

Suburban Library Cooperative - Library Staff Recommendations 2012

FICTION

11/22/63 / Stephen King

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BCD, FIC, LT

On November 22, 1963, three shots rang out in Dallas, President Kennedy died, and the world changed forever.

If you had the chance to change the course of history, would you?

Would the consequences be worth it? Jake Epping is a thirty-five-year-old high school English teacher who goes back in time to stop the Kennedy assassination.

(Chris Frezza from SLC)



Among Others / Jo Walton

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Among+Others&te=>

FIC

A teenager defeats her insane mother's magic, fleeing to a father whom she's never met. Her father sends her to boarding school, and her loneliness nearly consumes her. She seeks refuge in science fiction novels and gradually finds like-minded fans; A well-told story.

(Kristen from ROG)



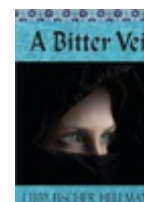
A Bitter Veil / Libby Fischer Hellmann

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=A+BITTER+VEIL&te=>

FIC

An amazing book: part thriller, part mystery, part historical, part love story. The book opens with a knock on the door in 1970's Iran. It is the home of an Iranian and his American wife. The wife answers the door to hear that her husband has been stabbed with one of her kitchen knives. She didn't do it, who did?

(Ruth from WCV)



Busy Body: An Agatha Raisin Mystery / M. C. Beaton

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Busy+Body%3A+An+Agatha+Raisin+Mystery&te=>

FIC, LT

How unique that the author used an overdue library book in the story. The book contained a clue toward solving the mystery.

(Circulation Clerk at RSV)



The Chaperone / Laura Moriarty

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Chaperone&te=>

FIC, LT

If you've ever wanted to hit the "restart" button in life, needed to revisit the past to move forward, and also happen to enjoy historical fiction spanning the early 20th century, this book will draw you into its world. *The Chaperone* explores two women's coming-of-age--the protagonist and 1920s starlet Louise Brooks (before stardom)-with unconventional results for both of their futures.

(Michelle from SCS)



The Corrections / Jonathan Franzen

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Corrections&te=>

FIC, LT

Outstanding book. It's amazing that the book is so good while all of the characters are so unlikable.

(Cory from CLL)



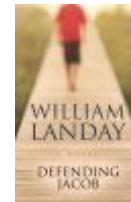
Defending Jacob / William Landay

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Defending+Jacob&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC, LT, PL

This is a great legal thriller with loose ends and questions. How far would you, as a parent, go to protect your child? Watch as assistant district attorney Andy Barber maneuvers the slippery slopes of the legal system and the police investigation to save his son.

(Ruth from WCV)



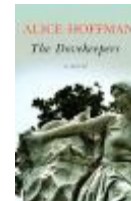
The Dovekeepers / Alice Hoffman

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BCD, FIC, LT

I'm not a big reader of historical fiction, but certain writers make it fun to read! This was history, mysticism, suspense, family, and love all in one package. So even if the idea of reading history doesn't sit well with you-Try it!

(Kim from CHE)



Fall on Your Knees / Ann-Marie MacDonald

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Fall+on+Your+Knees&te=>

BCD, FIC, LT

This is a compelling, if downbeat, novel of a deeply dysfunctional Lebanese-Canadian family in the early 20th century. Beautifully written -- how could I have missed this for more than 15 years?

(Lauren from SLC)



Forbidden / Ted Dekker

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Forbidden+Ted+Dekker&te=>

EB, FIC, LT

Welcome to the world at peace. It is hell, populated by corpses animated by only one emotion: fear. Love is nothing more than an obligated loyalty. In an attempt to halt the chaos that once prevailed due to dark human passions and vices, a virus called Legion was unleashed upon humanity, creating a new race who exist in a compliant torpor numb to pain and love. Yet a rumor rises against the Order that now reigns: there exists a remnant of pure, ancient blood from the former race of true humans. Drinking brings both death and life: the taste of pain and loss, and of true love and life. Who would take the risk? The Truth is forbidden; yet four friends discover it is bound to flow through the veins of humanity once again.

(Bethany Boutin, SCS Circulation Clerk)



Fuzzy Nation / John Scalzi

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Fuzzy+Nation&te=>

FIC

Offworlder Jack Holloway discovers a rich seam of valuable jewels and offers a share of it to the local planetary corporation. However, both Jack and the Corporation are entitled to it only as long as no sentient creatures exist on the planet. Enter cute, fuzzy creatures that will change the outcome of everybody's plans.

