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Serving Readers: Beyond the Basics

With Andrea Gough and David Wright
Where We Work
New Tools and Strategies for Reader’s Advisory

Virtual, via Social Media, or NOT.
Just what do we mean by “Reader’s Advisory?”
“Direct” Reader’s Advisory

Talking about books: the reader’s advisory interview, or conversation.
Need a Good Book?
Reader’s Advisory is like Massage

(Even when it’s bad it feels pretty darned good)

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“Passive” Reader’s Advisory
(or patron directed)

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“Passive” Reader’s Advisory

Displays and “Shelf Talkers”
“Passive” Reader’s Advisory

Book Lists

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Search Wikipedia for “Reader’s Advisory”
Our Patrons Love Being Helped

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They deserve better than this…
There’s no algorithm for great reader’s advisory.
“The basic model for interactive readers’ advisory (RA) service – impromptu face-to-face discussion between reader and librarian – is grounded in incorrect assumptions that rarely occur in the daily conditions of libraries.”
The daily conditions at my library

IN PERSON RA IS AWESOME!
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How we see ourselves

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How they see us?

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Reading Suggestion
• WILL THEY APPROACH US?
• Will they get the RIGHT PERSON?
Everyone’s bad at *something*

Oh God, please just don’t ask me about **Romance!**

Courtesy Thomas Ford Memorial Library
We all have bad shifts/days/weeks

Do we have any good books?

nope. fresh out.

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• WILL THEY APPROACH US?
• Will they get the RIGHT PERSON?
• Will there be enough time at the BUSY DESK?
The Ideal

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• WILL THEY APPROACH US?

• Will they get the RIGHT PERSON?

• Will there be enough time at the BUSY DESK?

• Will we be able to use the RESOURCES we need to find good books?
Book: The girl who played with fire (Jul 2009)

Author: Larsson, Stieg, 1954-2004

Series: Millennium trilogy (Stieg Larsson), 2

Description: Two reporters responsible for a sex-trafficking expose are murdered, and the fingerprints on the murder weapon belong to Lisbeth Salander, prompting the magazine's publisher, Mikael Blomkvist, to launch his own investigation to vindicate Salander.

Book Appeal Terms: Definition of Appeal Terms

Genre: Mystery stories, Swedish fiction

Storyline: Character-driven; Complex plot

Tone: Bleak; Moody; Steamy; Suspenseful

Writing Style: Compelling; Gritty

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NovelList Also Recommends

The devil's feather
Walters, Minette

Nemesis
Nesbo, Jo, 1960-

Sister Pelagia and the red cockerel
Alunin, B. (Boris)
Getting Up to Speed in ... Adventure

by Joyce Sancke

Here's what Adventure is:

These are stories of a hero on a mission. They are fast-paced, action-packed, and often set in exotic locales in war — and peacetime.

Here's what happens in Adventure:

Heroes undertake dangerous missions, overcoming obstacles and often rescuing themselves and others, as they carry out dangerous assignments. The protagonist is usually male, and his ingenuity and cleverness instrumental in the success of the mission. There is usually a happy ending, with the hero safe and honor restored. Racing may be slower in historical Adventure, but all these stories are driven by a life-and-death urgency.

Here's why people like Adventure:

Fans of Adventure appreciate the opportunity to participate vicariously in dangerous missions against deadly opponents, often in hostile environments. Adventure novels are often written tongue-in-cheek, feature larger-than-life characters, good and bad, and heroes on seemingly impossible missions, often with the fate of the world in their hands. These cinematic stories are often made into movies.

