Fiction

**Full Throttle: Stories** by Joe Hill
In this masterful collection of short fiction, Joe Hill dissects timeless human struggles in thirteen relentless tales of supernatural suspense.

**Lost Roses** by Martha Hall Kelly
Lilac Girls introduced the real-life heroine Caroline Ferriday. This new novel, set a generation earlier, features Caroline’s mother, and follows three equally indomitable women from St. Petersburg to Paris under the shadow of WWI.

**Olive, Again** by Elizabeth Strout
Olive Kitteridge has returned, navigating the process of aging. Strangely content in her second marriage, still in an evolving relationship with her son, Olive joins a cast of memorable characters in the seaside town of Crosby, Maine.

**You Know You Want This** by Kristen Roupenian
A collection of short stories that are dark and bizarre, yet reveal the intricacies of the human psyche.

**Once Upon a River** by Diane Setterfield
When the seemingly dead body of a child reanimates after arriving at an ancient inn on the Thames, three families try to claim her. Steeped in folklore, science, magic, and myth, Setterfield’s third novel is sure to be rich and intriguing.

**The Whisperer** by Karin Fossum
Time shifts between Inspector Sejer’s interrogation of the accused Ragna Reigel and the shocking events that led up to her arrest. How did this lonely, quiet woman come to kill a man - or did she?

**Inland** by Téa Obrecht
In the lawless, drought-ridden lands of the Arizona Territory in 1893, two extraordinary lives collide. Nora is a frontierswoman awaiting the return of the men in her life, and Lurie is a former outlaw and a man haunted by ghosts.
The Tale Teller by Anne Hillerman
Navajo police lieutenant Joe Leaphorn has been hired to find a missing traditional weaving that had been donated to the Navajo Nation. His investigation takes a turn when the leading suspect dies under mysterious circumstances.

A Cosmology of Monsters by Shaun Hamill
In the late '60s, narrator Noah’s bookish mother marries Lovecraft-lover Harry against her better judgment. The couple has two daughters—one born for the spotlight, and the other, a natural storyteller.

We Were Killers Once by Becky Masterman
In 1959, a family was murdered in Kansas. Perry Smith and Dick Hickok were convicted and executed for the crime, and the murders became the subject of Truman Capote’s masterpiece, In Cold Blood. But what if there was a third killer?

The Poison Bed by Elizabeth Freemantle
A spellbinding thriller set in the Jacobean Court of 1615 surrounding a famed couple imprisoned on suspicion of murder—but was it Lord Robert or Lady Frances who committed the crime?

Zuleikha by Guzel Yakhina
Zuleikha watches as her husband is murdered by communists. She is then sent into exile, enduring a train journey to a remote spot in Siberia. Camp conditions are tough, and as she gets to know her companions, Zuleikha begins to build a new life.

Non-Fiction

Cribsheet: A Data-driven Guide to Better, More Relaxed Parenting from Birth to Preschool by Emily Oster
As any new parent knows, there is an abundance of often-conflicting advice hurled at you. Cribsheet is a thinking parent’s guide to the chaos and frequent misinformation of the early years.

Generation Friends: An Inside Look at the Show That Defined a Television Era by Saul Austerlitz
An in-depth look at how “Friends” has become one of the most influential and beloved shows of all time.

Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don’t Know by Malcolm Gladwell
Gladwell uses examples from history and recent headlines to illustrate that people size up the motivations, emotions, and trustworthiness of those they don’t know wrongly and with misplaced confidence.
Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland by Patrick Radden Keefe
A 38-year-old mother is dragged from her house in Belfast and is never seen again. Thirty years later, her remains are found. Keefe weaves the tale of murder, the history of the Troubles, and how the people of Northern Ireland are still dealing with its aftermath.

5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food by Jamie Oliver
Using just five ingredients, Jamie Oliver has created 130 brand-new recipes that you can cook at home any day of the week. This cookbook is about maximum flavor with minimum fuss and loads of epic inspiration.

Grown & Flown by Lisa Heffernan and Mary Dell Harrington
Seeking support for their teens’ transition to adulthood, the authors founded “Grown and Flown,” an online community for parents of teens. Gathered in this essential guide are key takeaways.

Here are the names, stories, and memories of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, as never before been collected in one place. They tell the full, 360-degree story of what happened that day, and in the days after.

Joy of Cooking by Irma Rombauer
The trusted kitchen classic for a new generation, updated with 600 new recipes, plus over 4,000 old favorites.

Blowout by Rachel Maddow
A riveting tour of the lucrative and corrupt oil-and-gas industry. Maddow takes us on a journey from Oklahoma City to Siberia to Equatorial Guinea - exposing the greed and incompetence of Big Oil and Gas.
Author Events at the Main Library

The Life of an Author: Keri Singleton
Saturday, December 7 from 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Third Floor Computer Lab
An exposed into the life of award-winning author/radio host Keri D. Singleton. His documentary, “Live To Tell: My Story” gives unmasked insight to the trials, tribulations, and triumphs of the Boston native who chased his dreams all the way to New York City. Following the film’s screening, Singleton will engage in an intimate Q&A session with guests and sign copies of his latest novel Idol. Books will be available for purchase.

Pathways to Publication
Saturday, January 4 from 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Third Floor Computer Lab
Today’s authors have multiple choices to bring their book to life. From getting an agent and a large press offer to deciding to go with a small press or self-publish, hear how two local authors decided upon their unique publication path.

Susan Oleksiw is the author of three mystery series. Susan was a co-founder of Level Best Books, which publishes an annual anthology of crime fiction, and a co-founder of The Larcom Press and The Larcom Review.

Nicole Asselin is the author of the new Ballpark Mystery series, the first book of which is Death at First Pitch, published by Pandamoon Press, a small, indie press.

NEW! Reading as Meditation
Tuesdays from 3 - 4 p.m.
Third Floor Local History Area
Set aside an hour each week - same time, same place - to join a librarian in the practice of mindful reading. Increase your ability to concentrate and appreciate stillness by taking the time to enjoy the simple pleasure of reading together in a group. All are welcome, books will be provided and putting away phones is recommended!

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