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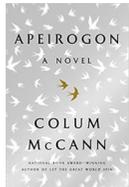
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Reading Resolutions

As you contemplate your New Year's resolutions, don't forget those books you've been meaning to read, or that you're embarrassed to not have read.

Listed below are some favorites.*



Apeirogon (FIC MCC) by Colum McCann - McCann crafts *Apeirogon* out of a universe of fictional and nonfictional material. He crosses centuries and continents, stitching together time, art, history, nature, and politics in a tale both heartbreaking and hopeful. Musical, cinematic, muscular, delicate, and soaring, *Apeirogon* is a novel for our time.



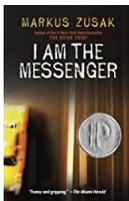
The Complete Stories (FIC OCO) by Flannery O'Connor - The publication of this extraordinary volume firmly established Flannery O'Connor's monumental contribution to American fiction. There are thirty-one stories here in all, including twelve that do not appear in the only two story collections O'Connor put together in her short lifetime.



The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms by N.K. Jemisin - After her mother's mysterious death, a young woman is summoned to the floating city of Sky in order to claim a royal inheritance she never knew existed. This is the first book in this award-winning fantasy trilogy from the NYT bestselling author of *The Fifth Season*.



Middlemarch (FIC ELI, PB FIC ELI, dvd FIC ELI) by George Eliot - Set during the early part of the 19th century, George Eliot's "Middlemarch" is a work of epic scope that centers on the intersecting lives of the inhabitants of the fictitious titular town of Middlemarch. The themes of the novel are as numerous as its characters. Through the narrative of the story the author addresses the status of women, the nature of marriage, politics, religion, and education in the 19th century.



I Am the Messenger (Y ZUS) by Markus Zusak - This is an incredible, emotionally gripping roller coaster that will leave you thinking back on every decision you've made in your life and evaluating how it has affected you and those around you. It will challenge you by making you think about how you affect people in your life.

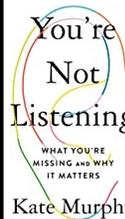
Books to Bring Out Your Best Self
Are you pondering personal goals for 2020? These titles target a wide range of New Year's resolutions.



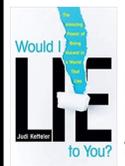
The Self-Care Solution by Jennifer Ashton - ABC's chief medical correspondent helps you ring in the New Year right with a resolution that's actually doable: a year-long plan to improve your emotional and physical health—from giving up alcohol to doing a digital detox, but each for only one month.



Everything Isn't Terrible by Dr. Kathleen Smith - Licensed therapist and mental health writer Dr. Kathleen Smith offers a smart, practical antidote to our anxiety-ridden times. *Everything Isn't Terrible* is an informative and practical guide -- featuring a healthy dose of humor -- for people who want to become beacons of calmness in their families, at work, and in our anxious world.



You're Not Listening by Kate Murphy - With concrete advice and a wealth of guidelines, readers will come away with tips for a better approach, one that can be exceptionally useful, whether in the boardroom or at home. In an era dominated by incessant broadcasting and attention-seeking behavior on social media, listening offers both a salve and a solution.



Would I Lie to You? by Judi Ketteler - Blending her personal journey with the latest research into the psychology of deception, *Would I Lie to You?* is a timely consideration of the joys and pains of truth in a world that seems committed to lying.



Napkin Finance by Tina Hay - Tina has delivered what the world of personal finance desperately needs: an accessible, responsible guide to an intimidating world in an entertaining format! Perfect for financial novices and students--the unique compact format and simple sketches make even the most complex financial concepts both easy to read and understand.



Adult Winter Reading Program

Stop by the library to sign-up for the "new," 2020 Adult Winter Reading Program, "**Reading Vegetable Garden.**"

Read four books according to the genre of your selected vegetables to be planted in your garden. Individuals 16 and older can participate. Sign-up incentives and gift card prizes are graciously provided by Friends of the Hershey Public Library.



World War II Stories for Historical Fiction Fans.

The Orphan Thief (FIC PET) by Glynis Peters - This book is set during WWII and focusses on Ruby, a strong female protagonist who's life is completely changed during the horrific bombing and destruction of Coventry, England during air raids from the Germans during WWII. This book spans from 1940-1945.



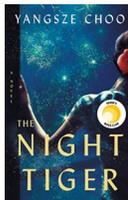
The Last Letter from Juliet (FIC HUD) by Melanie Hudson - Inspired by the brave women of WWII, this is a moving and powerful novel of friendship, love and resilience.



The Second Midnight (FIC) by Andrew Taylor - Travelling to Prague on a mission for the British Intelligence Service, Alfred takes his troubled young son, Hugh, as cover. But as tensions rise, Hugh is left to survive Nazi Europe on his own.



A Sister's Courage (FIC GRE) by Molly Green - The most ambitious of three sisters, Lorraine always dreamed of becoming a pilot, and when war breaks out, she becomes one of a handful of brave female pilots flying fighter planes to the men on the front line.



Great Book Club Reads

The Night Tiger (FIC CHO) by Yangsze Choo - Yangsze Choo's *The Night Tiger* pulls us into a world of servants and masters, age-old superstition and modern idealism, sibling rivalry and forbidden love. But anchoring this dazzling, propulsive novel is the intimate coming-of-age of a child and a young woman, each searching for their place in a soc

Coming Soon to a Theater Near You

Emma - Based on the novel by Jane Austen **February**
The Call of the Wild - Based on story by Jack London **February**
The Woman in the Window - Based on the novel by A. J. Finn
May

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 Public Services Desk @ 533-6555.

The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges Sunday, January 26, 2020 2:00 p.m.

William Donner will explain the history, cultural context and significance of Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges and Versammlinge.

FDR - An Arsenal of Democracy presented by Neill Hartley Sunday, February 9, 2020 2:00 p.m.

The date is December 29, 1940. Franklin Delano Roosevelt has just been re-elected to an unprecedented third term in office. But the world is in a crisis. Nazi Germany has blazed the path of destruction across Europe, and America may soon be drawn into war. Watch this famous moment come to life, as you meet with the President just prior to his delivery of the famous "Arsenal of Democracy" speech. Learn what President Roosevelt was thinking, and listen to his plea for the support of our Allies.

An Afternoon of Jazz with Abe Ovadia Sunday, February 23, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Come and listen to Abe Ovadia a "jazz virtuoso" and innovative guitarist who has emerged as one of the preeminent guitarists on the New York City jazz scene.

"The Art of Racing in the Rain" presented by Garth Stein Saturday, February 29, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Join Friends of the Library in welcoming Garth Stein, bestselling *Author of The Art of Racing in the Rain*, the story of a beloved philosopher