Here are key stories to read:

- Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* popularized the Literary Thriller, which is really a form of Adventure with the mission to discover the meaning of a work of art or to obtain a treasure with an artistic or literary basis. As in other Adventure stories, the fate of the world is often at stake.
- James Clavell wrote a series of historical Adventure set in the Far East, underlying the passion for adventure set in exotic locales. In *Shogun*, a 17th-century feudal lord forms the backdrop for an Elizabethan lover, John Blackthorne, becomes a samurai.
- Louis L'Amour, best known for his classic Westerns, also wrote two novels sure to please Adventure fans. In *The Walking Drum*, set in 12th-century France, a boy seeks revenge for the destruction of his family estates and heads for Turkey to find his father, a captured khan. In *The Last of the Breeds*, an American teen pilot diverts to Siberia during the Civil War must battle the elements as well as enemy soldiers to survive and escape.
- Patrick O'Brian's swashbuckling sea adventures, set during the Napoleonic Wars, features Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, surgeon and spy, in dangerous and far-reaching escapades. *Master and Commander* launches the series.
- Arturo Pérez-Reverte, known for his intelligent Thrillers also writes Adventure novels of note. *Captain Alatriste* introduces the title character, a swordsman-for-hire in 17th-century Spain, and his battles of weapons and wit.

Here are key authors to know:

- Elmo Cussler and his hero, Dirk Pitt, embody the modern-day Adventure hero. With missions that seem straight out of a James Bond film, and enemies that are as threatening as the villains in Ian Fleming's work, the adventures of Dirk Pitt are sure to keep you on the edge of your seat.
- Jack Higgins achieved fame with his wartime Adventure novels, such as the classic *The pants that Los Angeles*. His colorful series include *The pants that Los Angeles*.
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• Will we have enough DOCUMENTATION for effective follow up?
“Here’s your thrillers for this week!”
How can we keep track?

Which one of you was into zombie erotica, again?

ME!

ME!

...are there CATS?

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YOUR NEXT 5 BOOKS

What to read next?
Looking for something fantastic to read? Ask a librarian!

Fill out the form below and tell us a little bit about what you like (and hate!) to read. We'll email you a list of five books chosen just for you.

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* Tell our librarians about a few books and/or authors you've enjoyed, and what you liked about them. Also feel free to tell us about books you haven't liked, and why. What are you in the mood to read next? (2500 characters or less)

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Do you have a preferred format? Book, Book on CD, eBook, eAudio, or Large Print - list all that apply.
Hello! thanks for using Your Next Five Books. I’ve created a list for you right in our library catalog, which you can find here:

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I can't tell you how many other readers have told me what a powerful book Dave Pelzer's "A Child Called It" was for them, and how it stayed with them. The titles on your list include other accounts, some fiction and some true stories, each about a different sort of person (including one written by the brother of the man who wrote "A Child Called It") but each about someone who struggled against nearly impossible odds and managed to overcome. I hope you like them as well.

Happy Reading,

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The Seattle Public Library

Thank you for using Your Next Five Books. Please feel encouraged to reply to this message letting me know what you think about these suggestions (whether they appeal to you or not), and about this service. If you send us a fresh request you may want to include the link to your prior list to help the librarian who works with you see what has already been suggested.
In a nutshell, I'm looking for a fun, lighthearted read with a delightful cast of characters and perhaps a wee bit of romance. I like smart, independent female characters.

I tend to like a lot of different styles and approaches (plot driven and character driven). Lately, however, I've been relishing lighthearted mysteries with that of romance thrown in. I'm currently listening to Rhys Bowen’s Her Royal Spyness series and am loving it. I have also read mystery series by Deanna Rayborn and Tasha Alexander. I enjoy Elizabeth Peters, and love Agatha Christie, Wilkie Collins, and P.G. Wodehouse.

I'm not necessarily looking for a series (mystery or otherwise) but I do want a book that is fun both in plot and in characters. One of my all time favorite books is Cold Comfort Farm by Stella Gibbons. I also love Jane Austen, Elizabeth Gaskell, and Charlotte Bronte but am not in the mood right now for Victorian literature.

In general, what I like about books are the following: witty with fun use of language, a wide cast of characters that have unique personalities and not too bogged down in unnecessary detail (Thomas Hardy, for example, spends far too much time describing every single step his characters take on a walk). Another book that springs to mind that falls within the parameters of what I'm looking for is William Kotzwinkle’s The Bear Went Over the Mountain.

I tend to shy away from books that are deeply philosophical or mired in family drama--I really don't like melodramatic stories revolving around dysfunctional families. If it’s ridiculous and breezy like Cold Comfort Farm, I'm all about it.

