Fiction

Severance by Ling Ma
After an epidemic causes New Yorkers to flee, Candace stays behind and continues her routine: going to work, and blogging about the deserted city. Eventually she leaves - putting her at the mercy of a power-hungry IT specialist named Bob.

Eileen by Ottessa Moshfegh
Dreaming of life in the city while caring for her alcoholic father and working in a 1960s boys’ prison, a disturbed young woman is manipulated into committing a psychologically charged crime during the holiday season.

Meet Me at the Museum by Anne Youngson
A professor in Denmark and a grandmother in England begin a correspondence, and a friendship, that develops into something extraordinary.

A Gathering of Secrets by Linda Castillo
When a historic barn burns to the ground, Chief Kate Burkholder is called. At first, it looks like an accident, but when the body of teenager Daniel is found inside, Kate suspects murder. Who would want a well-liked young Amish man dead?

Dying of the Light by Robert Goolrick
Diana, the only daughter of Virginia gentry, agrees to marry a rich captain to save her family’s land. Luckily for Diana, her union with the captain is brief and gives her a beautiful son. But after the son is grown the real tragedy begins.

An Unwanted Guest by Shari Lapena
Mitchell’s Inn boasts spacious rooms with fireplaces, a wine cellar, and lots of sports opportunities. So when a blizzard cuts off electricity, guests settle in. When one of the guests turns up dead it looks like an accident. When a second guest dies, there’s a panic.

The House Swap by Rebecca Fleet
A hypnotic domestic noir novel in which a house swap becomes the eerie backdrop to a crumbling marriage, a torrid affair, and the fatal consequences that unfold. Be careful who you let in...
An Absolutely Remarkable Thing
by Hank Green

A sweeping, cinematic tale about a young woman who becomes an overnight celebrity before realizing she’s part of something bigger, and stranger, than anyone could have possibly imagined.

The Wrong Heaven by Amy Bonnaffons

In the title story of this short story collection, a school-teacher’s life takes an unexpected turn when the plastic Jesus lawn ornaments she buys starts talking to her. In “Alternate,” a woman is convinced that all she needs to revive a stagnant relationship is the perfect poster of the Dalai Lama.

Noir by Christopher Moore

San Francisco, 1947. It’s not every afternoon that a comely blonde walks into the scruffy gin joint where Sammy “Two Toes” Tiffin tends bar. It’s love at first sight, but before Sammy can make his move, an Air Force general arrives with some urgent business.

The Witch Elm by Tana French

Toby is a happy-go-lucky charmer who surprises two burglars who beat him and leave him for dead. Struggling to recover, he takes refuge at his family’s ancestral home and is forced to face the possibility that his past may not be what he has always believed.

Non-Fiction

The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border by Francisco Cantú

A former Border Patrol agent’s haunting experience of an unnatural divide and the lives caught on either side, struggling to cross or to defend it.

The Wisdom of Wolves: Lessons from the Sawtooth Pack by Jim & Jamie Dutcher

Lessons Jim and Jamie Dutcher learned from six years of living in the Idaho wilderness with gray wolves.

Best American Food Writing 2018
Edited by Ruth Reichl

Ruth Reichl collects pieces originally published in a wide range of venues. There are odes to dining scenes, as well as profiles of foodie celebs like Mary H.K. Choi’s take on Christina Tosi and Kushbu Shah’s pilgrimage to Ree Drummond’s remote Oklahoma eatery.

Priestdaddy by Patricia Lockwood

Father Greg Lockwood is unlike any Catholic priest you have ever met, a man who lounges in boxer shorts, jamming on the guitar. His daughter is an irreverent poet who long ago left the Church’s country. When an unexpected crisis leads her and her husband to move back into her parents’ rectory, their two worlds collide.
The Restless Wave: Good Times, Just Causes, Great Fights and Other Appreciations by John McCain and Mark Salter

A candid new political memoir from Senator John McCain - his most personal book in years - covering everything from 2008 up to the present.

Gmorning, Gnight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Before he inspired the world with Hamilton, Miranda was inspiring his Twitter followers with these words of encouragement at the beginning and end of each day.

The Three Questions by Don Miguel Ruiz

Ruiz, the beloved teacher of spiritual wisdom and author of the phenomenal New York Times and international bestseller The Four Agreements, asks us to consider the essential questions that drive our lives and govern our mind’s spiritual power.

Calypso by David Sedaris

Personal essays share the author’s adventures after buying a vacation house on the Carolina coast and his reflections on middle age and mortality.

Time to Parent: Organizing Your Life to Bring Out the Best in Your Child and You by Julie Morgenstern

Includes proven strategies for prioritizing what really matters to your family; organizational skills to get the basics in place and out of mind; and realistic, research-backed guidelines for what quality time really looks like.

All You Can Ever Know by Nicole Chung

Chung investigates the mysteries and complexities of her transracial adoption in this chronicle of unexpected family for anyone who has struggled to figure out where they belong.

The Fifth Risk by Michael Lewis

What are the consequences if the people given control over our government have no idea how it works? They are the linchpins of the system; Michael Lewis finds them, and he asks them what keeps them up at night.

Good and Mad by Rebecca Traister

The story of female fury and its cultural significance demonstrates the long history of bitter resentment that has ensnared women’s slow rise to political power in America, as well as the ways that anger is received.

Practical Meditation by Giovanni Dienstmann

Offers instructions for several practical meditation techniques that can be used anywhere, at any time, as well as information on the benefits and scientific evidence in support of it.
Events at the Main Library

How to Get a Literary Agent
Tuesday, December 11 from 6 - 7 p.m.
Saxe Room - Main Library
Literary agent Lorin Rees of the Rees Literary Agency in Boston will present the ins and outs of obtaining literary representation and how writers can effectively bring their ideas to fruition.

Publicity Today
Tuesday, January 8
from 6 - 7 p.m.
Saxe Room - Main Library
Attention aspiring writers! Authors Steve Liskow and Sarah Smith from Sisters, New England Chapter, will share what they’ve learned about how to publicize books, including blogging, use of social media, planning events, and making videos.

Body Intelligence with Dr. Joe Cardillo
Tuesday, January 22
from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Saxe Room - Main Library
Join author, inspirational speaker, and sought after body-energy expert, Joseph Cardillo, PhD and find out how easily and naturally you can tap your body’s full energy spectrum.

Book Clubs

Science Fiction Book Club
Tuesdays, December 18, January 15, February 19
from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Banx Room - Main Library
Do you like reading about spaceships, parallel worlds, aliens, telepathy, time travel or droids? Join us to discuss great SF & Fantasy fiction. Ages 16 and up welcome.

American History Book Discussion
Tuesdays, December 4 & February 5
from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Banx - Main Library
Please join our ongoing book discussion group focused on American history. Copies of the books will be provided.

Great American Reads Book Club
Tuesdays, January 22 & February 26
from 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.
Banx - Main Library
You’ve heard of PBS’ Great American Read…now is your chance to discuss some of America’s most loved titles. Registrants will receive a free copy of the month’s selection.

For additional details and book selections visit: https://mywpl.org/article/adult-classes-and-programs