



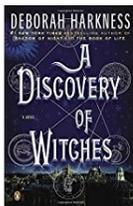
Book Notes

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Books for Library Lovers

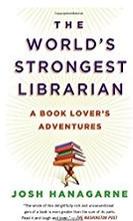
Libraries are among the most impressive repositories of human knowledge. At a time when many libraries face uncertain futures because of budget cuts and shifting priorities, it is more important than ever to acknowledge their role in promoting books and learning. Below are some favorite fiction and nonfiction books that feature libraries and librarians.



A Discovery of Witches (FAN HAR) by Deborah Harkness - While conducting research at Oxford's famed Bodleian Library, Yale professor Diana Bishop calls up an enchanted alchemical manuscript presumed missing since 1859. The discovery not only leads Diana into the arms of centuries-old vampire Matthew Clairmont, but also puts her in danger from a deadly group of supernatural beings. This novel is the exciting first installment of a trilogy.



The Borrower (FIC MAK) by Rebecca Makkai - Lucy Hull, a children's librarian in Hannibal, Missouri, is troubled to learn that one of her favorite patrons, 10-year old Ian Drake, who attends her Friday afternoon read-aloud sessions, is being raised by strict fundamentalist parents. Lucy decides to help Ian run away, stopping at her parent's house in Chicago to get extra cash. Can she save Ian and achieve her own liberation without being labeled a kidnapper?



The World's Strongest Librarian (020.92 HAN, cd 020.92 HAN) by Josh Hanagarne - Josh Hanagarne works at the Salt Lake City Public Library, where he stands out for his height—6 feet, 7 inches—and his utter inability to sit still. In his debut memoir, he traces his love of books, starting with his Mormon upbringing in rural Utah. Each chapter opens with Dewey call numbers for the subjects it contains, as Josh works his life into a framework of overcoming disability and discovering how books can save the day.

Other Titles:

This Book is Overdue (020 JOH, cd 020 JOH) by Marilyn Johnson

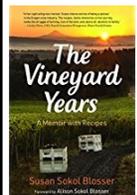
I Work at a Public Library: A Collection of Crazy Stories from the Stacks (027.4 SHE) by Gina Sheridan

Exceptional Gift Books

Below are some suggestions for the book lovers on your list.



A Very French Christmas: The Greatest French Holiday Stories of All Time by Jean-Philippe Blondell - A continuation of the very popular Very Christmas Series, this collection brings together the best French Christmas stories of all time. With a holiday spirit conveyed through sparkling Paris streets, opulent feasts, wandering orphans, kindly monks, homesick soldiers, oysters, crayfish, ham, bonbons, flickering desire, and more than a little wine, this collection encapsulates the holiday spirit and proves that the French have mastered Christmas.



The Vineyard Years: A Memoir with Recipes by Susan Sokol Blosser - This book chronicles the personal journey of pioneering female winery owner Susan Sokol Blosser, from deciding on a whim to grow wine grapes in the early 1970s, to the trials and tribulations of starting her family-owned winery, in the then little-known Willamette Valley. The themes of feminism, love, and loss are woven throughout the candidly rendered tale which is interspersed with delicious recipes representing key moments in the author's life.



North: Finding Place in Alaska by Julie Decker - *North: Finding Place in Alaska* explores the state's various facets through exhibitions and artifacts at the Anchorage Museum and the words of a diverse selection of writers, curators, historians, anthropologists, and artists. From romantic landscapes by Rockwell Kent and Thomas Hill, to the art and spirituality of Alaska's Native peoples represented by a bentwood feast dish and a uniquely carved hook for catching halibut, this collection examines connections throughout the circumpolar North. No longer as remote as once thought, Alaska serves as a narrative for our future.

