

# Adult Summer Reading 2025

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Read or listen to a total of 5 books of your choosing and record them below.  
Return completed reading log to the Adult Reference Desk by Friday, August 8, 2025.  
Coupon prizes given to those who complete the five-book challenge.

Circle a local business for the \$20 gift card raffle. **(DeKalb PL card holders only)**  
Complete as many reading logs as you would like! Every 5 books = 1 raffle entry.

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Raffle Prize Choice **(DeKalb PL card holders only.)** Circle ONE local business in which you are interested, and this reading log will be your entry into that prize raffle.

Aurora Music Company   Cast Iron Coffee   Class VI Wine & Charcuterie  
The Confectionary   Cracker Jax   Crumbl Cookies   El Jimador   Jubilee Artisans  
Robin's Nest Bookshoppe   Thai Pavilion   Thyme 'N Again Apothecary   Willrett Flower Co.

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# Genre Challenge

Read a book in a genre or style of writing which is new to you.

Reading lists are available at the Reference Desk.

Tell us which genre you sampled and if you'd read more in said genre:

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**Magical Realism:** a style of writing that blends a realistic setting with fantastical or supernatural elements. These magical elements are treated as normal by the characters and narrator, not as an interruption to the real world.

**Poetry:** literary work in which special intensity is given to the expression of feelings and ideas by the use of distinctive style and rhythm; poems collectively or as a genre of literature.

**Narrative Nonfiction:** a literary genre that tells true stories using the techniques and styles of fiction, blending factual information with compelling storytelling. It's often referred to as creative nonfiction or literary nonfiction.

**Essay Collection:** a book or anthology containing a group of essays, often united by a theme or subject. These essays are typically non-fiction, focusing on the writer's thoughts, experiences, or perspectives on a given subject.

**Thriller:** characterized by heightened feelings of suspense, excitement, and anxiety. It's often plot-driven, known for their intense pace and focus on the emotional and psychological impact of a story.

**Romantasy:** a genre that blends fantasy and romance, where both elements are equally important and drive the narrative. It's characterized by a focus on passionate love stories set in magical or fantastical worlds.

**Nordic Noir:** crime fiction usually written from a police point of view and set in Scandinavia or the Nordic countries. Nordic noir often employs plain language, avoiding metaphor, and is typically set in bleak landscapes.

**Travel Literature:** The genre of travel literature or travelogue encompasses outdoor literature, guide books, nature writing, and travel memoirs.

**Epistolary Text:** a narrative form that is predominantly composed of letters and diary entries, but can also include other documents like emails, transcripts, and even newspaper articles.