



Dig Deeper Staff Selected Reading List

This summer Dig Deeper and try a book you might not normally read. The list is just a shallow hole of possibilities. For more suggestions contact a reference librarian at 815-756-9568 x2150 or email reference@dkpl.org.

Fiction

Belinda Bauer

Snap

Michael Chabon

Moonglow

Jon Cohen

Harry's Trees

Junot Diaz

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Jonathan Safran Foer

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close

Yaa Gyasi

Homegoing

Sue Monk Kidd

The Secret Life of Bees

The Invention of Wings

Jonathan Lethem

The Feral Detective

Motherless Brooklyn

James McBride

The Good Lord Bird

Liane Moriarty

Big Little Lies

Nine Perfect Strangers

Viet Thanh Nguyen

The Sympathizer

Karen Russell

Swamplandia!

Zadie Smith

On Beauty

White Teeth

George Saunders

Lincoln in the Bardo

Ruth Ware

In a Dark, Dark Wood

The Woman in Cabin 10



Mystery

Susan Wittig Albert (The Darling Dahlias cozy mystery series with garden club members turned amateur sleuths in Depression-era Alabama)

Donna Andrews (The Meg Langslow series—humorous cozy with some type of bird as part of the title)

C. J. Box (Series set in Wyoming with game warden Joe Pickett)

Anne Hillerman (Leaphorn, Chee, and Manuelito series)

Tony Hillerman (Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee Mysteries series)

Donna Leon (Series featuring Guido Brunetti, Venetian policeman)

Sujata Massey (A new series introducing Perveen Mistry, the first female lawyer in 1920s Bombay)

Alexander McCall Smith (The Detective Varg series featuring Ulf Varg of The Department of Sensitive Crimes unit in Malmo, Sweden.)

Walter Mosley (The Easy Rawlins series, an African American PI in post-war LA)

Kwei Quartey (Series starring Detective Inspector Darko Dawson in the West African town of Accra, Ghana)

Louise Penny (The Inspector Armand Gamache mysteries set in the small village of Three Pines, Quebec.)

Ian Rankin (A gritty series featuring Police Inspector John Rebus in Edinburgh, Scotland.)

Science Fiction

Ray Bradbury
Nick Harkaway
John Scalzi (Interdependency trilogy)
H.G. Wells

Fantasy

Katherine Arden (Winternight trilogy)
Lois Bujold (Penric and Desdemona series)
Genevieve Cogman
Robert Jordan (Wheel of Time series)
George R.R. Martin

Historical Fiction

The Secret History of the Pink Carnation by Lauren Willig
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
The Mirror and the Light by Hilary Mantel
The Castle in the Forest by Norman Mailer
The World that We Knew by Alice Hoffman
The Color Purple by Alice Walker



Romance

Robyn Carr (Sullivan's Crossing series)
Alyssa Cole (Reluctant Royals series)
Debbie Macomber (Rose Harbor series)
Sophie Jordan (The Rogue Files series)
Julia Quinn (The Bridgerton series)

Graphic Novels

Joe Hill; illustrated by Gabriel Rodriguez

Locke and Key: Welcome to Lovecraft

Written by acclaimed suspense novelist and New York Times best-selling author Joe Hill (Heart-Shaped Box) and featuring astounding artwork from Gabriel Rodriguez, Locke and Key tells of Keyhouse, an unlikely New England mansion, with fantastic doors that transform all who dare to walk through them... and home to a hate-filled and relentless creature that will not rest until it forces open the most terrible door of them all.

Shannon Watters, Grace Ellis, and Noelle Stevenson; illustrated by Brooklyn Allen

Lumberjanes Vol. 1

At Miss Qiunzella Thiskwin Penniquiquil Thistle Crumpet's Camp for Hardcore Lady Types, things are not what they seem. Three-eyed foxes. Secret caves. Anagrams! Luckily, Jo, April, Mal, Molly, and Ripley are five rad, butt-kicking best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not gonna let a magical quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! The mystery keeps getting bigger, and it all begins here.

Gerard Way; illustrated by Gabriel Bá

The Umbrella Academy Vol. 1: Apocalypse Suite

In an inexplicable worldwide event, forty-seven extraordinary children were spontaneously born to women who'd previously shown no signs of pregnancy. Millionaire inventor Reginald Hargreeves adopted seven of the children; when asked why, his only explanation was, "To save the world." These seven children form the Umbrella Academy, a dysfunctional family of superheroes with bizarre powers. Their first adventure

at the age of ten pits them against an erratic and deadly Eiffel Tower, piloted by the fearsome zombie-robot Gustave Eiffel. Nearly a decade later, the team disbands, but when Hargreeves unexpectedly dies, these disgruntled siblings reunite just in time to save the world once again.

