

Readers' Advisory and the Evolution of Lists



September 20, 2023

How does your library use lists to represent and welcome everyone in your communities?

Diverse Voices



Kindred Picks

STAFF LIST
Books Worth Your Time! - August 2023

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Teen Books Worth Your Time! - August 2023

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#ReadBlack Book Club

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Rainbow Reads Book Chat - July 2023

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Rainbow Reads Book Club

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Nuestras Raíces Picks

STAFF LIST
¿De Donde Viene Mi Socorro?

STAFF LIST
Diversifying Teen Reading List

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Libros nuevos en español en Libby

BLOG POST
Jardines Escolares son conectores potentes

[More Nuestras Raíces Picks](#)

Biblio Lotus

Our Mission

Biblio Lotus supports and values the culture and voice of our Asian communities in Pima County by providing resources and programs and by establishing ongoing partnerships with Asian organizations therein.

Our Vision

A blooming Asian community, represented in the culture and operations of the library system.

Our Values

Diversity - We honor the dynamic and rich Asian cultures.
Inclusion - We raise our own voices and honor one another's.
Education - We inform and connect staff to community.
Community - We share culture and knowledge within and outside of the library system.



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Kindred

We reach, support, and celebrate the Black community.

- Goals
- Kindred Picks
- By Grade: K-8
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PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Many Nations



[Contact Many Nations Team](#)

Mission

The Many Nations team's mission is to provide literacy outreach and establish ongoing partnerships with Native communities in Pima County.

Goal

Our goal is to engage in outreach events, programming support, and to increase the amount of Bookmobile stops in Native communities.

Values

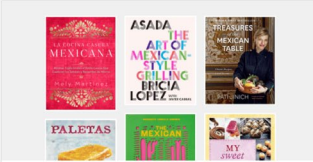
1. We value partnerships with Native communities in Pima County.
2. We value increased literacy of all types throughout Pima County.
3. We value outreach that promotes the many resources that the Pima County Public Library offers.

[About Spread the Wealth](#)

Su biblioteca

¡Bienvenidos!

¡Todo es posible con una tarjeta de la biblioteca!
¡Obtener tu tarjeta de la Biblioteca Pública del Condado Pima es fácil! Si vives en Pima County, la puedes adquirir! Nuestros servicios son gratuitos y están disponibles a todos. Obten tu tarjeta hoy y descubre un mundo de posibilidades.



¡A Celebrar! Let's Celebrate!

¡Aquí hay una lista de libros de cocina mexicana para celebrar el Día de la Independencia de México! Cookbooks for Mexican Independence Day!

Events | Eventos

8 Job Help / Ayuda Laboral
Sep 8th | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Eliza Library

8 One-on-One Help / Ayuda Individual
Sep 8th | 10:30am - 12:00pm
Richard Elias Mission Library

8 Yoga Class
Sep 8th | 11:00am - 12:00pm
Eckstrom Columbus Library

[View more events >](#)

Diverse Voices

STAFF LIST
Books Worth Your Time! - August 2023

STAFF LIST
Teen Books Worth Your Time! - August



Be yourself, we're here for everyone!

Since 1997, the Library's Pride Committee has committed itself to providing welcoming, inclusive opportunities for everyone. In the last year we have seen more transphobia and homophobia than we have in a long time. Between the calls for banning queer books, and the demands for LGBTQIA+ political figures to step down, it is clear that the LGBTQIA+ community is under threat both in Arizona and in the nation at large.

In light of this, we wish to state our position clearly:

The library stands in support of the trans and wider LGBTQIA+ communities. We will continue to provide materials by and about trans and queer people of all ages. We will continue to welcome trans and queer community members into our branches. The library is free and open to all, and we serve everyone.

We love you, we support you, and we want you here.

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Synapse

- More about us
- Our picks and recommendations
- Rainbow Reads book club
- Restroom use & gender identity
- Community resources

Mission

- To readily connect our patrons and staff to information (both physical and digital) to educate and inform their optimal mental health.
- To reduce stigma often associated with mental health issues so that our patrons and staff feel empowered to seek whatever help they need.
- To be a bridge of information to our community partners, who can further assist with their expertise.

Vision

- A community that feels more at ease discussing mental health as a part of their overall health, and has greatly freed itself of the stigma that surrounds mental health topics so that they feel ready to reach out for help and know that they are not alone.

Values

- **Diversity:** We honor that everyone has their own story, and that one person's mental health needs will be different from those of another. We strive to work across age groups, ethnicities, disability and socioeconomic status by working with affinity teams and service levels to best meet the needs of each group.
- **Inclusion:** We include all in our mission to optimize mental health in our community.
- **Education:** We strive to continue educating ourselves with the goal to connect patrons to mental health education and support.
- **Community:** We are welcoming, open, and ready to connect our patrons with the information they need to maintain good mental health.



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Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Post date: Tuesday, May 3, 2022

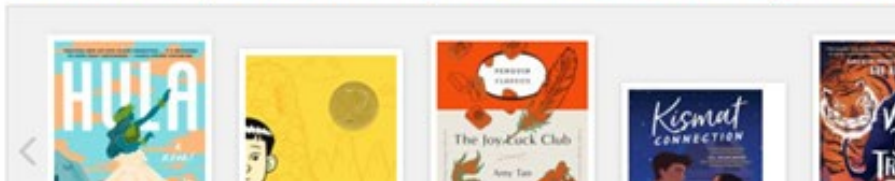
May is Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, and the Library is celebrating the achievements of AAPI with a collection of reading recommendations, films, and more.