(Kristen from ROG)



Ghost Story: A Novel of the Dresden Files / Jim Butcher

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BCD, EB, FIC, LT

Just when you think you've seen the last of Harry Dresden, Jim Butcher brings him back as a ghost! After being killed in the last installment, the late Harry – P.I. and wizard – must now try to find out who shot him and help his friends, while dealing with malevolent shadows roaming Chicago – all without his powers. Can he pull it off or will he roam the world as a lost soul?

(Pat from RSV)



The Girl in the Blue Beret: A Novel / Bobbi Mason

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EB, FIC, LT

At a loss after enforced retirement, he revisits his rescue during the war, and becomes a better man for it.

(Sue Werner, Page, CHE)



Gone Girl / Gillian Flynn

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Gone+Girl&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC, LT

This is a book that's hard to put down. Love the twists and turns.

(Pat from CHE)



Fabulous book! I can't stop thinking about it. Just when you think you have all the twists and turns figured out, you realize you don't.

(Cathy Russ from TPL)

I thought I discovered it, just stumbled onto it, but it is really hot now. It is a fantastic suspense/mystery. I've heard it will be a movie, which is what I declared when I read it. I couldn't put it down.

(Jean Wilkins, Circ Supervisor, CHE)

The Great Escape / Susan Elizabeth Phillips

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BCD, EB, FIC

A fun read full of romance and thrills featuring a president's daughter-Phillips has been writing sassy, witty romances for years and this one is no exception.

(Alice from SHL)



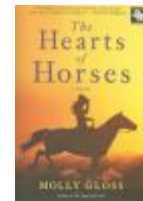
Hearts of Horses / Molly Gloss

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FIC

This is a story of a young woman who breaks horses. This is a very non-traditional job for a woman even though it was during WWI. The book details how this young woman approached this job. The ending is a bit rushed - more a summation skipping over years.

(Rita from RSV)



Helsinki White / James Thompson

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FIC

This is the third book in the Inspector Kari Vaara series. I have enjoyed this Nordic noir series, set in Finland, since its beginning. Each book has had something of an ominous ending, making me eager to read the next in the series as Vaara continues to develop.

(Annette from MPL)



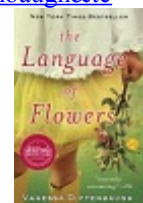
The Language of Flowers / Vanessa Diffenbaugh

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BCD, EB, FIC, LT, PL

I enjoyed the telling of the story. It was refreshingly not a pat story, but one that resonates long after the reading.

(Deanna Baird/Armada)



Major Pettigrew's Last Stand: A Novel / Helen Simonson

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Major+Pettigrew%27s+Last+Stand&te=BCD,EB,FIC,LT>

Although this is a love story I would not classify it as a romance. It takes place in England and is about two people, both widows, who come together despite convention.
(Rita from RSV)



The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint / Brady Udall

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MeLCat

"When I was seven years old the mailman ran over my head. As formative events go, nothing else comes close."

(Shane from CHE)



Misery Bay: An Alex McKnight Novel / Steve Hamilton

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Misery+Bay%3A+An+Alex+McKnight+Novel&te=BCD,FIC,LT>

PI Alex McKnight returns to solve the murder/suicides of young victims in Paradise, Michigan. His descriptions of the lonely shore of Misery Bay as he walks the scene of the crime is unforgettable. Don't miss this crime series - the writing is excellent with plenty of twists and turns in the plots.
(Cindy from SCS/Librarian)



Mission to Paris / Alan Furst

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Mission+to+Paris&te=BCD,FIC>

Set in 1938 pre-war Paris, Hollywood film star Fredric Stahl is courted by the rising Nazi movement to make movies in Germany for the Third Reich. The film star has an agenda of his own to spy on the regime and return safely to America. Walk the streets of old Paris and Berlin along with the author's wonderful writing. Alan Furst is one of the best Cold War and World War II spy novelists!