I also enjoy young adult fiction such as Hunger Games, A Great and Terrible Beauty, The Fault in our Stars, Divergent, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Ender’s Game, etc, but am not in the mood for a young adult book at the moment but am open to suggestions in the future.

Oh since I mentioned romance once or twice, I have read romance novels. I enjoy romance novels to an extent but only by certain authors such as Julia Quinn and Laura Lee Guhrke.

Books I've hated? I did not like Twilight. I hated Sophie's World and Gain by Richard Powers (ugh, Gain). I liked Handmaid’s Tale but hated Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood. In general, science fiction does not appeal to me.

Hopefully this has been of some help for providing direction! Thank you so much for your time. I am excited to see what you come up with!
Hello,

My name is xxxx and I am a Reader Services librarian. Thanks for sharing your reading interests with us! Here’s the list I created for you in our library catalog:


What an eclectic reader you are! I also loved how you summed up what you are looking for--fun, lighthearted reads with a delightful cast of characters with a wee bit of romance and smart, independent female characters that don’t have to be in series.

"Miss Buncle’s Book" is a reprint that has been gaining many fans (sorry about the current wait) that supplies the kind of plucky charm you enjoyed in "Cold Comfort Farm." My colleague, David, wrote about it and some other wonderful reprints for The Seattle Times recently: http://seattletimes.com/html/books/2021427377_womensfictionreissuesxml.html

Along those lines, you might also enjoy Winifred Watson's "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day."

My colleague, Andrea, suggested "Cinnamon and Gunpowder." She sums it up this way: "A lady pirate kidnaps a chef to cook for her. Recounted through clandestine journal entries written by said chef. Food, pirates, a peg leg and love."

"The Eyre Affair" is the beginning of a series that has mystery, intrigue, literary allusions and many flights of fancy that features a memorable literary detective in Thursday Next.

"The Secret History of the Pink Carnation" is also the first in a series. Booklist said: "Willig’s imaginative debut is the story of Eloise Kelly, who is trying to uncover the identity of the Pink Carnation, a British spy a la the Scarlet Pimpernel who infiltrated Napoleonic France, for her Ph.D. dissertation....Readers should expect more of the swashbuckling past than the scholarly present, but Willig’s story is a decidedly delightful romp."

Since you read teen and like strong female characters, try E. Lockhart's "The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks."

**Bonus thoughts:** You might enjoy Kerry Greenwood’s Phyrne Fisher mystery series, Carola Dunn's Daisy Dalrymple mysteries or Gail Carriger's more sexy but witty Parasol Protectorate series. Oh, and you might also like Kate Morton!

I hope that you find a book or author that you enjoy from this list (and haven’t already read!). **Let me know if you want more.**

Thank you for using Your Next 5 Books. Please feel free to let me know what you like and don’t like—it will help me help you next time!

**Happy Reading!**
Librarian
Reader Services
The Seattle Public Library
Hi- I am trying to get a book for my mom to read. She is almost 91. She LOVES suspense, WWII, etc. She has read all Ken Follett's books. She wants excitement!! If you can find anything to fit the bill she (and I!!) would be thrilled! **She is losing her sight and reads on a Kindle.** Thank You!!!
Blogging Your Next 5 Books Q&A for third party consumption

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Your Next 5 Books: poetic post-apocalyptic and police procedurals
Posted on May 7, 2013 by Andrea

A Seattle reader wrote to us and said: My favorite book is The World Without Us by Alan Weisman, so poetic post-apocalyptic stuff. If there is any more of it out there – it will knock my socks off. I ... Continue reading →

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Your Next 5 Books: Science fiction, satire and fantasy
Posted on February 26, 2013 by Misha S.

A Seattle reader wrote to us and said: My favorite categories are sci-fi, satire, and
Thank you so much for the suggested reading list! Obviously you were spot on -- I have read *A Sand County Almanac*, and loved it! I am going to read all of your suggestions, and possibly ask for more when I am done. Thanks again!

Thanks so much for making my first adventure with the SPL a really good one!!

Thank you so much! I already loved the SPL but now I love it even more.