READING RECOMMENDATIONS & OTHER RESOURCES

Explore books, films, and other digital resources that highlight AAPI stories, experiences, and history.

[VIEW FULL LIST](#)

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



[Link](#)

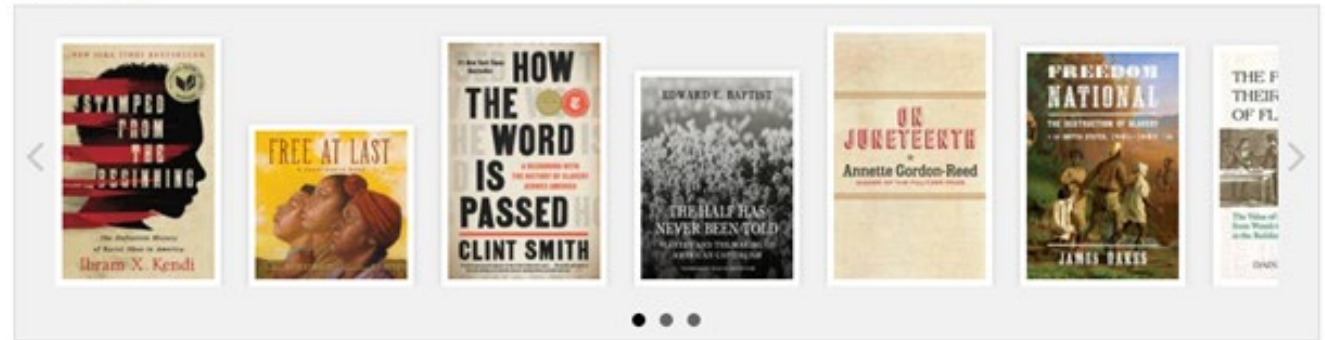
READING & TOPIC LISTS:

Juneteenth: History of Emancipation

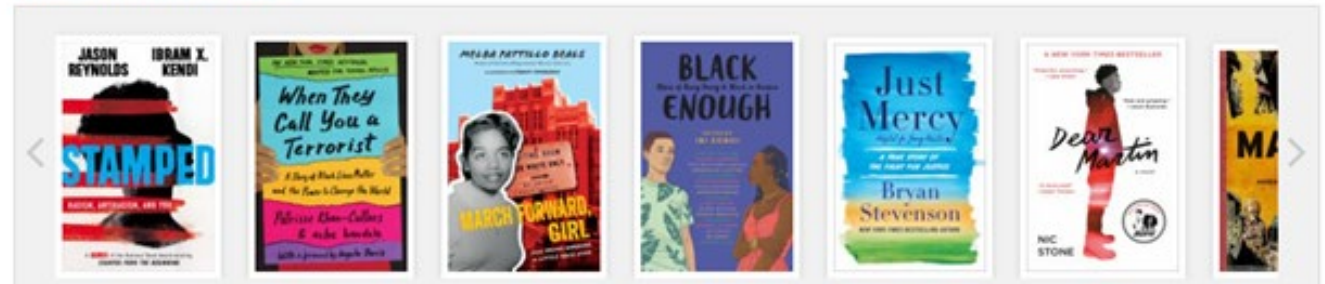
This collection of books explores the impact of slavery and the legacy and cultural significance of Juneteenth.

[View full list in catalog >](#)


Juneteenth



Juneteenth For Teens



[Link](#)



Mental Health Awareness Month

To fight the stigma surrounding mental health, and bring awareness to the 1 in 5 Americans who struggle in some way with mental illness, the Library has curated a list for readers of all ages with both fiction and nonfiction titles.

[More](#)

Examples of diverse & inclusive SPL lists



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
The Year in Asian American & Pacific Islander Fiction
By: Seattle Librarians
The Seattle Public Library

Enjoy a variety of fiction from the past year penned by Asian American and Pacific Islander authors, selected by our librarians. (Created April 2022)

1-25 of 55 ITEMS

Good Intentions
A Novel
By Ali, Kasim
Book - 2022

A young, British Pakistani man, Nur, falls in love with Yasmina, a beautiful aspiring, black journalist and starts down a path of self-destruction as he tries to please both his strict family and his girlfriend.

Available in some locations

Bibliolepsy
by Agostini, Gha
Book - 2022

Winner of the 1 tells of a young

Available in some locations

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
Seattle Picks: African American Nonfiction
By: SeattleNonFic Librarians
The Seattle Public Library

Enjoy these recent African American nonfiction titles published within the last two years and recommended by our librarians. Annotations from review sources, as cited. (February 2023)

1-25 of 32 ITEMS

A Little Devil in America
Notes in Praise of Black Performance
by Abdurraqib, Hanif
Book - 2021

In this staggeringly intimate meditation, essayist & culture. Filled with nuance and lyricism, Abdurraqib

Available in some locations

My Pinup
A Paean to Prince
by Als, Hilton
Book - 2022

Pulitzer winner Als brings serpentine prose and a Publishers Weekly

Available in some locations

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
Seattle Picks: Native American Poetry
By: SeattleNonFic Librarians
The Seattle Public Library

This list of poetry by North American Indigenous poets was created by librarians at The Seattle Public Library. (Updated October 2022)

1-25 of 30 ITEMS

Words Like Thunder
New and Used Anishinaabe Prayers
by Beardtree, Lois
Book - 2020

Beardtree to an Anishinaabe (Lake Superior Ojibwe, a.k.a. Chippewa Indian) author and illustrator.