Other Suggestions:

Diamonds from the Dugout: 115 of Baseball's Greatest Hits from Baseball Legends by Mark Newman

Triumph and Disaster: Five Historical Miniatures by Stefan Zweig

Adult Winter Reading Program

Around the World in 90 Days



The Adult Winter Reading Program, "Around the World in 90 Days"

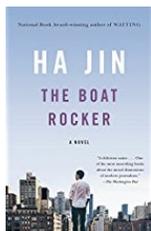
begins **Monday, January 2, 2018** and runs through **Saturday, March 31, 2018**. Readers will be asked to read four books that take place in different areas of the world. Mugs, prizes and game boards are graciously provided by Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

Readalikes

If you liked ***A Man Called Ove*** by Fredrick Backman then read...

Less by Andrew Sean Greer
The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg
Uncommon Type by Tom Hanks
Dinner with Edward by Isabel Vincent
Spill Simmer Falter Wither by Sara Baume
The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick
Fishbowl by Bradley Somer
Sweetland by Michael Crummey
Mr. Owita's Guide to Gardening by Carol Wall
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce
Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simons

Top Pick for Book Clubs



The Boat Rocker by Ha Jin - New York, 2005.

Chinese expatriate Feng Danlin is a fiercely principled reporter at a small news agency whose website is read by Chinese all over the world. Danlin's explosive exposés have made him legendary among readers—and feared by Communist officials. But his newest assignment may be his undoing: investigating his ex-wife, Yan Haili, an unscrupulous novelist who has willingly become a pawn of the Chinese government in order to realize her dreams of literary stardom. Haili's scheme infuriates Danlin both morally and personally—he will do whatever it takes to expose her as a fraud. But in outing Haili, he is also provoking her powerful political allies, and he will need to draw on all of his journalistic cunning to come out of this investigation with his career—and his life—unscathed. A brilliant, darkly funny story of corruption, integrity, and the power of the pen, *The Boat Rocker* is a tour de force.

Coming Soon to a Theater Near You

Wonder - based on the novels by R.J. Palacio. (November)
Murder on the Orient Express - based on the novel by Agatha Christie. (November)
Call Me by Your Name - based on the book by André Aciman. (November)

Don't miss these great programs sponsored by Friends of the Hershey Public Library

All programs are free but registration is necessary and can be done either online @ www.hersheylibrary.org or by calling the Circulation Desk @ 533-6555.

Joshua Lionel Cowen: An Exciting One-Man History presented by Neill Hartley Sunday, December 17, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m.

Neill Hartley is Joshua Lionel Cowen in this exciting and magical one-man show about the founding and history of one of the greatest toy companies ever created! It is a fully staged presentation that will entertain and educate audiences of all ages. See young Joshua Lionel Cowen as he begins building "electrical novelties." Then follow his climb to the top of the toy industry, as he creates Lionel Toy Trains, one of the most beloved and successful toy companies of all time. Experience the magic of toy trains and the timeless pleasure of model railroading. Learn about Joshua Lionel Cowen's incredible skill at marketing with indelible images that have helped sell more than 50 million train sets and more than 300 miles of track each year!

Neill Hartley is professional actor who tours with a series of one-man shows, has performed with many local and regional theaters and is on the theater faculty of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA

Alaska: Beyond the Cruise Ships with Scott Weidensaul Sunday, January 7, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

If you laid Alaska across the Lower 48, one corner would be in California, one in North Carolina and one in Minnesota. Yet few visitors to the 49th state ever get beyond the typical cruise-ship itinerary. Writer and scientist Scott Weidensaul, who has been exploring Alaska for more than 30 years, takes us to some of the most remote parts of this immense and wild state, from the isolated Aleutian and Pribilof islands to native villages within sight of Russia, and wilderness rivers on the North Slope - breathtaking landscapes alive with birds and mammals.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist "Living on the Wind," about bird migration, "The First Frontier: The Forgotten History of Struggle, Savagery and Endurance in Early America," and "The Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean." Weidensaul is a contributing editor for Audubon, a columnist for Bird Watcher's Digest and writes for a variety of other publications; he lives in Schuylkill County, and is an active field researcher studying the migration of owls, hummingbirds and songbirds from Maine to Alaska.

