**Tone:** Moving, strong sense of place

**Writing style:** Engaging

***One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel García Márquez, 1970**

The evolution and eventual decadence of a small South American town is mirrored in the family history of the Buendias.

**Kit size:** 9 copies

**Genre:** Family saga; literary fiction; magical realism; modern classic; translation

**Character:** Flawed; large cast of characters

**Tone:** Haunting; Melancholy; romantic

**Writing Style:** Lush; lyrical; stylistically complex

**Award:** Great American Read 2018

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***The Opposite of Hate: A Field Guide to Repairing Our Humanity***

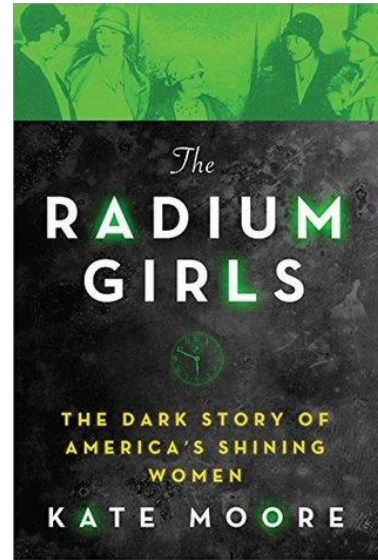
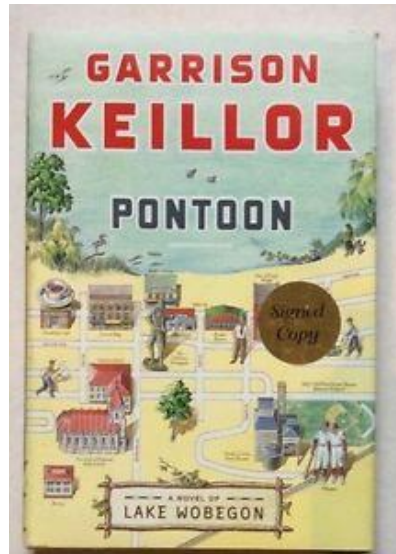
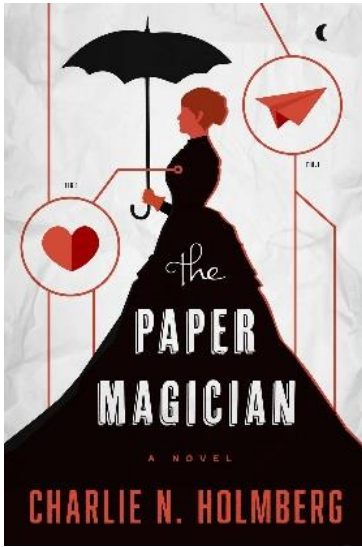
by Sally Kohn, 2018

At a moment when we are facing an epidemic of incivility and hate, popular CNN commentator Sally Kohn sets out to discover why we hate and how we can inoculate ourselves.

**Kit size:** 6 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction

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***The Paper Magician*** by Charlie N. Holmberg, 2014

Bound to a magic she never wanted, a young apprentice falls deeper into its mysteries when she must use everything she's learned from her master in order to save him, and his heart.

**Kit A:** 5 copies

**Kit B:** 5 copies

**Genre:** Historical fantasy

**Characters:** Well-developed

**Tone:** Whimsical

**Writing style:** Engaging

**Sponsored by:** Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho

***Pontoon: A Lake Wobegon Novel*** by Garrison Keillor, 2007

Astonished to learn that her impeccable mother led a secret life marked by her passionate love for a Las Vegas man and a private commitment to pleasure, Barbara elects to end destructive patterns in her own life while honoring her mother's final wishes, an effort that coincides with a veterinarian's efforts to marry her reluctant fiancé.