Available in some locations

Place hold

This Wound Is A World
by Belcourt, Billy-Ray
Book - 2019

Belcourt is a writer and academic from the Driftless Cree Nation.

All copies in use. [Availability details](#)
Holds: 1 on 3 copies

Place hold

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
Seattle Picks: Foundations of LGBTQIA Cinema
By: SeattleNonFic Librarians
The Seattle Public Library

Trace the history of LGBTQIA representation in film with this list of movies directed and/or about LGBTQIA people and characters. From documentaries to romance to drama and beyond, these key films depict a broad range of LGBTQIA experiences and perspectives. (June 2022)

1-25 of 25 ITEMS

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert
<https://www.kanopy.com/en/spl/video/11553147>
Web Resource

A surprise international hit from Australian director Stephan Elliott, this 1994 road comedy stars Hugo Weaving and Guy Pearce as two drag queens who take their act from Sydney to remote Alice Springs via a tour bus dubbed Priscilla.

Born in Flames
Streaming Video - 2014

Originally released in 1983, this feminist and queer cult classic still feels timely today. Set in an alternative United States, Born in Flames follows the rise of a diverse women-led rebellion after one of their leaders is mysteriously killed.

A Kanopy streaming video

Bound
DVD - 2012
The directorial debut

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
Seattle Picks: Local Music by Black Artists
By: SeattleNonFic Librarians
The Seattle Public Library

June is Black Music Month. Discover local Black artists past and present in Hoopla, Freegal, and Playback, the Library's streaming online local music collection.

1-25 of 45 ITEMS

American Songs: Place and Time, Vol. 3 by Marc Seales
<https://ngf.freegalmusic.com/search-page/1/marc%2520seales/artists/TW5Yy8BT2WF5ZXM/albums/80555826021Y2>
Web Resource

Ancient Mahogany Gold
by SassyBlack
Downloadable Music - 2019

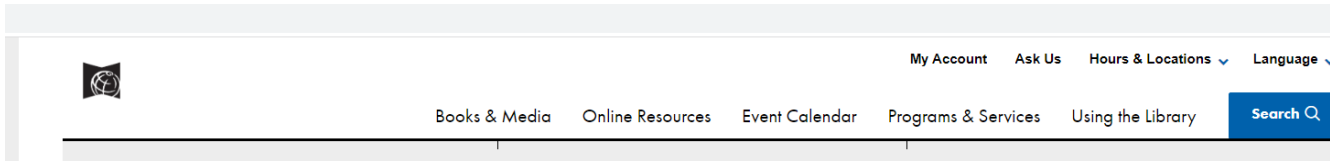
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Another Life
by Fyah
Downloadable Music - 2017

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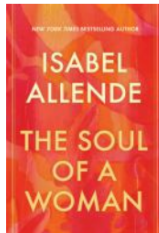
Staff Picks

Westerns for All

Hispanic Heritage Month 2023: Recent Nonfiction

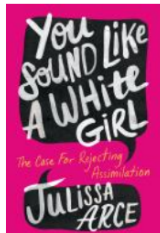
Banned Books for Teens

Hispanic Heritage Month 20



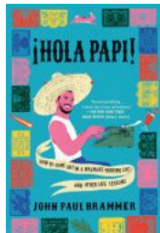
The Soul of a Woman

Allende, Isabel



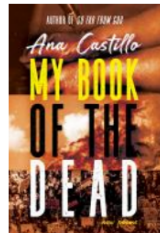
You Sound Like a White Girl

Arce, Julissa



¡Hola Papi!

Brammer, John Paul



My Book of the Dead

Castillo, Ana



Woman Without Shame

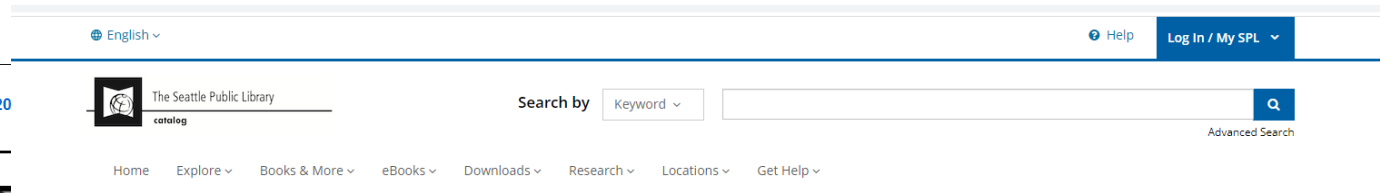
Cisneros, Sandra



Latinx Photography

Ferrer, Eli

[View the complete book list: Hispanic Heritage Month 2023: Recent Nonfiction](#)