(Cindy from SCS/Librarian)

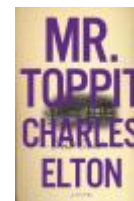


Mr. Toppit: A Novel / Charles Elton

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Mr.+Toppit&te=EB,FIC>

Follows the fortunes and misfortunes of a family made famous by its late father's series of children's books, "The Hayseed Chronicles". The dysfunctional family and its hangers-on navigate the world of celebrity.

(Debbie from SHL)



Never Let Me Go / Kazuo Ishiguro

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This book is beautiful and haunting. From the beginning you can tell that something is different about this private boarding school and its students, but the full picture of what makes them "special" unfolds gracefully. By the end of the book when the characters are adults, it is impossible not to empathize with all of them. I did not want to put this one down and really did not want it to end.

(Lauren from TPL)



The Night Circus: A Novel / Erin Morgenstern

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BCD, EB, FIC, LT, PL

This beautiful fantasy tells the story of The Night Circus whose amazing displays hide a competition between two magicians. It is a wonderful debut novel.

(Kristen from ROG)



The Odds: a love story / Stewart O'Nan

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FIC

A middle aged couple take a final trip to Niagara Falls with the hopes of saving their marriage and digging themselves out of debt at the casino. Different motives, different expectations, sad and true to life.

(Debbie from SHL)



The Prophet / Michael Koryta

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FIC

This author has an insight into human nature and thoughts that make it seem as if he were at least 50 years old instead of 30. I could have put it down but I really didn't want to!

(Donna/circ)



Ready Player One / Ernest Cline

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Ready+Player+One&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC

This is a fast-paced scavenger hunt in a dystopian near-future where everyone spends most of their time in an online world (think "Second Life", only much, much better). The hero of this book is the best kind: a scrappy, clever teenage nerd. My favorite part of this book is the 1980's pop culture references - it is packed full of 80's music, movies, games and television references.

(Lauren from TPL)



The Red Door / Charles Todd

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EB, FIC, LT

We know little about the lasting effects of soldiers in WWI, especially England. Inspector Ian Rutledge lives with guilt, and hears its voice via the dead soldier Hamish who lives in his head. Yet he is a compassionate listener as he delves into the crimes he is charged with solving.

The Red Door is #12 in this psychological thriller series, where Rutledge from Scotland Yard tries to solve the murder of the woman lying dead behind the red door.

(Marj Murray from CLL)



The Reluctant Fundamentalist / Mohsin Hamid

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BCD, EB, FIC

This tense, suspenseful novel details how the life of a Pakistani man living in America is changed by the events of 9/11.

(Ed from CHE)



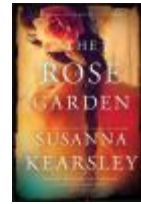
The Rose Garden /Susanna Kearsley

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FIC

This book is about a woman who leaves her home to mourn a recent loss; she travels to a childhood vacation spot where she draws comfort from the friends she knew long ago. Soon after arriving, she discovers that she can time travel between the present and the 18th century. She meets and falls in love with a man, and faces some difficult decisions along the way. Equal parts romance and historical fiction, it is easily one of the best books I've read this year.

(Julianne from LWM)



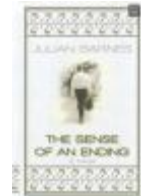
The Sense of an Ending / Julian Barnes

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BCD, EB, FIC, LT

A small book, only a 150 pages in length, *The Sense of An Ending* by Julian Barnes packs tremendous literary power. The novel's narrator, Anthony Webster, explores his memories of youth and must come to terms with how one's behavior, even in the prime of youth, can have lasting consequences in ways unimagined or unknown. As a reader, we are compelled to accompany Anthony through the many veils of memory that ultimately reveal the uncertainty of one's dearly held beliefs and self-made myths.

(Midge Lusardi, CHE)



Snow Crash / Neal Stephenson

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FIC

Excellent sci-fi read. I feel Stephenson appeals even to those who normally don't read the genre.

(Cory from CLL)



Snuff / Terry Pratchett

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BCD, EB, FIC, PL

In the newest Discworld book from Terry Pratchett, Commander of the City Watch Sam Vines is on a holiday in the country with his wife Lady Sybil. For Sam, it's not all fun and relaxation as he deals with the unfamiliar fresh air and open fields. Luckily he finds some major crime and (finally) bacon sandwiches to fill his days. For those looking for satirical fun, try the Discworld series.

