



2025 Staff Picks

Check out our favorite reads!

Every year we gather a list of books our staff read and loved during the past year. We recommend all of the following books as good reads. Not sure where to find something? Ask us!

Fiction for Adults

- The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams
- I'll Be Waiting by Kelley Armstrong
- Empire of Flame and Thorns by Marion Blackwood
- Out on a Limb by Hannah Bonam-Young
- First-Time Caller by B.K. Borison
- Good Spirits by B.K. Borison
- The Truth About Cads and Dukes by Elisa Braden
- Desperately Seeking a Scoundrel by Elisa Braden
- The Devil is a Marquess by Elisa Braden
- When a Girl Loves an Earl by Elisa Braden
- Confessions of a Dangerous Lord by Elisa Braden
- Anything But a Gentleman by Elisa Braden
- A Marriage Made in Scandal by Elisa Braden
- A Kiss from a Rogue by Elisa Braden
- Wooing the Witch Queen by Stephanie Burgis
- The Bridegroom Wore Plaid by Grace Burrows
- The Sun Blessed Prince by Lindsey Byrd
- Always Proper, Suddenly Scandalous by Christi Caldwell
- Always a Rogue, Forever Her Love by Christi Caldwell
- Once a Wallflower, at Last His Love by Christi Caldwell
- Santa Olivia by Jacqueline Carey
- Starless by Jacqueline Carey
- A Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet by Becky Chambers
- Slippery Creatures by KJ Charles
- Spark of the Everflame by Penn Cole
- Any Duchess Will Do by Tessa Dare

- Do You Want to Start a Scandal by Tessa Dare
- The Governess Game by Tessa Dare
- The Wallflower Wager by Tess Dare
- 24690 by A.A. Dark
- Undead and Unwed by MaryJanice Davidson
- All the Painted Stars by Emma Denny
- One Night in Hartswood by Emma Denny
- James by Percival Everett
- Two Twisted Crowns by Rachel Gillig
- Eat the Ones You Love by Sarah Maria Griffin
- Tusk Love by Thea Guanzon
- By the Book by Jasmine Guillory
- A Lady for the Duke by Alexis J. Hall
- Mate by Ali Hazelwood
- The Princess Knight by Cait Jacobs
- Last Twilight in Paris by Pam Jenoff
- A Fate Inked in Blood by Danielle L. Jensen
- Hemlock and Silver by T. Kingfisher
- Paladin's Grace by T. Kingfisher
- The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune
- The Irresistible Urge to Fall for Your Enemy by Brigitte Knightley
- The Half King by Melissa Landers
- Time Loops & Meet Cutes by Jackie Lau
- The Keeper of Magical Things by Julie Leong
- Our Winter Monster by Dennis A. Mahoney
- A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping by Sangu Mandanna
- Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy
- The Intruder by Freida McFadden
- Ballad of the Blade by Andrew P. Meritt
- Love Is a War Song by Danica Nava
- Automatic Noodle by Annalee Newitz
- The Hand That First Held Mine by Maggie O'Farrell
- Children of Chicago by Cynthia Pelayo
- Shield of Sparrows by Devney Perry
- Even Though I Knew the End by C.L. Polk
- Sounds Like Love by Ashley Poston
- The Baby Dragon Cafe by A.T. Qureshi
- The Nightmare Before Kissmas by Sara Raasch
- The Entanglement of Rival Wizards by Sara Raasch

- Kills Well With Others by Deanna Raybourn
- Some Murders in Berlin by Karen Robards
- Bloodguard by Cecy Robson
- Timeborne by Sara Samuels
- Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil by V.E. Schwab
- We Could Be So Good by Cat Sebastian
- You Should Be So Lucky by Cat Sebastian
- Alchemised by SenLinYu
- In Five Years by Rebecca Serle
- Dire Bound by Sable Sorensen
- Beneath a Crescent Shadow by A.L. Sowards
- A Queen This Fierce and Deadly, by Stacia Stark
- Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto
- Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt
- Women Talking by Miriam Toews
- One Final Turn by Ashley Weaver
- Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir
- The Betrayal of Thomas True by A.J. West
- Of Mist and Shadow by Jenna Wolfhart
- Of Ash and Embers by Jenna Wolfhart
- Of Night and Chaos by Jenna Wolfhart
- Of Dust and Stars by Jenna Wolfhart
- Dragons & Dumplings by Vanna Woods