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Hispanic Heritage Month 2023: Recent Nonfiction

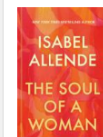
By: SeattleNonfictionLibrarians
The Seattle Public Library

Staff-created list

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15), enjoy these recent nonfiction titles by Latinx and Latine authors, selected by librarians at The Seattle Public Library. (August 2023)

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25 ITEMS



The Soul of a Woman

On Impatient Love, Long Life, and Good Witches

by Allende, Isabel

Book - 2021

Allende offers up an intimate memoir on the impact of feminism on her unique and fulfilling life. - Library Journal

Available in some locations

Place hold



You Sound Like a White Girl

The Case for Rejecting Assimilation


by Arce, Julissa



Does your library use lists to partner with or promote other community services or events if so, what are some good examples?

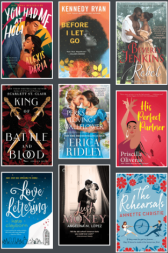
GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

TFOB Romance Available Now

By:  PimaLib_JessicaP
Pima County Public Library


Staff-created list

There is a record number of romance authors coming to Tucson Festival of Books! Want to get a head start on their books? Check out some of their new and backlist books now!




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25 ITEMS



You Had Me at Hola
A Novel
by Daría, Alexis
Book - 2020


Available [in some locations](#)



Before I Let Go
by Ryan, Kennedy
Book - 2022


GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Murder at the Tucson Festival of Books! Read All About It!

By:  PimaLib_ChristineR
Pima County Public Library


Staff-created list

Are you a true crime fan? The TFOB 2023 has a wide variety of true crime writers to visit. Read a book or two from the list below so you'll be ready for some in-depth discussion.



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14 ITEMS



Unmasked
My Life Solving America's Cold Cases
by Holes, Paul
Book - 2022

"Crime solving for me is more complex than the challenge of puzzle. The thought of good peo...Show more ▾"


Available [in some locations](#)



In the Mouth of the Wolf
A Murder, A Cover-up, and the True Cost of Silencing the
by Corcoran, Katherine
Book - 2022

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Southwest Books of the Year 2023 for Adults

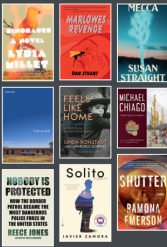
By:  PimaLib_SWBooks
Pima County Public Library

Staff-created list

Southwest Books of the Year considers titles published during the previous calendar year that are about Southwest subjects, or are set in the Southwest.


The Southwest Books of the Year panel of reviewers—subject specialists and voracious consumers of Southwest literature—are pleased to offer up their personal favorite titles of the year, complete with brief reviews. Books selected by two or more panelists become Southwest Books of the Year Top Picks, our designation for the best of the best. Their choices are published in our annual publication, Southwest Books of the Year.

Click on a title to see all formats available.



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23 ITEMS



Dinosaurs
A Novel
by Millet, Lydia
Book - 2022

TOP PICK: Across her three-decade career, Millet has specialized in concocting stories about domestic life that initially feel strange but, in her hands, ...Show more ▾"

Available [in some locations](#) [Place hold](#)

