**Fiction**

**The Moon is a Harsh Mistress**  
by Robert A. Heinlein  
A classic about personal responsibility and political freedom. Set on a lunar penal colony, people are aided by a self-aware supercomputer, and grappling with the definitions of humanity, technology, and free will.

**The Calculating Stars**  
by Mary Robinette Kowal  
In 1952, a meteorite obliterated much of the US east coast, causing a devastating climate shift. Pilot Elma of the International Aerospace Coalition wants to be one of the first to enter space, and won’t let anything stand in her way.

**Noumenon**  
by Marina J. Lostetter  
A mosaic novel of discovery, Noumenon examines the dedication, adventure, growth, and fear of having your entire world consist of nine ships in the vacuum of space.

**The Invisible Library**  
by Genevieve Cogman  
Irene is a spy for the Library, an organization that collects books from different realities. She has a mission: retrieve a particularly dangerous book. The problem: it’s already been stolen.

**Unholy Land**  
by Lavie Tidhar  
Lior travels home to Palestina, an East African Jewish state formed in the early 20th century, and finds himself pulled into a complex plot to destroy the borders between worlds.

**Red Planet Blues**  
by Robert J. Sawyer  
The only private eye on Mars tracks the guilty among failed prospectors, corrupt cops, and rich transfers who upload their minds into immortal android bodies. Clues lead to murders of the founders of the Great Martian Fossil Rush, and their treasure.

**Earth Unaware**  
by Orson Scott Card  
A prequel to Ender’s Game, the story of how humans first became aware of the alien race. Victor, from a family of “free miners” living on the spaceship El Cavador, is working an asteroid when they detect what appears to be an alien ship.
Red Rising by Pierce Brown
Darrow is a member of the lowest caste in the society of the future. He works all day, believing that he and his people are making the surface of Mars livable for future generations. Then he discovers that humanity already reached the surface generations ago.

The Broken Earth Trilogy by N.K. Jemisin
This trilogy follows a woman as she pursues her husband who has murdered their son and kidnapped their daughter, disappearing into a dying landscape called The Stillness. She uses ancient forces of the earth, moon, and the ominous obelisks to bring her daughter back to safety.

An Unkindness of Ghosts by Rivers Solomon
Aster lives in the lower deck slums of a ship ferrying the last of humanity to a mythical Promised Land. The ship’s leaders have imposed moral restrictions and indignities on dark-skinned sharecroppers like Aster. She learns there may be a way to improve her lot, if she’s willing to risk civil war.

Ninefox Gambit by Yoon Ha Lee
A disgraced captain of the hexarchate is given the opportunity to redeem herself by recapturing the Fortress of Scattered Needles from heretics. She receives a single devastating weapon to aid her in her task: a revived, traitorous general.

Non-Fiction
You Are the Universe by Deepak Chopra, M.D. and Menas C. Kafatos, Ph.D.
A philosophical work which attempts to give answers to questions pertaining to the origin of the universe, time, space, matter and the meaning of consciousness and the marrying of science and spirituality in daily lives.

Packing for Mars by Mary Roach
The author of Stiff and Bonk explores the irresistibly strange universe of space travel and life without gravity.

Space Odyssey: Stanley Kubrick, Arthur C. Clarke, and the Making of a Masterpiece by Michael Benson

Endurance by Scott Kelly
A stunning memoir from the astronaut and modern-day hero who spent a record-breaking year aboard the International Space Station.
Shoot for the Moon by James Donovan
The Apollo 11 mission was a mammoth undertaking involving more than 410,000 people dedicated to winning the space race against the Soviets. This is a gripping account of the dangers, challenges, and sheer determination that defined not only Apollo 11, but also the Mercury and Gemini missions that came before it.

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Meet the group of African American female mathematicians known as “human computers” who used pencils, slide rules and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch both rockets and astronauts into space.

Food in the Air and Space by Richard Foss
In the history of cooking, there has been no more challenging environment than air and spacecraft. This book explored the intricacies of inflight dining from 1783 to the present day, aboard balloons, zeppelins, land-based aircraft, jets, and spacecraft.

An Astronaut’s Guide to Life on Earth by Chris Hadfield
Colonel Chris Hadfield has spent decades training as an astronaut and has logged 4,000 hours in space. The secret to Hadfield’s success is a philosophy he learned at NASA: prepare for the worst, and enjoy every moment of it.

The Glass Universe by Dava Sobel
The little-known true story of the remarkable contributions to astronomy made by a group of women working in the Harvard College Observatory from the late 1800s through the mid-1900s.

The Space Barons by Christian Davenport
Traces the historic quest to rekindle the human exploration of space by billionaire entrepreneurs, sharing insights into how rivalry and Silicon Valley innovations are lowering the cost of space travel and exceeding the achievements of NASA.

The Astronaut Wives Club by Lily Koppel
As America’s Mercury Seven astronauts were launched on death-defying missions, cameras focused on the brave smiles of their young wives. Overnight, these women were transformed from military spouses into American royalty.

American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race by Douglas Brinkley
Brings together the extraordinary political, cultural, and scientific factors that fueled the birth and development of NASA and the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo projects, which shot the United States to victory in the space race against the Soviet Union during the Cold War.
American History Book Discussion: The 1960s
First Tuesday of the Month
June 4: Shoot for the Moon by James Donovan
July 2: American Moonshot by Douglas Brinkley
August 6: The Road to Woodstock by Michael Lang

Science Fiction Book Club
Third Tuesday of the Month
June 18: Startide Rising by David Brin
July 16: Foundation by Isaac Asimov
August 20: The Moon is a Harsh Mistress by Robert Heinlein

Great American Reads Book Club
Fourth Tuesday of the Month
June 25: Call of the Wild by Jack London
July 23: The Giver by Lois Lowry
August 27: The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

NEW! Community Book Chat: You’ve Got to Read This! (R)
Wednesdays, June 26, July 24, Aug. 28
7:15 - 8:30 p.m. in the Banx Room
Attention Readers! Is there a book you’ve enjoyed so much that you want to tell everyone? We’ll gather and discuss books of your choice in a particular genre.
June 26: Memoir or Biography of Someone Famous
July 24: Books About Outer Space
Aug. 28: Bestselling Mystery

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