

APL STAFF PICKS

FALL 2022/WINTER 2023

As thanks for your contribution, Anchorage Public Library staff have selected their favorite items for you to read, watch, or listen to this fall and winter. So curl up with a cup of something warm, and check out these great selections!

Movies, TV, Music, and Magazines

The White Princess, Lachlan MacKinnon (Producer)

Tells the adapted story of Elizabeth of York as she starts her life as Queen Consort to Henry VII, parents of Henry VIII. The cast is great and the story is gripping!

[Shanna, Anchorage Library Foundation](#)
DVD

Beyonce and Madonna's Remix /You Won't Break My Soul

Everything about this song will pump you up and if you're Gen X or an elder millennial you will be seen. Plus Beyonce's latest album is available on Freegal.

[Misty Rose, Community Relations](#)
Freegal

Good Omens, Douglas Mackinnon (Director)

Originaly streaming on Amazon Prime Video and now available from your library. Based on the book by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman , Micahael Sheen and David Tennant are perfect in their roles. Dark, funny and highly entertaining.

[Misty Rose, Community Relations](#)
DVD

Spree, Eugene Kotlyarenko (Director)

Filmed in a found footage style, that perfectly blends the real life horrors of social media with ridesharing. Joe Keery plays the part of greasy, creepy 20-something very well.

[Keelin, Mountain View Library](#)
DVD

School Age Fiction

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor, by Xiran Jay Zhao

All the action of an anime, with the flavor of the Percy Jackson series. Perfect for folks who are fans of the villains'.

Keelin, Mountain View Library Book

The music of life : Bartolomeo Cristofori & the invention of the piano, by Elizabeth Rusch

A beautiful picture book biography on the inventor of the piano and how his instrument spread in popularity.

Elizabeth, Youth Services Picture Book

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

Strictly No Elephants, by Lisa Mantchev

A little boy with an unusual pet finds others like him who have been rejected and make their own welcoming place in this adorable story.

Elizabeth, Youth Services Picture Book



Photo by Joanna Kosinska on Unsplash

Fiction

The Girl With All The Gifts, by M. R. Carey

A zombie story that was about so much more! I really liked it!

[Kathryn, Patron Services](#)
[Book](#)

The New Wilderness, by Diane Cook

People's lives in cities are plagued by environmental disasters, overpopulation, & lack of resources. Find out what happens to a select few as they are tossed into the Wilderness State.

[Amanda, Adult Services](#)
[Book](#)

We Sold Our Souls, by Grady Hendrix

The twist of this book was so out of left-field, but perfectly in line with the rest of the book that I was completely swept off my feet in shock and awe.

[Keelin, Mountain View Library](#)
[Book](#)

Mob Rules, by Cameron Haley

Very interesting urban fantasy. The main character is an enforcer for a mob boss. And yes she has magic. There are gods, elves and numerous other magical beings.

[Tamzan, Adult Services](#)
[hoopla, eBook](#)

Hidden Pictures, by Jason Rekulak

Excellent spooky season thriller with a twist you won't see coming and an eerie atmosphere to keep you reading until you get to a 'safe spot'.

[Celia, Patron Services](#)
[Book](#)

When No One Is Watching, by Alyssa Cole

I read this for my book club in September and couldn't put it down! The ambiance and story are wonderful. Highly recommend!

[Shanna, Anchorage Library](#)
[Foundation](#)
[Book, eBook, eAudiobook, CD](#)

Burn Down, Rise Up, by Vincent Tirado

Teen horror set in New York City that also examines some of the real life horror in that city's history.

[Elizabeth, Youth Services](#)
[Book, hoopla](#)

Pentecost and Parker series, by Stephen Spotswood

Historical mysteries with a hardboiled edge. The protagonists—Lillian Pentecost and Willowjean (Will) Parker—put a “modern spin” on classic hard-boiled fiction.

[Jim, Muldoon Library](#)
[Book](#)

Last House on Needless Street, by Catriona Ward

This is the story of a serial killer. A stolen child. Revenge. Death. And an ordinary house at the end of an ordinary street.

[Ambler, Gerrish Library](#)
[Book, eAudiobook](#)

Non-Fiction

Not my first rodeo : lessons from the heartland, by Kristi Noem

South Dakota governor Kristi Noem tells her rough and tumble story of growing up on a ranch, and how a blessed life of true grit taught her how to lead.

[Teresa, Mountain View Library](#)
[Book](#)

Hammer Head: The Making of a Carpenter, by Nina MacLaughlin

The well-written and empowering story of how a woman journalist answered a Craigslist ad for an apprentice to a woman carpenter. Even in 2015, it's an unusual story.

[Lisa, Youth Services](#)
[Book](#)

How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States, by Daniel Immerwahr

This book is great for those with even a passing interest in history, current events, and/or international relations. Learn how the US expanded beyond the "logo map."

[Sarah, Adult Services](#)
[Book, eAudiobook](#)

Divine disruption : holding on to faith when life breaks your heart, by Dr. Tony Evans et al.

Divine Disruption explores the many hardships we experience in life and how God breaks through with the power of hope.

[Teresa, Mountain View Library](#)
[Book](#)

The Second Mountain, by David Brooks

Going beyond The Road to Character, Brooks focuses on how adversity can change who we see ourselves as and what our mission is in life.

[Jim, Muldoon Library](#)
[Book, Large Type](#)

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, Youth Services](#)
[Book, eBook, eAudiobook](#)