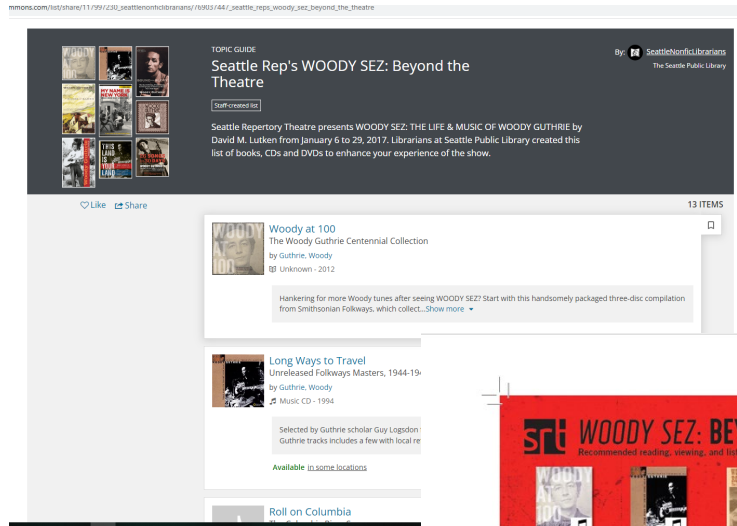


Marlowe's Revenge
by Stuart, Dan
Book - 2022

Seattle Public Library partnership with Seattle Rep



2017

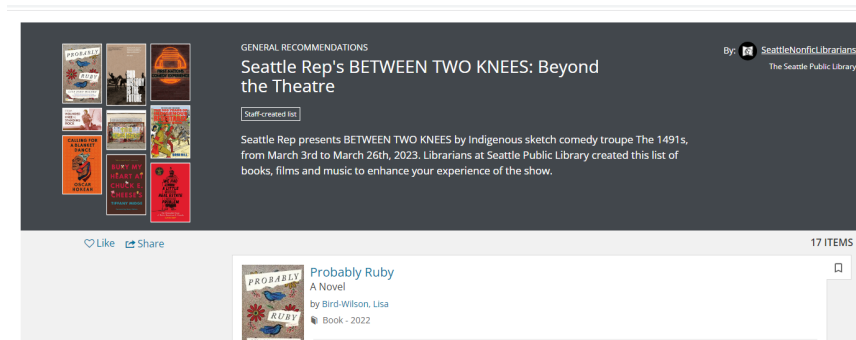


WOODY SEZ list in catalog

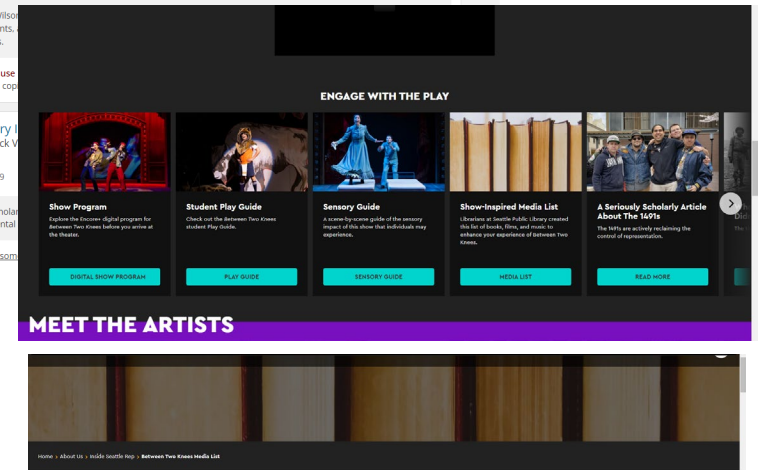
WOODY SEZ rack card distributed at shows



2023



BETWEEN TWO KNEES list



Seattle Rep website for BETWEEN TWO KNEES featuring the Library's list

Other recent SPL resource lists with community partners



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Malcolm X Day 2023 Reading List

By: SeattleNonfictionLibrarians
The Seattle Public Library

Staff-created list

Malcolm X Day celebrates the life and legacy of Malcolm X on his birthday, May 19, 1925. The Northwest African American Museum's (NAAM) annual Malcolm X Day event is Friday, May 19, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and includes activities for the entire family. This list of related books and films was compiled by librarians at Seattle Public Library in partnership with NAAM.

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17 ITEMS

Malcolm X Speaks
Selected Speeches and Statements
by X, Malcolm
Book - 1990

Available [in some locations](#)

Malcolm X at Oxford Union
Racial Politics in A Global Era
by Ambar, Saladin M.
Book - 2014

Available [in some locations](#)

By Any Means Necessary
by X, Malcolm

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Amoako Bofo: Soul of Black Folks at Seattle Art Museum

By: SeattleNonfictionLibrarians
The Seattle Public Library

Staff-created list

The Seattle Art Museum is exhibiting "Amoako Bofo: Soul of Black Folks" from July 13 - September 10, 2023. Ghanaian portrait artist Bofo explores Black subjectivity, Black joy, and the Black gaze. Through his work, Bofo challenges portrayals that objectify and dehumanize Blackness, examining the nexus of portraiture and power. Explore the themes of this exhibit with these books selected by librarians at the Seattle Public Library.

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1-25 of 27 ITEMS

Amoako Bofo
Book - 2022

All copies in use [Availability details](#)
Holds: 11 on 4 copies

Amoako Bofo
Soul of Black Folks
Book - 2023

All copies in use [Availability details](#)
Holds: 18 on 2 copies

The Souls of Black Folk
With "The Talented Tenth" and "The Souls of Black Folk"
by DuBois, W. E. B.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Indigiqueer 2023

By: Seattle Quick Picks
The Seattle Public Library

Staff-created list

Librarians at The Seattle Public Library created this list of fiction and nonfiction by queer and trans Indigenous authors for the 2023 Indigiqueer Festival.

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12 ITEMS

A History of My Brief Body
by Belcourt, Billy-Ray
Book - 2020

Nonfiction. In sharp pieces infused with a yearning for decolonized love and freedom, Belcourt, of the Driftpile Cree Nation, ably balances poetic, philosophical, and political insights throughout this unique book. (Kirkus Reviews)

All copies in use [Availability details](#)
Holds: 4 on 4 copies

Place hold



JCL – “Walk and Read” with local Parks & Rec: lists available as handouts and QR code links on signage.



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Walk and Read at a Park Near You!

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Thursday, Jun. 1, 2023

Family and friends of all ages are invited to join Johnson County Library for a walk in a park! **Walk and Read** creates a reading opportunity for all, in various locations throughout Johnson County like:

- [Strang Park](#)
- [Stoll Park](#)
- [Arts and Heritage Center](#)

Those who participate will read two stories posted around a path, one going each direction. When you finish one story, you can turn around to the other side of the sign and begin the next story, which will lead you back around the path. The Walk and Read program encourages physical activity, literacy and family time. The paths are stroller and wheelchair friendly, allowing for all to join in the fun! Dates are subject to adjustment due to inclement weather conditions.

