

APL STAFF PICKS

SUMMER 2018

As thanks for your contribution, Anchorage Public Library staff have selected their favorite books for your summer reading pleasure. We wish you happy trails and intriguing tales!

Movies

If you find yourself looking for a break from the great outdoors, come inside for a bit to check out these interesting films.

La Isla Minima - The Marshland, Drama/Crime Film

The movie shows Andalucía, Spain in the 80s – still influenced by the fallout of the Franco years.

Martina, Girdwood Gerrish Library
DVD

Loving Vincent, Animated Biographical Drama Film

The world's first fully painted feature film--an experimental drama about the life of painter Vincent van Gogh, and the circumstances of his death.

Clare, APL Planning and Development
Hoopla

Hamilton: One Shot to Broadway

A remarkable story of how a group of inspired mavericks made an unlikely marriage of hip-hop and history to create the biggest show on Broadway. Featuring interviews with Lin Manuel Miranda and the cast and crew of Hamilton.

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Summer Reads For Young Readers

APL Youth Services and Youth
Librarian Kelsey

--PICTURE BOOKS--

All the Way to Havana, By Margarita Engle

Illustrated by Mike Curato. A boy helps his father keep their very old car running as they make a trip to Havana

--K TO 2ND GRADE--

The Bad Seed, by Jory Jon

Illustrated by Pete Oswald. The bad seed changes his mind about being bad and decides that he wants to be happy.

--SCHOOL AGE--

Maritch, By Tonya Bolden

Based on a memoir by Maritcha Remond Lyons, this story tells what it was like to be a black child born free during the days of slavery.

The Serpent's Secret, By Sayantani DasGupta

It's up to 12-year-old Kiranmala to rescue her parents from a demon--and save the world. Packed with action, humor, relatable characters, and Bengali folklore!

Find more kids summer reads at
www.anchoragelibrary.org/services/services-for/kids/kids-books/summer-reading/

Fiction

Crazy Rich Asians, by Kevin Kwan

A crazy, hilarious, soap opera of a book! I found the characters to be well developed and every storyline contributed to the overall narrative.

Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator
Book

Death at Wentwater Court by Carola Dunn

A cozy mystery set in between World War I and World War II – Daisy Dalrymple offers a lighter perspective on the war's effects on society.

Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator
Book

The Kiss Quotient, by Helen Hoang

A unique romance featuring a mathematician that will make you want to stay up late to finish.

Claire, Gerrish Library Manager
Book

The Shark Club, by Ann Kidd Taylor

The grains of sand practically pop out of this summer read featuring a marine biologist and her adventures in families, relationships and growing up.

Clare, APL Planning and Development
Book, eBook

Louise Rick/Camilla Lind series, by Sara Blædel

I enjoyed reading the latest in this Danish crime mystery series: The Night Women, The Running Girl and the Stolen Angel (books 4-6).

Jill, Librarian @ Loussac
Book

The Noise of Time, by Julian Barnes

Opens a view into the life of the musician Shostakovich and the Stalinist era.

Martina, Girdwood Gerrish Library
Book

Noir, by Christopher Moore

This is yet another in Moore's genre of strange funny stories for adults. Not as good as some of his most famous books, but a wild romp nonetheless.

Dean, Librarian @ Chugiak- Eagle River
Book

Dodger, by Terry Pratchett

A re-imagining of the Dickens character the Artful Dodger. A wonderful story that intertwines mystery and humor as only Pratchett can.

Dean, Librarian @ Chugiak- Eagle River
Book

The Marrow Thieves, by Cherie Dimaline

A post-apocalyptic, climate change novel of Indigenous history/future with a survivalist and family-centered story that is irresistible.

Lisa, Patron Services @ Loussac Library
Young Adult Book

Non-Fiction

Being Wrong, by Kathryn Schulz

An intelligently written book about the many nuances and subtleties of rightness and wrongness, with many historical and contemporary examples. Not a dry read.

Stacy, Technical Services Librarian
Book

Homicide: A Year on the Killing Streets, by David Simon

Without this book, it is very likely that David Simon would not have a television career. Recommended for fans of The Wire, true crime, and police procedurals.

Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator
Book

Carnegie, by Peter Krass

I've always been interested in the businessman who donated much of wealth to building free libraries. Covers economic growth and labor, and effects on social classes.

Jill, Librarian @ Loussac
Book

Just Kids, by Patti Smith

The autobiography of the artist/writer /singer and her friend artist Robert Mapplethorpe. They lived what seems to be a strange but enchanted life in NYC during the 1970s.

Dean, Librarian @ Chugiak- Eagle River
Book

We Need to Talk, by Celeste Headlee

There's a lot of talking going on, but are we really getting anywhere? Excellent and well-written advice on how to talk to people--the ones you don't want to!

Lisa, Patron Services @ Loussac
Book

The Great Quake: How the Biggest Earthquake in North America Changed Our Understanding of the Planet, by Henry Fountain

This book fits local history into the wider world of scientific thought, and the development of plate tectonics theory.

Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator
Book, eBook