Wow, thank you! ... Your list and other suggestions look great. While I read through them, and perhaps other books by these authors, I'll note what I like and dislike so I can include that info when I'm ready for another Next 5 set.
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Please list up to 5 books or authors who you have read and have **not** enjoyed. If you would like, explain why.

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- ☐ Latino-American
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ Recent Immigrants
- ☐ White

**Character Relationship Status:**
- ☐ Singles or looking for love
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- ☐ Gay and Lesbian
- ☐ Parenting and family life
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Bay Village Branch

Title & Author #1:

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Title & Author #3:
Setting (Place and Time Period)

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Does Not Matter

Language (Literary/Descriptive/Lyrical)

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Does Not Matter

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Tell us a book you liked; we’ll give you a book you’ll love!

You guys are all awesome. My reading for the winter is shaping up nicely with these suggestions!

What wonderful recommendations -- thank you so much!!! I haven't yet read any of the books you suggested. Sounds like I've got some great reading to look forward to. Much appreciated!
Hayden Bass
My dad loves Cormac McCarthy, William Faulkner, and the outdoors. Thank you so much!

Like · Comment · December 7 at 10:20am ·

Catherine Arnold likes this.

Catherine Arnold
Hi, I'm not with the library, but has he already read A River Runs Through It? It's beautifully written, and set in Montana. And, in nonfiction, currently I like Hunt Gather Cook, a book and primer on foraging.
December 7 at 10:27am · Unlike · 5

The Seattle Public Library
Hi Hayden! If he's okay with short stories, Montana writer Shann Ray's "American Masculine: Stories" has some stunningly good writing that shouldn't disappoint even Faulkner fans. If a novel is preferred, perhaps CWE Bigsby's "Beautiful Dreamers" or Bruce Machart's "The Wake of Forgiveness."
December 7 at 10:35am · Like · 1

The Seattle Public Library
Ahhhh ... good suggestions, Catherine! This is a great conversation, with all of us talking about books and reading. Love it!
December 7 at 10:36am · Like · 4

Catherine Arnold
Cool, yeah :). Sorry to jump in again, but I'd also reco Rick Bass's early books of short stories set in Montana. He's terrific - I think most of his current work is essays, though. Excited about SPL's suggestions...
December 7 at 11:16am · Like · 1

Wendy Bartlett
Okay can't stop myself from jumping in. Pete Fromm's Indian Creek Chronicles is a fantastic read for the outdoor genre.
December 7 at 11:59am · Like · 3

The Seattle Public Library
Thanks, Wendy! And please jump in! You always have great suggestions.
December 7 at 12:29am · Like
Looking for ideas for books to give this year? Tune in tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PST) when we'll help you find books for giving! Check the link for more details.

The Seattle Public Library offers gift ideas during 'Books for Giving' Dec. 7
www.spl.org

Need gift ideas for the book lover in your life? The Seattle Public Library will offer holiday gift suggestions during its "Books for Giving" reader's advisory event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7 on the
It’s a Reader’s Advisory Party!
**Multnomah County Library**
Looking for a good read? We’d love to help. Send in the last three titles you’ve read and we’ll suggest your next read. Operators are standing by.
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Katie O’Hara and 27 others like this.

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**Plano Public Library System**
3 hours ago

This is your afternoon reminder that Tuesday titles is happening right now! Every Tuesday we’ll be recommending book titles on Facebook. All you have to do is tell us your favorite 3 books or authors in the comments below and we’ll recommend up to 3 different titles for you to try. Your new favorites are waiting!

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Facebook: it’s all relative.

(A Pause While We Brag)
Who we reach via Facebook

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Desperate measures

The Seattle Public Library
October 19, 2011

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The Seattle Public Library
October 8, 2011

Nerd Alert! Raise your hand if you like to read more than one book at a time.

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People Love to Share Books!

What's the saddest book you've ever read?

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People Love to *Talk About* Books!

**Katie Polley** The third book in the Chaos Walking series by Patrick Ness, *Monsters of Men*. I cried so hard I thought I was going to throw up.

**Jessica Werner** You made it through all three? The first one wrecked me, and I was too afraid to finish the second one for fear of what might happen.