[See the schedule »](#)

To celebrate Juneteenth, we will feature two **Juneteenth Walk and Read** events all day, Saturday, June 10-Monday, June 19:

- [Stoll Park](#)
Two stories, "Opal Lee and What it Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth" by Alice Faye



JCL – Lists for community/school booktalks, with link shared to lists with teachers to post on their portals/websites.




 **JoCoLibrary6by6**
Library Staff Johnson County Library

← JoCoLibrary6by6's Lists

JoCoLibrary6by6's Published Lists (80 lists)

List Name	List Type	Date Published
Johnson County Library Virtual Outreach - Growing Futures Early Education Center - August/September 2023	General Recommendations	Aug 17, 2023
Johnson County Library - Storytime OnDemand - Spanish and Bilingual	General Recommendations	May 24, 2023
Johnson County Library Virtual Outreach - Growing Futures Early Education Center - June/July 2023	General Recommendations	Aug 17, 2023

JCL – Lists for parents/caregivers for children of incarcerated patrons.



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Incarceration is a big word - picture books for families involved with the justice system

Staff-created list

Here is a list of children's picture books that address the topic of incarceration including arrest, jail, prison, and the justice system. I've also included some titles that focus on stress management.

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The Goodbye Book

by Parr, Todd

📖 Book - 2020

Author Todd Parr addresses difficult issues in an honest way that helps young people and difficult experiences. In this book, ...[Show more](#) ▾

How do you train staff to be list-makers, and what advice do you have for other libraries?

Overall Best Practices

DO

- Uphold patron privacy guidelines
- Keep your supervisor informed
- Provide unique perspectives in your area of expertise
- Think before posting
- Remember the catalog is meant to serve patrons—don't be overbearing by posting too often or trying too hard to assert your individual personality.
- Build stronger relationships with our patrons and community
- Get out there and join the conversation

DON'T

- Post obscene or racist content
- Post personal attacks, harassment, or threatening language
- Say anything you wouldn't say to a customer at the service desk
- Link to personal Twitter accounts or blogs in your staff account profile
- Defamatory statements
- Copywritten material
- Commercial promotions or spam
- Private or personal information
- Political or religious activities
- **Spoilers**

GREAT LISTS

Catchy Titles

- "Best of..."
- Trending topics
- Humor
- Puns
- Appeal words (pleasure, escape, great, exciting)

Inviting Descriptions

- Needed to be featured
- Pique interest
- Give some details
- Connect titles
- Who is this list for?
- Sell your list and its value

Annotations - if you want

- Opportunity to share your reasoning
- Add a personal touch from staff to patrons
- Shorter and scannable
- Relevant to the item and relevancy to the list
- If it is a list of juvenile titles, you are probably speaking to the parent

Trending Topics

Pop Culture

Podcasts, Movies, Music

Top Lists

Spin the Collection (fiction books with recipes, cozy music, mockumentaries with fake reviews)

Available Items (that aren't circulating, old and new)

Be Creative

Inform & Educate

Repeat Reference Questions

Appeal Factors (character, setting, language)

Displays

Include all types (books, music, DVDs, audio, digital)

Make a list in the catalog

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- [Find staff lists easily](#)

List Best Practices

When making a list, keep these things in mind:

No list should be completely white, straight, and male, if you can help it. PCPL is working hard to be more inclusive of people of all races, genders, orientations, religions, abilities, etc. There are topics where you won't be able to find a variety of items created by women, people of color, etc., and that's okay. But we ought to do our best to be inclusive when we can.

When including Indigenous/First Nations/Native authors, include their affiliation whenever possible. We better serve our Indigenous customers by including the nation in which North American Indigenous authors in particular are enrolled as an annotation or a part of an annotation. For example, add "Lipan Apache" as an annotation for *Elatsoe*, or "Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma" for *There There*. If they are not a member of a North American nation, include their affiliation as best you can, eg "Ambelin Kwaymullina belongs to the Palyku people of the eastern Pilbara region of Western Australia." This information can usually be found on the author's website, goodreads or amazon page.

When possible, **include at least two or three annotations** for a ten-item list, and keep going up as your item number increases. A list doesn't have to have annotations, but the reader is more engaged when they know why you've chosen it.

Include different formats when making book lists. Even if you don't read ebooks or listen to audiobooks, someone who finds the list will be happy to know a book they're interested in is in a particular format.

Most people will not go to the second page of a list. **Consider whether you need more than 25 items** if the title of your list isn't "The 100 Best YA Novels of the 2010s" or something of that nature.

Include items people can check out. Part of a list's purpose is to market the collection and get people to come in and check out materials. And people will want to do this! They love our lists, so

...And So On

List Disclaimers – Health & Wellness/Medical, Legal, Financial

Put the appropriate disclaimer in the description of your list after your (more appealing) description.

Health & Wellness/Medical List Disclaimer

>>Use this disclaimer for health, fitness, diet, medical or related lists.

This list contains items from the Library's collection that cover health/medical topics. We are not medical professionals, so please always seek the advice or care from a physician or health care professional to find out how this topic may or may not apply to your unique situation or overall health.

Example of use:

Curious about the latest diet fads? Check out these books that cover diet and nutrition trends you may have heard about. This list contains items from the Library's collection that cover health/medical topics. We are not medical professionals, so please always seek the advice or care from a physician or health care professional to find out how this topic may or may not apply to your unique situation or overall health.