Bill Willingham; illustrated by Lan Medina

Fables Vol. 1: Legends in Exile

When a savage creature known only as the Adversary conquered the fabled lands of legends and fairy tales, all the infamous inhabitants of folklore were forced into exile. Disguised among the normal citizens of modern-day New York, these magical characters have created their own peaceful and secret society within an exclusive luxury apartment building called Fabletown. But when Snow White's party-girl sister, Rose Red, is apparently murdered, it is up to Fabletown's sheriff, a reformed and pardoned Big Bad Wolf, to determine if the killer is Bluebeard, Rose's ex-lover and notorious wife killer, or Jack, her current live-in boyfriend and former beanstalk-climber.

Marjorie Liu; illustrated by Sana Takeda

Monstress: Book One

A teenage girl struggles to overcome the trauma of war in an alternate, matriarchal 1900s Asia that's brimming with arcane dangers. This task is made even more difficult by her mysterious psychic link to an eldritch monster of tremendous power—a connection that will transform them both and place them in the crosshairs of both human and otherworldly powers.

Alison Bechdel; illustrated by Alison Bechdel

Fun Home

In this groundbreaking, bestselling graphic memoir, Alison Bechdel charts her fraught relationship with her late father. In her hands, personal history becomes a work of amazing subtlety and power, written with controlled force and enlivened with humor, rich literary allusion, and heartbreaking detail.

Distant and exacting, Bruce Bechdel was an English teacher and director of the town funeral home, which Alison and her family referred to as the "Fun Home." It was not until college that Alison, who had recently come out as a lesbian, discovered that her father was also gay. A few weeks after this revelation, he was dead, leaving a legacy of mystery for his daughter to resolve.

Charles Soule; illustrated by Javier Pulido and Ron Wimberley

She-Hulk Vol. 1: Law and Disorder

She-Hulk is taking a stand, and this time in a court of law! Jennifer Walters has been a dedicated member of the Avengers and the FF, but now she's seeking professional success with an independent, super-powered law firm! Her first client? Kristoff Vernard, the spoiled son of Victor Von Doom!

Nonfiction

Bill Bryson

The Body: A Guide for Occupants

A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

At Home: A Short History of Private Life

Kevin Cook

Ten Innings at Wrigley: The Wildest Ballgame Ever, with Baseball on the Brink

Lynne Cox

Swimming in the Sink: An Episode of the Heart

Grayson

Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer

Nonfiction (continued)

Rob Dunn

Never Home Alone: From Microbes to Millipedes, Camel Crickets, and Honeybees, the Natural History of Where We Live

Ross Gay

The Book of Delights: Essays

Doris Kearns Godwin

Leadership in Turbulent Times

No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II

Wait Till Next Year: A Memoir

Tyler Kepner

K: A History of Baseball in Ten Pitches

Mark Kurlansky

Salt: A World History

Milk! A 10,000-Year Food Fracas

Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World

Erik Larson

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America

The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz (New Book)

David McCullough

The Wright Brothers

The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris

Christopher McDougall

Running with Sherman: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero

Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Super Athletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen

Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw

Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music that Made a Nation)

George Orwell

All Art is Propaganda: Critical Essays

Facing Unpleasant Facts: Narrative Essays

Mary Roach

Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void

Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal

Dava Sobel

The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars

Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love

Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time

Neil deGrasse Tyson

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry (audio version highly recommended)

Hobbies

Gardening in Miniature by Janit Calvo
Essential Oils for Beauty, Wellness, and the Home by Alicia Atkinson
Playing with Books by Jason Thompson
Every Body Yoga by Jessamyn Stanley
Girl Hunter by Georgia Pellegrini
On Learning Golf by Percy Boomer



Biographies/Memoirs

Educated by Tara Westover
Born A Crime by Trevor Noah
The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Furiously Happy by Jenny Lawson
You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington by Alexis Coe

Poetry

Billy Collins
Joy Harjo
Juan Felipe Herrera
W. S. Merwin
Mary Oliver
Tracy K. Smith
Natasha Trethewey
Kevin Young