**Fiction**

*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman
Meet Eleanor, a loner and model of efficiency with her routine. When she meets the bumbling IT guy from her office, she learns to break out of her isolation and begin to heal from unimaginable tragedy.

*The Shadow King* by Maaza Mengiste
Ethiopia, 1935. With Mussolini’s army looming, Hirut must adapt to life as a maid. When she helps disguise a peasant as the emperor and becomes his guard, other women are inspired to take up arms.

*The Chain* by Adrian McKinty
Rachel’s child has been kidnapped and to free her, she must abduct someone else’s child. But the masterminds may have made a mistake this time. Rachel may be the one to finally break the chain.

*Someone Who Will Love You in All Your Damaged Glory* by Raphael Bob-Waksberg
A collection of short stories that are dark and bizarre, yet reveal the intricacies of the human psyche.

*Upright Women Wanted* by Sarah Gailey
Are you a coward or are you a librarian? In a near-future Southwest full of bandits, fascists, and queer librarian spies trying to do the right thing, Esther runs away from an arranged marriage and stumbles across a revolution.

*The Sacrament* by Olaf Olafsson
A young nun is sent to investigate allegations of misconduct at a Catholic school in Iceland. Her past returns to her in unexpected ways, all while rumors spread of a mysterious death and a series of harrowing abuse claims.
The Need by Helen Phillips
Molly’s husband is away and she is running between her children and her job. She’s working at a fossil quarry, and has recently unearthed artifacts that defy understanding, like an alternative version of the Bible. Where do these things come from?

The Guardians by John Grisham
In a Florida town, a lawyer is shot to death and a young black man is charged and convicted. For 22 years, he maintains his innocence. Finally, Guardian Ministries takes on his case, but the minister in charge gets more than he bargained for.

Ninth House by Leigh Bardugo
In a world where Yale’s secret societies are full of students practicing forbidden magic, a young woman with a mysterious past gets the chance of a lifetime when benefactors to the elite university send her to infiltrate the societies.

Bombers Moon by Archer Mayor
In an attempt to connect the murders of a small town drug dealer, a fatally flawed thief, and the increasingly dark goings-on at a prestigious prep school, two young women combine their talents to go where Vermont detective Joe Gunther and his team cannot.

Non-Fiction

The Poetry Remedy by William Sieghart
When you are suffering from loneliness, heartbreak, hopelessness, or excitement, these poetic prescriptions will provide you the hope, comfort, and inspiration you need at that moment.

Strange Planet by Nathan W. Pyle
Adorable, gentle, and hilarious comics that feature a look at everyday life through the eyes of aliens who live on a planet similar to our own. Based on the Instagram of the same name.

Hymns of the Republic by S.C. Gwynne
Pulitzer Prize finalist Gwynne describes the monumental personalities and events of the bloody final year of the American Civil War. Gwynne punctures myths and describes human tragedies and glories large and small. A must-read for history fans!

Three Women by Lisa Taddeo
Taddeo’s debut covers the sexual and emotional lives of three women from different backgrounds and regions of the United States.
**Little Weirds by Jenny Slate**
In her dazzling, impossible-to-categorize debut, Jenny Slate channels the pain and beauty of life in writing so fresh, so new, and so alive, we catch her vision like a fever.

**Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, HER Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed** by Lori Gottlieb
Gottlieb offers a personal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and provides the rarest of gifts: a portrait of what it means to be human.

**Boys & Sex: Young Men on Hookups, Love, Porn, Consent, and Navigating the New Masculinity** by Peggy Orenstein
Orenstein is able to unravel the hidden truths, hard lessons, and important realities of young male sexuality in today’s world.

**Catch and Kill by Ronan Farrow**
The untold story of the exotic tactics of intimidation deployed by wealthy and connected men to threaten journalists, evade accountability, and silence victims of abuse. And it’s the story of the women who risked everything to expose the truth and spark a global movement.

**Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope** by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
A discussion of the opioid epidemic, the demise of the manufacturing sector, and government policies implemented over the decades and how they have adversely affected communities across the nation.

**Birder on Berry Lane: Three Acres, Twelve Months, Thousands of Birds** by Robert Tougias
A month-by-month guide to the birds that flock to New England backyards by a noted local writer, birder, and naturalist.

**The Best American Food Writing 2019** by Samin Nosrat
The author of Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat emphasizes how food writing can “broaden cultural understanding” and empathy throughout the world. A collection of essays on the people who eat, prepare, and produce our food.

**The Ride of a Lifetime by Robert Iger**
Robert Iger shares the lessons he’s learned while running Disney and leading its 200,000 employees, and he explores the principles that are necessary for true leadership.
LOCAL AUTHOR SERIES

Writing from the Ground Up with Jason Parent
Saturday, March 14 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fiction Area of the Main Library
Jason will share his journey from story conception to publication and beyond. He will offer tips for new and established writers looking to publish their work or take it to the next level.

Poetry Reading by City of Worcester Poets Laureate Juan Matos, Amina Mohammed, and Other Local Poets
Tuesday, April 7 from 6 - 7 p.m.
Fiction Area of the Main Library
Newly named Poet Laureate Matos, Youth Poet Laureate Mohammed, and other local poets will join us to share their poetry through the lens of life in Worcester. Q&A to follow.

Melissa Caruso: Pursuing the Creative Dream
Saturday, May 16 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fiction Area of the Main Library
Melissa Caruso always wanted to be an author but it took almost 30 years, many more novels, and hundreds of rejections to realize that dream. Join her as she talks about how it’s never too late to make your dreams come true. Q&A to follow.

WRITING & PUBLISHING WORKSHOPS

Writing Workshop with Author Mandi Lynn
Saturday, March 21 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Third Floor Computer Lab at the Main Library
This workshop will walk you through the plot structure of a page-turning novel.

How to Write and Self-Publish Your Story and Sell it on Amazon
Saturday, April 11 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Fiction Area at the Main Library
Henry Quinlan will demonstrate how to write and self-publish for under $10.00 on Amazon.

Workshop with Bret Herholz: Artist and Sometimes Writer
Saturday, May 2 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Third Floor Computer Lab at the Main Library
Join author and illustrator Herholz to learn about scripting your own projects, collaborating, and different ways to create a graphic novel script.

For more details visit mywpl.org.