(Pat from RSV)



Someone Knows My Name / Lawrence Hill

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FIC

The author brings history to life in this novel about a slave and her experiences in the Colonies before and during the Revolutionary War; an engrossing story.

(Ed from CHE)



Stranger in the Room /Amanda Kyle Williams

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BCD, FIC

This is an unpredictable psychological thriller. The main character, Keye Street, is flawed enough to make her real and the many twists and turns will keep the reader guessing.

(Annette from MPL)



A Study in Scarlet / Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=A+Study+in+Scarlet&te=>

EB, FIC

This enjoyable novel kicks off the Sherlock Holmes saga and features a confounding murder mystery solved by Holmes' signature deductions. It is great for any mystery enthusiast.

(Jason from SHL)



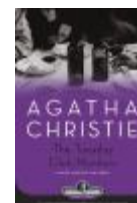
The Tuesday Club Murders: A Miss Marple Mystery / Agatha Christie

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BCD, FIC

Easy reading: each chapter consists of a different mystery described by a different character. The words/phrases of the English made for an educational experience.

(Penny/Clerk/RSV)



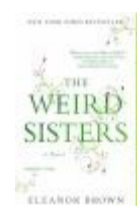
Weird Sisters / Eleanor Brown

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BCD, EB, FIC, LT

This is the story of three sisters who are all very different and despite the fact that they love each other, they don't like each other. They gather around their mother who has cancer and they all live together so they can care for her. It turns out that they are all a good support system for the others.

(Rita from RSV)



Winds of Change / Anna Jacobs

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FIC

I loved the cover, and had never read this author before but made an evening out of this one. It was a "you go girl" story that made me smile.

(Deanna Baird/Armada)



The Yard / Alex Grecian

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Yard&te=>

FIC, LT

The Scotland Yard "Murder Squad" is under attack by an unknown assailant who leaves the detectives' bodies around London with his trademark "tailoring" clues. Set during Jack the Ripper's time frame, the plot weaves the style of forensic evidence used in 1890 as a backdrop to a terrifying series of crimes. I couldn't put this book down until the last page was read!

(Cindy from SCS/Librarian)



NONFICTION

84 Charing Cross Road / Helene Hanff

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NONFIC

This is a beautiful book about a friendship between a writer in New York and a bookseller in London that develops solely through letters over two decades; uplifting and unforgettable.

(Ed from CHE)



Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans after 9/11 / Lori Peek

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MeLCat

With all of the recent domestic violence reported in the news, I think this book helps explain how vulnerable and resilient a targeted population can be in the face of senseless acts--this is a sociological and sensitive glimpse into a sample of Muslim-American students post-911.
(Michelle from SCS)



Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard / Liz Murray

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LT, NONFIC

Having a bad day, need inspiration? This is the account of a homeless teenager who rose above her circumstance, achieved her dreams, and a world class education.
(Mary Jo from MPL)



Cascadia's Fault: The Earthquake and Tsunami that Could Devastate North America / Jerry Thompson

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NONFIC

Hearing about natural disasters in faraway places, we like to think that could never happen here. But in the northwest corner of the United States is a fault line in the Earth's crust that could devastate the Pacific Coast.
(Barb from CHE and SHL)

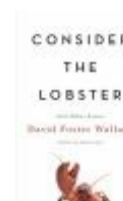


Consider the Lobster and Other Essays/ David Foster Wallace

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EB, NONFIC

"Big Red Son" is sophomoric and hilarious. Some of the essays are literary theory and skippable to the uninterested.
(Cory from CLL)



Does the Noise in My Head Bother You?: A Rock 'N' Roll Memoir / Steven Tyler

<http://srb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Does+the+Noise+in+My+Head+Bother+You%3F&te=>

BCD, EB, LT, NONFIC

A peek into Steven Tyler's head: front man for Aerosmith, American Idol Judge, Father, his story of sobriety, successes, failures, and everything in between.
(Mary Jo from MPL)



The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World / Eric Weiner

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BCD, EB, NONFIC

Why do some countries rate higher on the happiness scale than others according to research? Readers will enjoy this trip that is filled with humor and wisdom.
(Ed from CHE)



Good Stuff: A Reminiscence of My Father, Cary Grant / Jennifer Grant

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EB

A joyful and pleasant read regarding one of the world's most stylish men, as seen through the eyes of his only daughter.

