

APL STAFF PICKS

SPRING/SUMMER 2020 - DIGITAL MATERIALS EDITION

As thanks for your contribution, Anchorage Public Library staff have selected their favorite books for you to read or listen to this spring. So find a spot in the sun to check out one of these great digital selections.

Movies, TV and Music

Enchanted April, Mike Newell (Director)

Wonderful movie for a rainy day - makes you feel good.

Martina, Gerrish Branch Library
hoopla

Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Tony Tilse (Director)

Living in Melbourne between the two World Wars, Phryne Fisher is bold and strong. As a private detective, she spreads hilarity as she goes! Based on the book series by Kerry Greenwood.

Shanna, Administration
hoopla

Beautiful Trauma by Pink!

I love getting top artists and albums with my library card. P!nk is a strong female artist and this is just one of her amazing albums available on Freegal.

Misty Rose, Community Relations
Freegal - music album

Bride & Prejudice, Gurinder Chadha (Director)

This is one of my favorite adaptations of Pride & Prejudice. The book's spirit lives on in modern India - complete with Bollywood dance numbers!

Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator
hoopla



School Age Fiction

The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!), by Barry Wittinstein

Band-aids have a fascinating history from the reason for their invention to how they were marketed. Kids & parents will laugh and learn!

Elizabeth, Youth Services Book, Audiobook

The Sword of Summer, by Rick Riordan

This is a great book about mythology! Riordan focuses on Norse mythology and builds additional characters around that.

Shanna (and son Parker, Age 9), Administration Book, eBook, eAudiobook

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, by Stacy McAnulty

Lucy is a math genius but can she figure out friendship and survive middle school? A heartfelt view of friendship and identity during an awkward stage of life.

Kelsey, Youth Services Book, eBook, eAudiobook

Spy School, by Stuart Gibbs

Non-stop action and a humorous narrator make this a quick read-- it's especially great for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid who wants something a little more challenging.

Kelsey, Youth Services Book, eBook

Fiction

Red, White and Royal Blue, by Casey McQuiston

Lovely LGBTQIA+ romance between FSOTUS and a UK prince with witty banter & swoony emails plus exciting political intrigue a la West Wing.

Nancy, Chugiak Branch Manager

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

Daisy Cooper's Rules for Living, by Tamsin Keily

I found the concept of this story refreshing and interesting.

Jamie, Patron Services Supervisor

Book, hoopla

Once Upon a River, by Diane Setterfield

Amazing story what wonderful prose. You can smell the river as its flowing past.

Ashley, Circulation

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

Murder in an Irish Village, by Carlene O'Connor

This is a great cozy mystery and the narrator is amazing! This is the first in the series, four so far, and all are on Hoopla!

Shanna, Administration

Book, hoopla

Circle of Shadows, by Evelyn Skye

Ninjas!

Jon, Youth Services

Book, eBook, hoopla

Star Wars (2015) Vol 1: Skywalker Strikes, by Marvel Comics

When you need more Star Wars tales and can't wait for the next movie or TV show, this was a great story following the New Hope story line.

Jana, Sorting Room Supervisor

hoopla

Restless, by William Boyd

An intriguing story about a woman who was a spy in WWII. It is now the 70's and she fears someone is after her from her spy days. Also a movie.

Carolyn, Adult Services

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

A Darker Shade of Magic, by V.E. Schwab

An original story of magic, alternate worlds, and danger around every corner.

Claire, Gerrish Branch Manager

YA Book, eBook, Audiobook, hoopla

Upright Women Wanted, by Sarah Gailey

Excellent post-apocalyptic novel set in a very changed U.S., featuring Librarians who deliver materials to far flung residents in small settlements.

Tamzan, Adult Services

Book, eAudiobook

Non-Fiction

My Life in France, by Julia Child and Alex Prud'homme

Julia Child is fascinating to me. She accomplished so much, and much of it after she turned 40. I've read a lot of biographies on her, but this one is still the best!

Stacia, Adult Services Coordinator

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

The secret wisdom of nature: trees, animals, and the extraordinary balance of all living things: stories from science and observation, by Peter Wohlleben

Wohlleben reminds us of the value and astounding wisdom of the nature around us.

Martina, Gerrish Branch Library

Book, eAudiobook

Shadow Divers: the true adventure of two Americans who risked everything to solve one of the last mysteries of World War II, by Robert Kurson

Exciting true tale of deep sea divers risking their lives to uncover a previously-undiscovered German U-boat off the coast of New Jersey.

Nancy, Chugiak Branch Manager

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

The Tiger: A True Story of Vengeance and Survival, by John Vaillant

An absolutely engrossing story about a tiger, poachers, wildlife conservation, Russia, Indigenous populations (people and animals), economics, and survival at -40 in the wilderness.

Lisa, Patron Services

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

Burnout: the secret to unlocking the stress cycle, by Emily Nagoski and Amelia Nagoski

This book does more than describe the stress women experience on a daily basis. It uses science to provide exercises and advice on how to break that cycle.

Nancy, Chugiak Branch Manager

Book, eBook, eAudiobook

Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead, by Brene Brown

This is an empowering story about the need to embrace the vulnerability, and sometimes the suck, in order to gain perspective and clarity in our lives.

Audrey Jo, Administration

Book, eBook, eAudiobook