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Looking to start a business and wonder what regulations you need to know about? Here are some recent titles on business management to check out. This list contains items from the Library's collection that cover legal topics. We are not legal professionals, so please always seek the advice or assistance of a legal professional for clarification about how this topic may or may not apply to your unique situation.

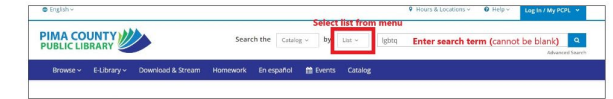
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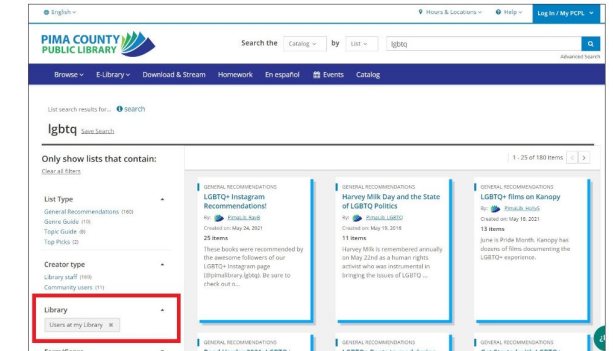
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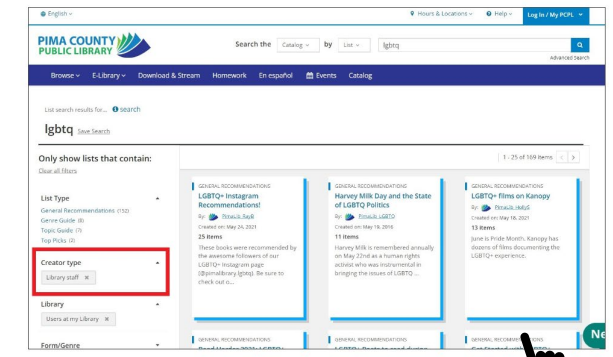
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GAME CHANGER



JCL - created an internal training program for new staff with two parts: technical (how-to) and moral/ethical (why.)



Digital Readers' Advisory Best Practices

Staff versus Patron Web Catalog Accounts

Staff Web Catalog Account

- Place holds ❌
- Check out items ❌
- Make lists ✓
- Leave comments ✓
- Make starred ratings ✓
- Comments and lists prioritized in the catalog ✓

Patron Web Catalog Account

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Vision and Values

Mission

Johnson County Library provides access to ideas, information, experiences and materials that support and enrich people's lives.

Vision

Johnson County Library creates an environment for people to explore, to enjoy, to create, connect.

Values

Customer needs come first.

We place the highest priority on service to our customers and treat every request with equal value.

People are respected.

We recognize the contributions of our staff and we treat all our customers and each other with respect.

Access to information is ensured.

We ensure access to information for people of all ages, abilities and means.

This is a learning organization.

We commit to the professional growth and enrichment of our staff and volunteers.

Freedom of information is protected.

We protect your freedom to read and view all library information.

Privacy and confidentiality are rights.

We safeguard your right to request and obtain information in confidence.

Basic services are provided without charge.

We provide basic library services free of charge.

Quality service is important.

We strive to deliver the highest quality services possible.

Integrity is a commitment.

We follow the highest ethical standards which have been adopted by Johnson County government and our profession.

We are stewards of community resources.

We respect the contributions of the community to its library. We hold ourselves accountable for the efficient and effective use of all resources which you commit to us -- people, time, assets and funds.

What are some of your favorite or most successful lists of all time?



TOP PICKS

Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Staff-created list

March 20 is the birthday of the world's very best neighbor, Fred Rogers, of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. In celebration, we asked folks to think of someone from literature, a movie, a TV show, etc. and asked, "Who would you want to be your neighbor and why?" Below is a gathered list of those answers.

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Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat
Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking



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TOPIC GUIDE

For the Nature Lovers With Allergies

Staff-created list

Love nature but stuck inside because of allergies? Don't worry, the Kansas City Public Library has gathered some books and films to enjoy from the comfort (and safety) of your couch inside.

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Into the Forest



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GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

100 7th & 8th Grade Level Books with African Americans

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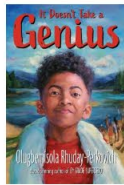
Books with Black characters or written by Black authors. Updated and originally published Jun 26, 2018

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It Doesn't Take A Genius

by Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola

Book - 2021

Available [in some locations](#)



The Cost of Knowing

by Morris, Brittney

Book - 2021



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Read Harder 2023: A Novel about a Trans Character by a Trans Author

Staff-created list

Are you participating in Book Riot's Read Harder challenge in 2023? Here are some titles to start with for task number 1: Read a novel about a trans character written by a trans author. Note that in this case trans includes all gender-nonconforming identities, including those who identify as transgender, agender, nonbinary, genderqueer, two-spirit, etc.

If you're curious about other formats or other books by the author, you can click through the title or author's name to see what else might be available!