(Barb from SCS)



Hilarity ensues / Tucker Max

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NONFIC

Hilarity ensues is Tucker Max's third and final book in his series of stories about his drunken debauchery and ridiculous antics. But as you should expect from Tucker by now, he is going out with a bang—literally and figuratively.

(Chris Frezza from SLC)



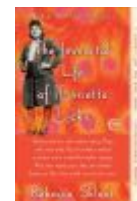
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks / Rebecca Skloot

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BCD, EB, LT, NONFIC

This is the best non-fiction book I have read in ages. Skloot perfectly weaves the fascinating science and history of HeLa cells (immortal cells taken from Henrietta's cancer before she died) and the tragic events of the lives of Henrietta Lacks and her children. In the last 60 years Henrietta's cells have drastically helped medical research and development. Yet Henrietta's family couldn't afford health insurance.

(Lauren from TPL)



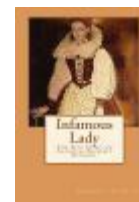
Infamous Lady: The true story of Countess Erzsebet Bathory / Kimberly L. Craft

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NONFIC

World's worst female serial killer, with over 650 servant girls murdered. Vampire drinks and bathes in the blood of her victims: witch, lesbian, and sadist; walled up alive in castle tower.

(Shane from CHE)



The Joy of Less: A Minimalist Living Guide: How to Declutter, Organize, and Simplify Your Life / Francine Jay

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NONFIC

This is a great introduction for anybody interested in downsizing their stuff. Along the way, you may find yourself living a simpler more meaningful life.

(Amy from SLC)



Let's Pretend this Never Happened: (A Mostly True Memoir) / Jenny Lawson

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BCD, NONFIC

Jenny Lawson, the Bloggess, has made millions of people question their own sanity. This book will make you laugh out loud!

(Lynn from CHE)



Hilarious, odd, and snarky... this is not for the faint of heart or easily offended.

(Barb from SCS)

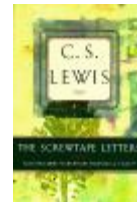
The Screwtape Letters / C.S. Lewis

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BCD, EB, NONFIC

This is a highly creative and humorous satire that teaches important lessons on Christian spiritual development; a classic.

(Jason from SHL)



The Woman Who Wasn't There: The True Story of an Incredible Deception / Robin Gaby Fisher

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NONFIC

This is the story of Tania Head's astonishing account of her experience on September 11, 2001 that transformed her into a well-known hero as well as a tragic victim from that fateful day. But her account didn't follow the facts and Tania was ultimately exposed as a fraud. Did her efforts to help the victims of 9-11 – for her own celebrity – do more harm than good?

(Pat from RSV)



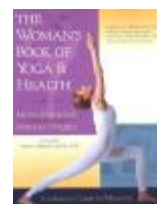
The Woman's Book of Yoga and Health: A Lifelong Guide to Wellness / Linda Sparrowe

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Woman%27s+Book+of+Yoga+and+Health&te=>

NONFIC

Spanning the main epochs of a woman's life, this book is both practical and transcendental, as it demonstrates yoga postures that help women function their best through all phases (youth, motherhood, menopause).

(Michelle from SCS)



CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

The Dark Divine / Bree Despain

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Dark+Divine&te=>

EB, FIC

This book has a little something for everyone: a little mystery, romance, fantasy, and the need to know what will happen to Grace next.

(Mary Jo from MPL)



Divergent / Veronica Roth

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Divergent&te=>

EB, FIC

Beatrice's dystopian Chicago is divided into five factions, each based on a different virtue. As she moves from one extreme to another she discovers much about herself, her family and her society: part of a series.

(Ruth from WCV)



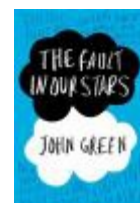
The Fault in Our Stars / John Green

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Fault+in+Our+Stars&te=>

BCD, FIC

A story that makes you think about ALL aspects of cancer and living life to the fullest. It will make you laugh, cry and laugh again. A must read for all.

(Darlene from LWM)



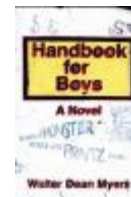
Handbook for Boys: A Novel / Walter Dean Meyers

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=handbook+for+boys+a+novel&te=>

FIC

This is a story about making a difference in someone's life and well worth the time it will take to read it.