**Kit Size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Humorous stories

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Funny, heartwarming

***The Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women***

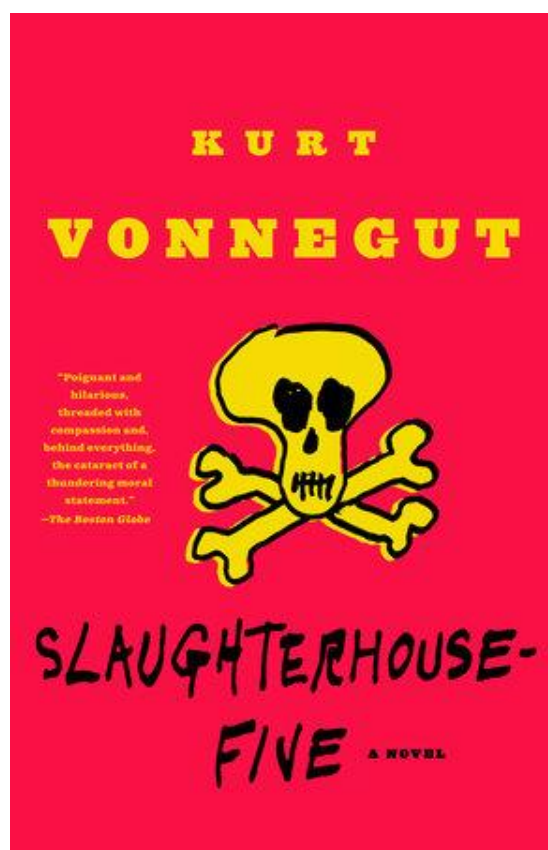
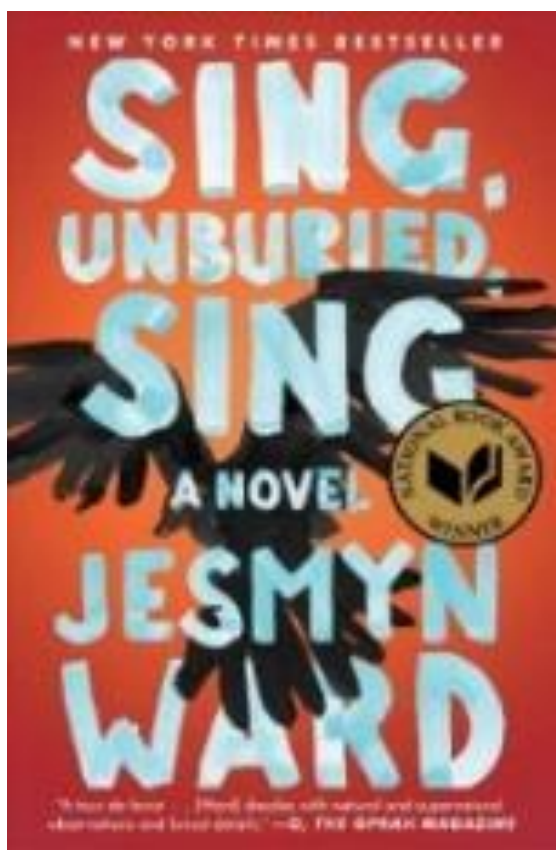
by Kate Moore, 2017

This full-length account of the struggles of hundreds of women who were exposed to dangerous levels of radium while working factory jobs during World War I, describing how they were misled by their employers and became embroiled in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction

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***Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward, 2017**

A story of how the past affects the present, and of deeply entrenched racism, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* describes the life of a biracial boy, his addicted, grieving black mother, and his incarcerated white father. A road trip to Dad's prison kick-starts the novel, which offers deeply affecting characters, a strong sense of place (rural Mississippi), and a touch of magical realism in appearances by the dead.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** African American fiction; Literary fiction; Multiple perspectives; Southern fiction

**Character:** Complex; Large cast of characters

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Bleak; Moving; Strong sense of place

**Writing Style:** Compelling; Gritty; Lyrical; Stylistically complex

**Awards:** Librarian's Choice (Australia) 2017; National Book Awards: Fiction; New York Times Notable Books, Fiction & Poetry 2017

***Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut, 1994**

Billy Pilgrim, a chaplain's assistant during the Second World War, returns home only to be kidnapped by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore, who teach him that time is an eternal present.

**Kit size:** 6 copies

**Genre:** Books to movies; literary fiction; modern classics; science fiction; science fiction classics

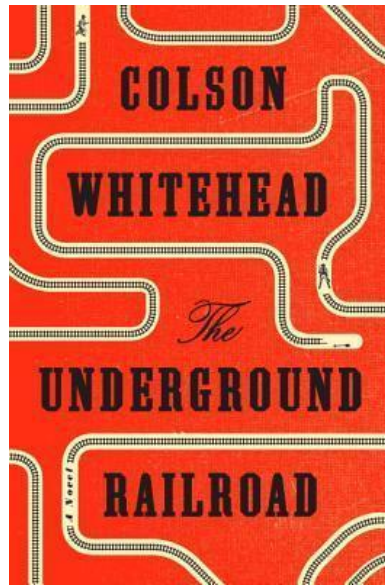
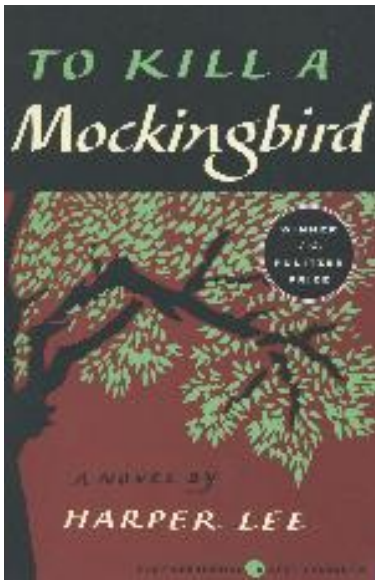
**Themes:** First contact; return from war

**Character:** Quirky

**Storyline:** Unconventional

**Tone:** Darkly humorous; disturbing

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### ***To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, 1960**

Scout Finch, daughter of the town lawyer, likes to spend her summers building treehouses, swimming, and catching lightning bugs with her big brother Jem. But one summer, when a black man is accused of raping a white woman, Scout's carefree days come to an end. In the county courtroom, she will join her father in a desperate battle against ignorance and prejudice.

