NEW! Science Fiction Book Club

Tuesdays, June 19 & August 21 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. and then every third Tuesday of the month.

Do you like reading about spaceships, parallel worlds, aliens, telepathy, time travel or droids? Join us to discuss great SciFi & Fantasy fiction at WPL’s newest book club. Ages 16+ welcome.

Let's Read About Worcester Book Discussion

Saturdays, July 21 & August 18 from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Please join our ongoing book discussion group of books set in Worcester County. Copies of the books will be provided.

Forced Into Genocide: Memoirs of an Armenian Soldier in the Ottoman Turkish Army

Saturday, June 16 from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

The riveting memoir of Yervant Edward Alexanian, an eyewitness to the massacre and dislocation of his family and countrymen in Ottoman Turkey during World War I. Adrienne Alexanian, Yervant’s daughter, will be presenting her father’s memoir. Book signing will follow the presentation.

Adult Summer Reading Program

June 16 - August 18, 2018

Registration Begins June 1, 2018

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• Read or listen to a book
• Learn something new by attending one of our classes or programs

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Gold Level Prize: 9 books, classes, or programs

All prizes may be collected at the Main Library or any Branch. For more information visit mywpl.org or call 508-799-1655 ext. 3.

Fiction

Alternate Side by Anna Quindlen

Living in a quiet Manhattan brownstone, Nora discovers her true self in the wake of a violent attack that exposes the racial, economic, marital, and interpersonal tensions beneath her neighbors' facade of harmony.

The Tea Master and the Detective by Aliette de Bodard

When eccentric scholar Long Chau requests a corpse from space for scientific study, her ship The Shadow Child accepts it. When the body she brings back turns out to have been murdered, she feels compelled to investigate.

Varina by Charles Frazier

Her marriage prospects limited, Varina Howell weds the widower Jefferson Davis, expecting the secure life of a Mississippi landowner. Davis instead pursues a career in politics and is appointed president of the Confederacy.

A Princess in Theory by Alyssa Cole

Prince Thabiso shoulders the hopes of his parents and his people. Ever dutiful, he tracks down his missing betrothed. But when she mistakes the prince for a pauper, Thabiso can’t resist the chance to experience life and love without the burden of his crown.

The Merry Spinster by Mallory Ortberg

Adapted from the author’s “Children Stories Made Horrid” series, a collection of darkly whimsical stories based on classic fairy tales with elements of psychological horror and feminist mischief.

The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah

When her volatile, former POW father impulsively moves the family to mid-1970s Alaska to live off the land, young Leni and her mother are forced to confront their lack of preparedness for a dangerous winter season.

The Geographer’s Library by Jon Fasman

Nine hundred years after a 12th-century Sicilian burglar steals artifacts that possess the secret to eternal life, a Connecticut reporter finds evidence that someone is collecting the artifacts again.
The Taster by V.S. Alexander
Amid the turbulence of World War II, a young German woman finds a haven closer to danger than she ever imagined—one that will propel her through privilege and terror under Hitler’s dictatorship.

Tangerine by Christine Mangan
Arriving in Tangier with her new husband only to encounter her estranged best friend, Alice allows her friend to introduce her to the culture of Morocco, only to be stifled by the woman’s controlling nature.

The Awkward Squad by Sophie Hénaff
This new crime series starring Anne Capestan features a brilliant but disgraced police officer placed in charge of a team of department misfits to investigate decades old unsolved crimes.

Sometimes I Lie by Alice Feeney
A psychological thriller that depicts the experiences of a coma patient with shut-in syndrome who, while unable to move or speak, must listen to those around her to figure out how she got there.

See What I Have Done by Sarah Schmidt
A reimagining of the Borden murders profiles an abusive home where the events surrounding the killing of the parents are presented from the viewpoints of Lizzie Borden, her elder sister, their housemaid, and an enigmatic stranger.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
After witnessing her friend’s death at the hands of a police officer, Starr’s life is complicated when the police and a local drug lord try to intimidate her in an effort to learn what happened the night Kahlil died.

Flight Attendant by Chris Bohjalian
A flight attendant wakes up in an unfamiliar hotel room beside a dead body and sneaks back to her work, telling a series of lies that complicate her ability to figure out what really happened.

the sun and her flowers by Rupi Kaur
A vibrant and transcendent journey about growth and healing, ancestry and honoring one’s roots from a New York Time bestselling author.

Blood Moon: An American Epic of War and Splendor in the Cherokee Nation by John Sedgwick
A history of the rivalry between Cherokee chiefs The Ridge and John Ross contends that they and their followers became divided on key tenets of peace talks and devastated the Cherokee Nation with division, war and forced migrations.

Just Sit by Sukey Novogratz
The co-founders of The Well Daily present a light-hearted, comprehensive guidebook that shares tips on how to incorporate a meditation practice into a busy lifestyle.

Marilyn in Manhattan: Her Year of Joy by Elizabeth Winder
Describes Marilyn Monroe’s time in the Big Apple, during which she took classes with Lee Strasberg, befriended the greatest actors and writers of her day and broke her contract with Fox Studios to form her own production company.

The 100-Year Life: Living and Working in an Age of Longevity by Lynda Gratton
The authors show how living to 100 will have a profound effect on society and the economy, and result in a complete restructuring of everyone’s professional and personal lives.

The Year of Less by Cait Flanders
Documents a year in the author’s life, during which she bought only necessities. Deprived of her usual vices, Flanders changed habits she’d spent years perfecting and discovered what truly mattered to her.

Meet the Frugalwoods: Achieving Financial Independence Through Simple Living by Elizabeth Willard Thames
Shares the personal story of how the author left her successful career and embraced frugality to create a more meaningful life on a homestead in the Vermont woods.

Non-Fiction

The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work by Shawn Achor
A Harvard lecturer identifies seven core principles of positive psychology to counsel readers on how to achieve greater effectiveness and fulfillment in the workplace.

The Last Republicans: Inside the Extraordinary Relationship between George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush by Mark K. Updegrove
Written with the cooperation of Presidents George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush, a biographical examination of their relationship as presidents, and father and son.