**Lauren Manes** I really liked the first one except for that one thing that happened that I'll never, ever ever get over. I was looking forward to the rest of the series until that thing. Now I just have to try not to think about it. Was it the overall story that wrecked you, or the thing? Oh man I'm starting to cry about it right now.

**Laurie Amster-Burton** I thought the second one was the best. Reading it was INTENSE.

**Lauren Manes** Hi Laurie Amster-Burton, I love Spilled Milk! 😊
Doing Reader’s Advisory on Other People’s Sites (social Q&A)
Staff-created list
(featured on Facebook)

Downton Abbey reading list

- **The American Heiress**
  A Novel
  By Goodwin, Daisy
  (Book - 2011)
  Available at this Location
  Holds: 4 on 20 copies

- **Rose**
  My Life in Service to Lady Astor
  By Hamilton, Fosina
  (Book - 2011)
  Available at this Location
  Holds: 1 on 10 copies

- **Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey**
  The Lost Legacy of Highclere Castle
  By Camanvorn, Fiona
  (Book - 2011)
  All copies in use (Availability details)
  Holds: 22 on 35 copies

- **Below Stairs**
  The Classic Kitchen Maid's Memoir That Inspired "Upstairs, Downstairs" and "Downton Abbey"
  By Powell, Margaret
  (Book - 2012)
  Available at this Location
  Holds: 8 on 27 copies
Sharing makes a difference!

If You Like Downton Abbey ... a suggested reading list:

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Readers collaborate on booklists

AKA
“crowd sourcing”
Patron-Generated List in our Catalog

A Shared List by Seattle Quick Picks
Member of The Seattle Public Library

Description
We asked our Facebook friends: We're looking for children's music that doesn't make adults want to climb the walls. Suggestions? Here's the list they generated!

Children's music for the whole family

32 items

Hot Dog!
By Babypants, Caspar
(Music CD - 2012)
Available in some locations
Holds: 5 on 29 copies

Little Songs
By Vogan, Brian S.
(Music CD - 2008)

Place a Hold
Add to My List
Sharing list back to patrons

Caspar Babypants

HOT DOG!

Children’s music that won’t make adults climb the walls? You had such EXCELLENT and helpful suggestions that we made a list! 32 CDs for your family: http://goo.gl/Mr1Hh

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Patron-generated list on our Blog

Seattle readers’ favorite teen books of 2012

Posted on December 31, 2012 by Linda J.

Last week we asked people on Facebook to tell us their favorite teen novel published in 2012. For those who regularly read teen fiction (and since 55 percent of all young adult fiction is purchased by adults, it seems like there are a lot of us ...), it will be no surprise that The Fault in Our Stars by John Green was mentioned several times. Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein is another title that comes up often with our readers, as does The Diviners by Libba Bray. You might recognize familiar author names in this list, but there may be some surprises, too. And while there are lots of awards and top-ten lists out right now, this is more of a thoughtful “People’s Choice” (as opposed to just giving you a bestseller list).

The 27 titles suggested are listed below, and we also have this one-stop browsing list of 27 YA books Seattle readers loved in 2012 in our catalog.

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jess Andrews
The Princesses of Iowa by M. Molly Bakes
Blog content shared via other media

They crave our content!
Traditional & New Media: side by side
A picture’s worth 1,000 words
Keep it Simple (110 Shares)
New Catalogs & Discovery Layers
**Multicolib Picks: While you wait for...The Ocean at the End of the Lane**

Created By: multicolib

Date Created: Aug 23, 2013

Items: 13

Neil Gaiman’s *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* is an intriguing and atmospheric fantasy that tells the story of a child who stumbles into a mesmerizing and sometimes dangerous world. While you wait for your copy, try these tales of people surprised by odd circumstances and other worlds that bump up against our own.