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23 ITEMS



Confessions of the Fox

A Novel

by Rosenberg, Jordy

Book - 2018

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Place hold



Lark & Kasim Start A Revolution

by Callender, Kacen

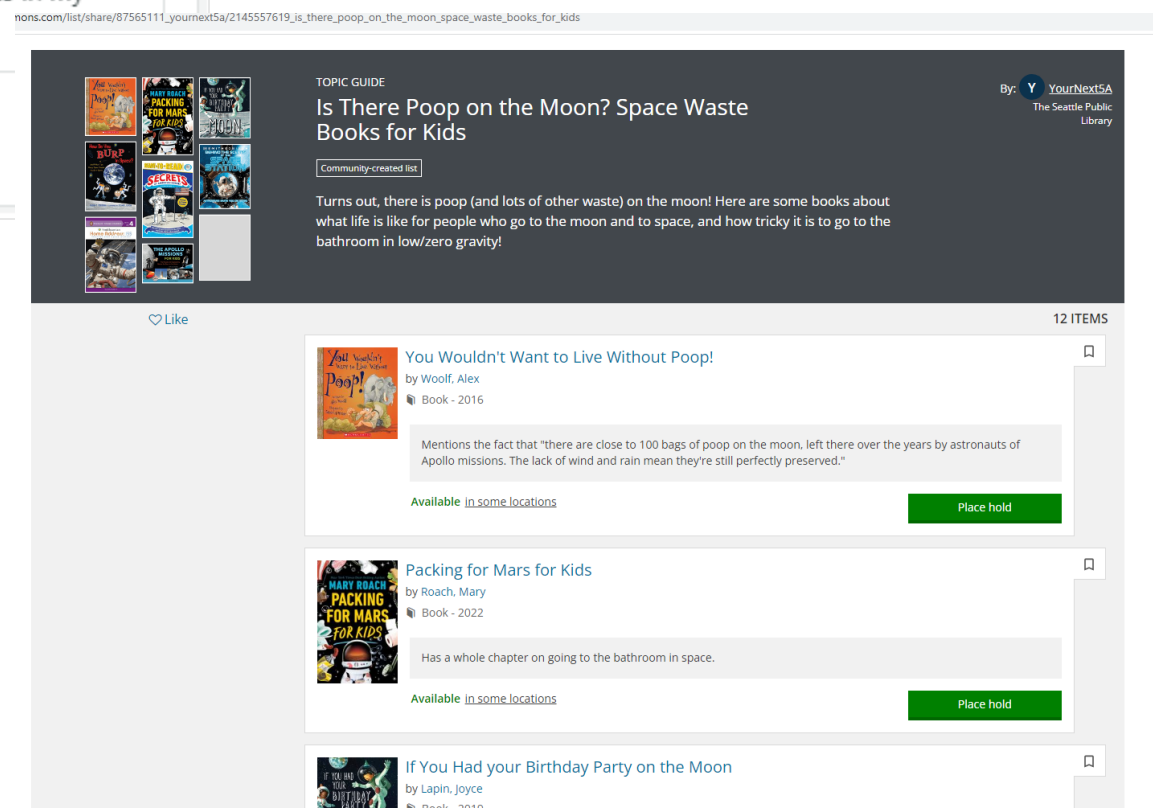
Book - 2022

Available [at one of my preferred locations](#)

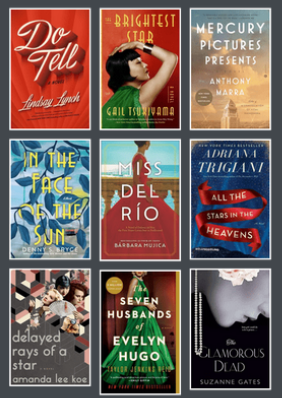
Our patrons asked. . .



And we delivered!



Quote from our social media content strategist:
"Tweeting about poop on the moon is definitely a career highlight for me. Thanks everyone!"



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Lights! Camera! Drama! Novels Set in Classic Hollywood

[Staff-created list](#)

Filled with historical details, memorable characters, and aching ambition, these novels are set between the time period of the talkies of the mid-1920s to the collapse of the studio system in the late 1960s - in other words, the Golden Age of Hollywood. While most of these novels feature fictionalized versions of real actors, directors, producers, and gossip columnists, the drama is just as large as the silver screen. Put on your oversized sunglasses, call your agent, and place your holds on these - and other books - at your local library!

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Just Going Through a Phase: Werewolves in Fiction


Final Girls: Horror Heroines Who Live to Tell the Tale

Kisses With Bite: Romance/Horror Reads

Happily NEVER After: Dark Fairy Tales for Adults

That's a Wrap: Mummies in Fiction

Fire Burn and Cauldron Bubble: Witchy Reads



GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Great Partition: Stories, History, and Reflections

[Staff-created list](#)

Before leaving in 1947, after over 200 years of rule, the colonizers of the British Empire divided the lands of the Indian subcontinent into separate nations, including a Muslim-dominated Pakistan and a Hindu-dominated India. This led to millions of lives that were upended forever and one of the largest migrations in human history - and traumatizing to both countries to the present day. This event is almost unknown in many American households, however the Marvel+ superhero show "Ms. Marvel" features a Pakistani character with a family history of the Partition front and center. As a new generation discovers

Thank you!

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