Nonfiction for Adults

- Want by Gillian Anderson
- Embers of the Hands by Eleanor Rosamund Barraclough
- A History of the World in Six Plagues by Edna Bonhomme
- My Beloved Monster by Caleb Carr
- Tastes and Traditions by Nathalie Cooke
- One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This by Omar El Akkad
- Oathbreakers by Matthew Gabriele
- The Little Gothic Bakeshop by Helena Garcia
- Everything Is Tuberculosis by John Green
- Are You Mad at Me? by Meg Josephson
- The Zorg by Siddharth Kara
- Genesis by Henry A. Kissinger
- History Matters by David G. McCullough

- A Promised Land by Barack Obama
- How to Stand Up to a Dictator by Maria Ressa
- Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach
- The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins
- Do Not Cry When I Die by Renee Salt
- My Autobiography of Carson McCullers by Jenn Shapland
- Shakespeare's Sisters by Ramie Targoff

Graphic Novels for Adults

- My Happy Marriage by Akumi Agitogi
- Magical Girl Incident by Zero Akabana
- The Hidden Life of Trees by Frederic Bernard
- Snow Angel by Jaruka Chizu
- Wandance by Coffee
- Love of Kill by Fe
- The Ayakashi Hunter's Tainted Bride by Mamenosuke Fujimaru
- Wotakoi: Love Is Hard for Otaku by Fujita
- The Emperor's Caretaker by Ichiha Hiiragi
- Kamudo by Akira Himekawa
- Feeding Ghosts by Tessa Hulls
- See You in My 19th Life by Lee Hye
- I Tamed My Ex-Husband's Mad Dog by Jagae
- Smoking Behind the Supermarket With You by Jinushi
- The Tree of Death: Yomotsuhegui by Masasumi Kakizaki
- On and Off: Work-Life Imbalance by Shinnosuke Kanazawa
- Under the Oak Tree by Suji Kim
- Unholy Blood by Lina Lim
- A Sign of Affection by suu Morishita
- Cat + Crazy by Wataru Nadatani
- My Secretly Hot Husband by Gabi Nam
- A Business Proposal by Narak
- The Climber by Shin'ichi Sakamoto
- The 13th Footprint by Kei Sanbe
- Witch Hat Atelier by Kamome Shirahama
- Otaku Vampire's Love Bite by Julietta Suzuki
- Josee, the Tiger, and the Fish by Seiko Tanabe
- Hell Is Dark With No Flowers by Ruka Todo
- Omniscient Readers Viewpoint by Umi
- Home Office Romance by Kintetsu Yamada

Fiction for Teens

- Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Boulley
- As Old As Time by Liz Braswell
- Under the Same Stars by Libba Bray
- There Is a Door in This Darkness by Kristin Cashore
- Nightweaver by R.M. Gray
- The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han
- Celestial Banquet by Roselle Lim
- The Rose Bargain by Sasha Peyton Smith
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Fiction for Children

- Snail Trail by Ziggy Hanaor
- Millie Fleur's Poison Garden by Christy Mandin
- Millie Fleur Saves the Night by Christy Mandin
- The Gorgon's Fury by Brandon Mull
- Don't Trust Fish by Neil Sharpson
- A Stone Sat Still by Brendan Wenzel

Nonfiction for Children

- The Forest Revealed by Jada Fitch
- The Official Fablehaven Cookbook by Brandon Mull

Graphic Novels for Children

- Wait a Minotaur by Jeffrey Ebbeler
- Haru: Spring Book 1 by Joe Latham
- Garlic and the Vampire by Bree Paulsen
- Garlic and the Witch by Bree Paulsen



Most Recommended

Multiple staff members recommended these books!

- Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins
- Silver Elite by Dani Francis
- The Knight and the Moth by Rachel Gillig
- Cat's People by Tanya Guerrero
- Go Luck Yourself by Sara Raasch
- Poet's Square by Courtney Gustafson
- Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
- When the Tides Held the Moon by Venessa Vida Kelley
- Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros
- Dandadan by Yukinobu Tatsu
- Broken Ring by Chacha Kim
- Bloody Sweet by NaRae Lee
- Firefly Wedding by Oreco Tachibana
- 365 Days to the Wedding by Tamiki Wakaki
- Colette Decides to Die by Alto Yukimura
- Sheltering Eaves by Rie Aruga