(Mary Jo from MPL)



The Kill Order / James Dashner

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Kill+Order&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC

Mark is a young man who grows up in New York City. His friend, a neighbor by the name of Trina, and Mark are riding in a subtrans when the power goes out and they are forced to evacuate into the tunnels to find an escape route. As they near the surface, they find that the sun has gone into hyper-drive, bombarding the Earth with solar radiation, and they see people being melted like candles before their eyes. What follows is the story of Mark and Trina as they try to survive in a harsh new world, where everything they've ever known is gone, and they only have each other to rely on.

(Brandon from CHE)



Matched / Allyson Condie

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Matched&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC

In the popular vein of YA books exploring post-apocalyptic futures, this first book of a trilogy gives readers a perspective of a society denied choices. In the "perfect" system of matching, the Officials select everything from the perfect job to the perfect meal to the perfect mate for each citizen. Even the media is narrowed to 100 select poems and songs. Through the eyes of 17 year-old Cassia, we quickly discover that this seeming utopia is nothing but a world denied the beauty to choose. And when Cassia chooses her own poetry and her own match, an outsider named Ky, she chooses the "wrong" side.

(Bethany Boutin, SCS Circulation Clerk)



The Messy One / Christianne Jones

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Messy+One&te=>

FIC

A fun tale about Vivienne's messy room and what happens when she loses her favorite necklace.

(Andrea Mucha from Warren Dorothy Busch)



Miss Lina's Ballerinas / Grace Maccarone

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Miss+Lina%27s+Ballerinas&te=>

FIC

A class of eight ballerinas who dance neatly in two rows of four learn that it is just as delightful to dance in three rows of three in this charming picture book.

(Barb from CHE and SHL)



A Monster Calls / Patrick Ness

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=A+Monster+Calls&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC, PL

Conor O'Malley is watching his mother slowly succumb to cancer. In the night a real monster comes to call forcing Conor to face the truth he keeps hidden from himself. This emotionally powerful story, done in graphic novel format, was based on notes left by children's author Siobhan Dowd. Siobhan Dowd passed away from breast cancer in 2007.

(Kathleen from SCS)



Moon Over Manifest / Clare Vanderpool

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Moon+Over+Manifest&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC, LT

It's 1936 when Abilene's father drops her off in Abilene, Kansas to be taken care of by the townspeople. This is a coming of age story with mystery and adventure; Newbery Award winner, great for older kids.

(Debbie from SHL)



Quarantine / Lex Thomas

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FIC

David has had a rough time since his mother passed away. Now, he finds out his girlfriend is cheating on him with the guy who replaced him as quarterback when he quit the team. To top it all off, he gets in a fight with him at a party, and now the whole team hates him. So, on the first day of school, he goes in dreading what the school year may bring. What he never expects is that he, his ex-girlfriend, and the entire football team who hates him will be quarantined in the school due to a biological attack.

(Brandon from CHE)



Rot and Ruin / Jonathan Maberry

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FIC

Benny Imura was 18 months old when First Night, the day the dead came back to life, happened and his brother Tom spirited him away from their home at the behest of his mother. He can still see her, arms reaching out the window as his father attacks her from behind. To this day, Benny has never forgiven his brother for leaving behind his mother, and thinks of him as a coward, even though people around their town view him as one of the toughest bounty hunters they have ever seen.

(Brandon from CHE)



The Survivors / Will Weaver

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=The+Survivors&te=>

FIC

In this sequel to *Memory Boy*, Miles and his family continue trying to survive in a post-disaster United States and find they have strengths and skills they never dreamed they possessed.

(Barb from CHE and SHL)



Wild Geese Flying / Cornelia Meigs

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Wild+Geese+Flying&te=>

FIC

The suspense and action in the story hooked me as I sat in the doctor's waiting room. I only discovered Cornelia Meigs as an adult.

(RSV Sub)



Wonder / R. J. Palacio

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Wonder+R.+J.+Palacio&te=>

BCD, EB, FIC

August might not look normal, having been born with facial deformities, but inside, he's the same as any other kid his age. A must read for anyone who has ever been bullied.