**While You Wait for The Cuckoo’s Calling**

Created By: DesPlainesReaders

Date Created: Aug 22, 2013

Items: 6

*The Cuckoo’s Calling* by Robert Galbraith received many favorable reviews. But now that we know the real author is J. K. Rowling, it has flown off the shelves and hit the bestsellers lists. So while you’re waiting for your hold on that to arrive, why not sample another mystery featuring a flawed but gifted detective. (WeAreSpartacus)

**Multicolib Picks: While you wait for...Django Unchained**

Created By: multicolib

Date Created: Aug 13, 2013

Items: 17

*Django Unchained* combines many familiar themes to come up with a unique story. While you wait to borrow the movie, take a look at these movies and books that feature themes including slave narratives, the wild west, triumphant underdogs, and heroes who overcome adversity, not to mention spaghetti westerns and martial arts action – all influences in Tarantino’s work.

**Multicolib Picks: While you wait for...MaddAddam**

Created By: multicolib
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Video Booktalks in catalog.

Science Fiction Friday: Carnal pleasures
Posted on April 12, 2013 by Jared

If you’re looking for a great fantasy read, try this one on for size!

Wraeththu by Storm Constantine
Scottsdale Public Library’s Profile

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favorite books   Everything!! We Love books!

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Scottsdale Public Library’s Bookshelves

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humorous (129)     horror (21)   parenting (6)
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                    poetry (5)      sports (4)
                    western (4)    business (4)
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The Subtle Knife (His Dark Materials, #2)
by Philip Pullman

In the sequel to The Golden Compass, the adventurous Lyra meets Will in a parallel world that is like hers, but different. When Will comes in possession of a magical knife, he discovers that he can create portals between the worlds. Opposing forces are desperate to obtain the knife, as well as Lyra’s compass. This exciting sequel had me anxiously awaiting the next book to find out what happens.

-Tiffany J. (less)
Sep 30, 2013 01:13pm · comment · see review

Scottsdale Public Library added

Hotshot (Buchanan-Renard, #11)
by Julie Garwood

Shades of her earlier books, Julie Garwood is back in great writing form with this intriguing and fun romance. The perfect blend of suspense (who is trying to kill resort owner, Peyton?), humor (over-the-top quirky characters), and romance (more than one!). The beginning grabs your attention, the ending is divinely perfect and everything in between - well you’ll just have to read it and find out for yourself!

-Kris E. (less)
Sep 30, 2013 12:02pm · comment · see review
EMOTIONALLY POWERFUL GRAPHIC NOVELS

These graphic novels stand out as ones that touch me in some powerfully emotional way when I read them. I didn't simply read and enjoy them, they became a part of my life.

I Kill Giants Titan Edition
Joe Kelly

I came to this book recently as a father of a geek daughter so I identified Barbara -- the teasing she endured, the mood swings -- with my own child. Naturally the ending ripped me up emotionally.

New Avengers, Vol. 1: Everything Dies
Jonathan Hickman

This book made me, at turns, uncomfortable. Hickman has proven he could write science based and cosmic stories, now he spins a morality tale with Marvel Comic's best and brightest and its uncomfortable to see them crushed between a rock and a hard place -- to save Earth, the New Avengers will have to destroy the Earths of other multiverses.
Movies and TV Set in Seattle
Library Cats
These cats are real cool
Blogging: a venue for staff

Movie Mondays: Seattle loves BBC!
Posted on September 9, 2013 by Frank B.

This week’s Movie Monday column is switching things up to discuss TV again, specifically BBC. It’s no secret that Seattleites love all things BBC, and Seattle posted the highest ratings in the country for the season 3 premiere of Downton Abbey. Two other programs – Call the Midwife and Bletchley Circle – have been popular enough that it’s made it to SPL’s list of Most Popular DVDs this year. Continue reading →

Posted in FILM & TV | Tagged BBC, BBC America, Movie Mondays | Leave a comment

Science Fiction Fridays: The late, great Frederik Pohl
Posted on September 6, 2013 by Jared

We lost one of the giants of the field this week when science fiction writer/editor/Grand Master and science enthusiast Frederik Pohl passed away at the age of 93. It’s impossible to overstate the importance and influence that Pohl has had on
Blogging: a venue for staff

Fall Book Group Reads: Jen’s Nonfiction picks
Posted on October 3, 2013 by Jen

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, death and hope in a Mumbai undercity by Katherine Boo
Based on relentless fact-finding and reporting, this harrowing story of hope and devastation in a poverty-strewn makeshift Indian town is told from the perspectives of those who live and die in Annawadi. Groups will discuss worldwide economic inequality and solutions for injustice against the powerless, government corruption and how the media exacerbate problems and whether or not a common can morality dictate public reaction to private suffering. Continue reading →

Posted in BOOKS, Nonfiction | Tagged book groups, Edward Curtis, Native American Indians, Short Night of the Shadow Catcher | Leave a comment

Romantic Wednesdays: Geeks in Love, or, Talk Nerdy to Me
Posted on October 2, 2013 by Marlene H.

