Fiction

Disappearing Earth by Julia Phillips
On a peninsula in Russia, two sisters go missing. Echoes of the disappearance reverberate across a community, with the fear and loss felt most deeply among its women, bringing a new understanding of family and community.

This is How You Lose the Time War by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone
“Among the ashes of a dying world, an agent of the Commandant finds a letter. It reads: Burn before reading.” Before reading?

The Removes by Tatjana Soli
Intertwining stories of Civil War hero George Armstrong Custer, his wife Libbie, and a teen who became a member of the Cheyenne tribe after surviving an attack on her family’s homestead on the American frontier.

Evening in Paradise: More Stories by Lucia Berlin
With her trademark blend of humor and melancholy, Berlin crafts semi-autobiographical short stories based on her eventful life in the United States and Latin America.

Asymmetry by Lisa Halliday
Dual narratives link a young woman involved with a much older writer in Manhattan with a young man from Afghanistan who finds himself detained at Heathrow airport.

Magic for Liars by Sarah Gailey
When a murder is discovered at Osthorne Academy, grizzled private investigator Ivy Gamble is hired to solve the crime. However, Ivy will have to confront not only a magic murderer, but her inner demons.

The Huntress by Kate Quinn
Nina is growing up in Soviet Russia. When war sweeps over her homeland, she joins an all-female night bomber regiment and is downed behind enemy lines and thrown across the path of a lethal Nazi murderess known as the Huntress.
The Sopranos Sessions by Matt Zoller Seitz & Alan Sepinwall
The series ran for seven seasons and would leave fans fascinated, and at times appalled, by Tony Soprano’s “work” and home. The show would influence others to create a new genre for television invoking the darker side of society.

A Taste of History Cookbook by Walter Staib
The cookbook tie-in to PBS’s Emmy Award-winning series “A Taste of History” features over 150 recipes. Readers will want to recreate these dishes in their modern-day kitchens as they get a history lesson.

The Magnetic Girl by Jessica Handler
Thirteen-year-old Lulu finds an obscure book, The Truth of Mesmeric Influence, and begins to “captivate” her friends and family, controlling their thoughts and actions for brief moments at a time.

The Printed Letter Bookshop by Katherine Reay
When attorney Madeline inherits her aunt’s bookstore in a small town, she plans to sell it but questions her decision as she develops friendships with the residents and finds sanctuary.

Monstress Volume I: Awakening by Marjorie Liu and Sana Takeda
Set in an alternate 1900’s Asia in a world of art deco and steampunk, this is the story of a teenage girl who shares a link with a powerful monster struggling to survive the trauma of war.

Non-Fiction

Because Internet: Understanding the New Rules of Language by Gretchen McCulloch
Internet linguist Gretchen McCulloch explores how the internet is changing the English language, why that’s a good thing, and what our online interactions reveal about who we are.

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On the Clock: What Low-Wage Work Did to Me and How It Drives America Insane by Emily Guendelsberger
Journalist Emily Guendelsberger takes a closer look at changes taking place in the American labor market, like the increased number of low-wage jobs that have replaced the well-paying jobs of the manufacturing sector.

Revolutionaries by Joshua Furst
The life and times of an exuberant rebel loosely modeled on the 1960s icon Abbie Hoffman as seen through the eyes of his young son.

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Midnight in Chernobyl by Adam Higginbotham
This extensively researched account of the Chernobyl disaster examines the Soviet quest for nuclear power that led to the 1986 meltdown and humanizes the tragedy and its aftermath.

Sugar: The World Corrupted by James Walvin
This book tells the history of the now ubiquitous substance of sugar, from its origins in Asia, to its transplanting to the Mediterranean area, which set the stage for its role as a driver of colonialism, slavery, and obesity.

Gene Eating: The Science of Obesity and the Truth about Dieting by Giles Yeo
Drawing on the very latest science and his own genetic research at the University of Cambridge, Dr. Giles Yeo has written the seminal “anti-diet” diet book.

Forest Bathing: How Trees Can Help You Find Health and Happiness by Qing Li
The guide to the Japanese practice of “shinrin-yoku,” or the art and science of how trees can promote health and happiness. Once you’ve discovered the healing power of trees, leave everyday stress behind.

The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming by David Wallace-Wells
A meditation on the devastation we have brought upon ourselves and a call to action as the responsibility to avoid it now belongs to a single generation.

Women Rowing North: Navigating Life’s Currents and Flourishing as We Age by Mary Pipher
A timely examination of the issues women face as they age. Drawing on her own experience, Pipher explores ways women can cultivate resilient responses to the challenges they face.

Beastie Boys Book by Mike D and Adam Horovitz
Formed as a New York City hardcore band in 1981, Beastie Boys struck an unlikely path to global hip hop superstardom. Here is their story, told for the first time in the words of the band.

GuRu by RuPaul
A collection of philosophies from renaissance performer RuPaul. Packed with more than 80 beautiful photographs that illustrate the concept of building the life you want from the outside in and the inside out.
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Historic New England: A Tour of the Region’s Top 100 National Landmarks*

Saturday, October 5
from 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Banx Room - Main Library
Learn about some of the most interesting historic destinations in all of New England with authors Patricia Harris and David Lyon. The “Hungry Travelers” have traveled and written together for decades and are the authors of more than thirty books about travel, food, and art. * Generously sponsored by the Friends of the Worcester Public Library.

Irish Roots: Two Eileen’s Talk About Their Novels

Saturday, October 12
from 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Banx Room - Main Library
Local authors Eileen O’Finlan and Eileen Charbonneau discuss the genesis of their novels. O’Finlan’s debut novel, Kelegeen, is set in Ireland during the Great Hunger; her soon-to-be published follow-up is set in Worcester. Eileen Charbonneau, author of several books, will talk about Rachel LaMoyne, also set in Ireland during the mid-1800’s.

H.P. Lovecraft: A Lecture with Local Author Matt Sanborn

Saturday, October 19
from 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Fiction Area - Main Library
A discussion about the major works of writer H.P. Lovecraft, a master of fantastical horror stories, born in 1890 in Providence, R.I. Presented by Matt Sanborn who, under the name of Matt Madigan, has five published novels and has written extensively on Lovecraft and other authors.

Books will be available for purchase and signing at all events.

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