(Rebecca from SCS)



AUDIO-VISUAL

American Classic / Willie Nelson

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=American+Classic&te=>

CD

Old standards; really nice

(Jean Wilkins, Circ Supervisor, CHE)



Assassin's Creed: Revelations / Ubisoft

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Assassin%27s+creed+Revelations&te=>
360, PS3

Lead Ezio, Altair and Desmond in their battle through time with the evil Templars, with your lethal assassin's blade and impressive parkour skills. This game has an engaging story line that follows the three leads in different time periods of fictional history. While some areas can be difficult to navigate, the games controls are very easy to learn. And remember: when you're stuck, go to youtube.

(Ken SLC)



Babel / Mumford & Sons

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Babel+mumford&te=>

CD

In their second album, Mumford & Sons improves and even surpasses the sound they've become known for, adding passion and fire to whatever they perform.

(Rebecca from SCS)



Battlefield 3 / Dice

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Battlefield+3&te=>

XBOX, PS3

Like all of Dice's Battlefield games the focus of the gameplay is on multiplayer, and like Bad Company 2, this game does not disappoint. The controls can take a few minutes to learn for a novice, but are easily mastered (save for flying helicopters and jets which took me some time to learn and I'm far from being a master.) Best played with a group of friends, as 'public teams' offer a mixed bag. Graphic violence. Coarse Language.

(Ken SLC)



Game of Thrones: Season 1 / Alfie Allen

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Game+of+thrones+season+1&te=>
DVD

Based on George R. R. Martin's series A Song of Ice and Fire, this HBO adaptation vividly brings his characters and settings to life. This dramatic series has lots of political intrigue, sex, violence and gore. Did I mention it's HBO?

(Ken SLC)



Ghost on the Canvas / Glen Campbell

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Ghost+on+the+Canvas&te=>

CD

Mr. Campbell has alzheimers and is on his last tour. This album is so poignant without being pity-full. You have forgotten how good he is.

(Jean Wilkins, Circ Supervisor, CHE)



Hachi: A Dog's Tale / Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Hachi%3A+A+Dog%27s+Tale+sony&te=BD,DVD>

A heartwarming tale based on the true story of a loveable dog and his enduring loyalty to his master.

(Jason from SHL)



Old ideas / Leonard Cohen

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Old+ideas&te=CD>

CD

78 year old poet and musician, Leonard Cohen, has released another amazing album. Cohen's deep baritone voice set to the backdrop of haunting melodies completely captivates the listener.

(Kathleen from SCS)



Romulus, My Father / Magnolia Home Entertainment

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Romulus%2C+My+Father&te=DVD>

DVD

Based on Raimond Gaita's memoir of his father, this is an intense and moving film starring Eric Bana.

(Barb from SCS)



Salmon Fishing in the Yemen – Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Salmon+Fishing+in+the+Yemen&te=DVD>

DVD

This was a great story of hope and faith. It reminded me to be hopeful, dream big and have faith. What could be better? This is a work of fiction based, I believe, on a true event of sorts.

(Deanna Baird/Armada)



Sherlock: Season Two – Warner Home Video

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Sherlock+benedict+cumberbatch&te=BD,DVD>

BD, DVD

In the second season of this series set in modern-day London, Sherlock Holmes and his partner John Watson take on "The Woman", "The Hound", and finally, "The Fall".

(Rebecca from SCS)



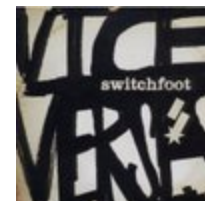
Vice Verses / Switchfoot

<http://sbrb.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/search/results?qu=Vice+Verses&te=CD>

CD

Alternative rock band Switchfoot delivers their strongest album yet, packed with powerhouse anthems balanced with acoustics. The songs explore inner conflict, pound out spiritual encouragement, and ask big questions of believers in God. "Afterlife" asks "Why would I wait til I die to come alive? Every day a choice is made, every day I choose my fate." "Selling the News" demands living an honest life as an example to others who are desperately searching for someone to believe, and "Restless" moves the heart with lyrics that suggest spiritually pressing on: "I am restless, I run like the ocean to find your shore. I'm looking for you."

(Bethany Boutin, SCS Circulation Clerk)



360 = XBOX 360, BCD = Book on CD, BLU = Blu-ray Disc, CD = Compact Disc,
DVD = Digital Video Disc, EB = eBook, FIC = Fiction,
LT = Large Type, MeLCat = MeLCat material, NONFIC - Fiction,
PL = Playaway, PS3 = Playstation 3 Game