We all have an image in our minds when someone mentions the words “geek” or “nerd”. Someone socially awkward, but

Novelist Adam Johnson's insights into North Korea

Posted on January 10, 2012 by guest blogger

Editor's note: We are thrilled to have Adam Johnson here today talking about books about North Korea and one of his research trips for his novel *The Orphan Master's Son*.

I must admit that I'm a huge fan of The Seattle Public Library—its yellow tubes and downhill stacks, the way rain sheets off the glass pyramid—it's a lovely place to research and read and write. So I'm honored to be a guest blogger, and since this post will have a North Korean theme, I want to share my visit to a lending library that's
Blogging: a venue for authors, etc.

Nightstand Reads: Some of Tao Lin’s favorites

Posted on June 14, 2013 by guest blogger

Tao Lin’s newest novel, 

Taipei, Tao Lin’s newest novel, delivers a deeply personal, powerful and moving story about family, relationships, accelerating drug use and the lingering possibility of death. We are so pleased to have Tao Lin with us today on Shelf Talk, talking about books he loves.

One of my favorite novels is Lydia Davis’ The End of The Story. Here’s a quote from it:

When I first started working on the novel, I thought I had to keep very
Blogging: a venue for patrons.

Your Next 5 Books: likes SF, Stiefvater, Green

Posted on 10/05/2013 by Wally

Sometimes we get requests for Your Next 5 Books that don't give us much detail, but the person is still hoping we can make some good suggestions. This teen wrote in:

*science fiction, young adult, kiki strike, Earth Unaware, Maggie Stiefvater, John Green*

Not much to go on, right? Well, it was enough for our librarian, Jenny, who sent this list along with this response:

*That was a pretty big range of books you mentioned, but I tried to give you a little something for each. There's a little bit of spy fiction (Etiquette and Espionage) and a little sci-fi (Cinder). There's something like Stiefvater (The Diviners) and something like Green (The Perks of Being a Wallflower). Finally, a book with a little bit of many things: Invisibility. And as a bonus, maybe take a look at Across the Universe, which is a love story and sci-fi and a little dystopian craziness that is hard to put down.*
Blogging: a venue for patrons.

One last Banned Books mention...

Posted on 10/01/2013 by Teen Blogger

Banned Books Week just ended, here’s my review of one of the challenged books.

Looking for Alaska by John Green is the story of Myles Halter, a quirky, friendless guy, who would rather be sitting reading about people’s last words than going to social gatherings. When Myles wants to go to Culver Creek Boarding School in Alabama, his hopes are to go and find his “great perhaps,” a great adventure that will make his life more interesting and fun. When he arrives, he meets a variety of interesting people, some are his roommates and some are just his friends.
New ways to do what we’ve always done

A Shared List by YourNext5h

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Description

A list created by a librarian at The Seattle Public Library for a reader in Seattle. http://www.spl.org/yournext5

““You know what I really love a book?““
““No, what?““
““About 20 sequels!!“”

We were counting through Janet Evanovich and read all 18, and was getting desperate. In Janet Evanovich list, and looked through readers are just voracious like that. It was even the most well-read fan of lady detective following extensive series; maybe you have

Your Next 5: Mystery and Romance like Evanovich 7760986

5 items

A Bad Day for Sorry
By Littlefield, Sophie
(Book - 2009)
Available in some locations

Last Time No See
By Isaacs, Susan
(Book - 2001)
Available in some locations

Annotation:
Twenty years later, Judith Singer from "Compromising Positions" still can’t stay away from murder, even in the suburbs. Sharp humor in a well-written light mystery, with a smart rival for Stephanie Plum.

Dating Dead Men
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