**Kit size:** 9 copies

**Genre:** Books to movies; Coming-of-age stories; First person narratives; Literary fiction; Modern classics; Southern fiction

**Themes:** Facing racism

**Character:** Complex

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Atmospheric; Bittersweet; moving; thought-provoking

**Writing Style:** Lyrical

**Awards:** Winner of *The Great American Read* 2018; Pulitzer Prize: Fiction

This kit is offered as part of a grant for *The Great American Read* from the American Library Association and PBS.

### ***The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead, 2016**

The award-winning author of *The Noble Hustle* chronicles the daring survival story of a cotton plantation slave in Georgia, who, after suffering at the hands of both her owners and fellow slaves, races through the Underground Railroad with a relentless slave-catcher close behind.

**Kit Size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** African-American fiction, historical fiction, literary fiction

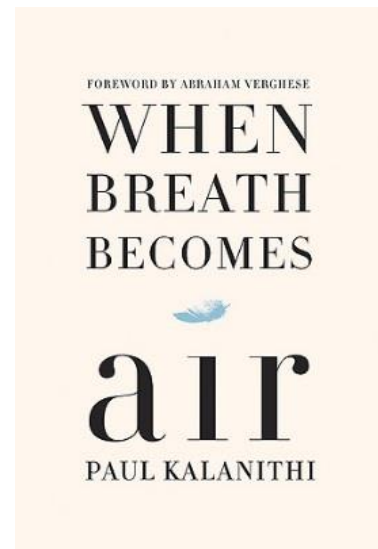
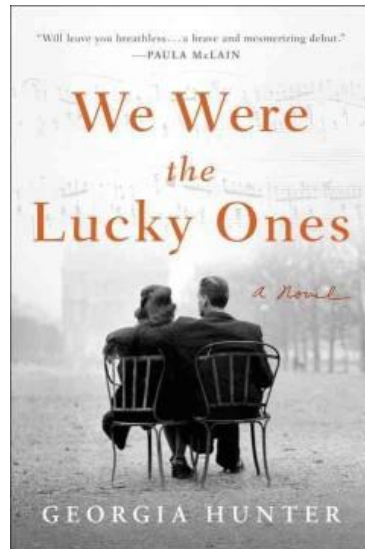
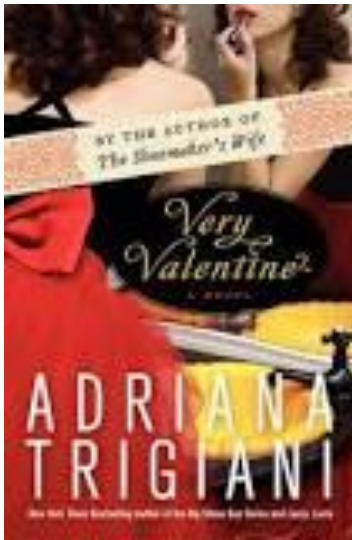
**Characters:** Large cast of characters, strong female

**Storyline:** Unconventional

**Tone:** Disturbing, dramatic, moving, thought-provoking

**Writing style:** Compelling, descriptive, stylistically complex

**Awards:** American Library Association (ALA) Notable Books-Fiction 2017; Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction; Arthur C. Clarke Award; Booklist Editors' Choice-Best Fiction Books 2016; Goodreads Choice Awards 2016; Hurston Wright Legacy Awards: Fiction; Indies Choice Book Awards: Adult Fiction; Library Journal Top Ten; National Book Awards: Fiction; New York Times Notable Books-Fiction and Poetry 2016; Pulitzer Prize: Fiction



### ***Very Valentine* by Adriana Trigiani, 2009**

When a failing shoe business in Greenwich Village falls unexpectedly into her lap, apprentice Valentine Roncalli is challenged to bring her family's old-world craftsmanship into the 21st century, an endeavor that is further complicated by personal responsibilities and her budding romance with a chef.

**Kit Size:** 12 copies

**Genre:** Mainstream fiction, women's romantic fiction

**Characters:** Flawed

**Storyline:** Character-driven

**Tone:** Funny, heartwarming, moving

**Writing style:** Descriptive, lush

**Award:** The Reading List (Reference and User Services Association) 2010

**Sponsored by:** Friends of the Library of Rio Rancho

### ***We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter, 2017**

A novel based on the true story of a Jewish-Polish family recounts how the Kurcs are scattered throughout the world by the horrors of World War II and fight respective hardships to survive, reach safety and find each other. Includes a family tree.

**Kit size:** 8 copies

**Genre:** Biographical fiction, family sagas, historical fiction

**Tone:** Moving

**Writing style:** Richly detailed

**Award:** LibraryReads Favorites 2017

### ***When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi, 2016**

A Ivy League-trained, award-winning young neurosurgeon describes his how after receiving a terminal diagnosis with lung cancer he explored the dynamics of his roles as a patient and care provider, the philosophical conundrums about a meaningful life and how he wanted to spend his final days.

**Kit size:** 7 copies

**Genre:** Non-fiction

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