

What Makes Us Human (Art/Music/Exploration)

1. *Bel Canto* - Ann Patchett (F)
2. *The Calculating Stars: A Lady Astronaut Novel* - Mary Robinette Kowal (F)
3. *Hey, Kiddo* - Jarrett J. Krosoczka (YA) (B) (GN)
4. *How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, & Transcendence* - Michael Pollan (NF)
5. *If I Ever Get Out of Here* - Eric Gansworth (F) (YA)
6. *M Train* - Patti Smith (B)
7. *The Poet X* - Elizabeth Acevedo (YA) (F)
8. *The Prince and the Dressmaker* - Jen Wang (YAGN)
9. *Washington Black* - Esi Edugyan (F)
10. *Wired to Create: Unraveling the Mysteries of the Creative Mind* - Scott Barry Kaufman and Carolyn Gregoire (NF)

These United States

1. *America is Not the Heart* - Elaine Castillo (F)
2. *An American Marriage* - Tayari Jones (F)
3. *A Different Pond* - Bao Phi and Thi Bui (J)
4. *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America* - Beth Macy (NF)
5. *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth* - Sarah Smarsh (NF)
6. *Learning to Swear in America* - Katie Kennedy (YA) (F)
7. *Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America* - James and Deborah Fallows (NF)
8. *The Sellout* - Paul Beatty (F)
9. *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* - Steve Sheinkin (YA) (NF)
10. *Virgil Wander* - Leif Enger (F)

Recent Hits

1. *A Carnival of Losses: Notes Nearing Ninety* - Donald Hall (NF)
2. *Educated: A Memoir* - Tara Westover (B)
3. *The Future is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia* - Masha Gessen (NF)
4. *The Gospel of Trees: A Memoir* - Apricot Irving (B)
5. *Heavy: An American Memoir* - Kiese Laymon (B)
6. *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* - Francisco Cantu (NF)
7. *The Mars Room* - Rachel Kushner (F)
8. *Once Upon A River* - Diane Setterfield (F)
9. *Southernmost* - Silas House (F)
10. *There There: A Novel* - Tommy Orange (F)

The Bright Side

1. *Always Coming Home* - Ursula K. Le Guin (F)
2. *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living* - Krista Tippett (NF)
3. *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* - Dalai Lama XIV & Desmond Tutu (NF)
4. *The Bright Hour: A Memoir of Living and Dying* - Nina Riggs (B)
5. *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World—and Why Things Are Better Than You Think* - Hans Rosling (NF)
6. *He Held Radical Light: The Art of Faith, The Faith of Art* - Christian Wiman (NF)
7. *A Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* - Becky Chambers (F)
8. *The Summer Book* - Tove Jansson (F) (translated)
9. *The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row* - Anthony Ray Hinton (B)
10. *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* - Isabel Wilkerson (NF)

Read Fifteen

Make time for reading!

Join our community-wide initiative to read fifteen books throughout the year.

The book list was designed primarily for adults, although there are a number of books from the children's collection on this year's list so that families may participate together.

To participate:

- Read a book from our list, in any category.
- Report back that you've read a book from the list, either on our online form at <https://www.cityofhomer-ak.gov/library/2019-lit-lineup> or in-person at the library. If you wish, you can rate the book and leave comments.
- Reporting back enters you into a monthly drawing for a prize.
- Any person who enters fifteen or more books by the end of the year will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing.

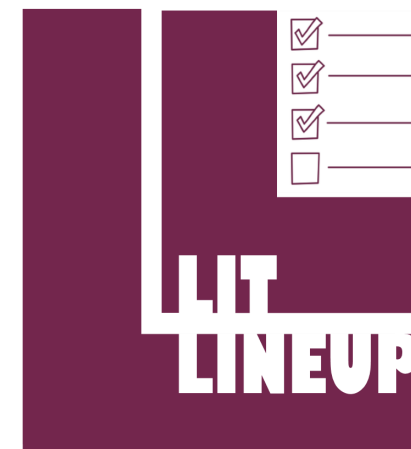
Join the Goodreads book discussion:

www.goodreads.com/group/bookshelf/839541-homer-public-library-lit-lineup-2019

Questions?

E-mail Teresa at tsundmark@ci.homer.ak.us or call the library at 235-3180.

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Lit Lineup



Books about Books

1. *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* - Salman Rushdie (F)
2. *Less: A Novel* - Andrew Sean Greer (F)
3. *The Library Book* - Susan Orlean (NF)
4. *Mary Shelley: The Strange, True Tale of Frankenstein's Creator* - Catherine Reef (YA) (B)
5. *Meg, Jo, Beth, Amy: The Story of Little Women and Why It Still Matters* - Anne Boyd Rioux (NF)
6. *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary* - Simon Winchester (NF)
7. *The Shadow of the Wind* - Carlos Ruiz Zafon (F) (translated)
8. *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* - Gabrielle Charbonnet (F)
9. *The Unwritten, Volumes 1-2* - Mike Carey, Peter Gross (GN)
10. *Words in Deep Blue* - Cath Crowley (YA) (F)

Going Global

1. *The Aleph and Other Stories* - Jorge Luis Borges (F) (translated) (Argentina)
2. *The Blue Fox* - Sjöfn (F) (translated) (Iceland)
3. *Children of Blood and Bone* - Tomi Adeyemi (YA) (F) (West Africa)
4. *The Encyclopedia of Early Earth* - Isabel Greenberg (GN) (North Pole to South Pole)
5. *Girls Burn Brighter* - Shobha Rao (F) (India)
6. *Improvement: A Novel* - Joan Silber (F) (Turkey)
7. *Lands of Lost Borders* - Kate Harris (NF) (Silk Road)
8. *Prayers for the Stolen* - Jennifer Clement (F) (Mexico)
9. *Sweetland* - Michael Crummey (F) (Newfoundland)
10. *A Terrible Country* - Keith Gessen (F) (Russia)

Staff Recommendations

1. *All Our Wrong Todays: A Novel* - Elan Mastai (F)
2. *Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court* - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Raymond Obstfeld (YA) (B)
3. *The Birchbark House* - Louise Erdrich (J) (F)
4. *The Book of Dust: La Belle Sauvage* - Philip Pullman (YA) (F)
5. *Crashed: A Junior Bender Mystery* - Timothy Hallinan (F)
6. *Dumplin'* - Julie Murphy (YA) (F)
7. *Little Women* - Louisa May Alcott (F)
8. *The Rook* - Daniel O'Malley (F)
9. *Train Dreams* - Denis Johnson (F)
10. *The Wake: A Novel* - Paul Kingsnorth (F)

The 49th State

1. *Ada Blackjack: A True Story of Survival in the Arctic* - Jennifer Niven (NF)
2. *Baby's First Felony* - John Straley (F)
3. *Entangled: People and Ecological Change in Alaska's Kachemak Bay* - Marilyn Sigman (NF)
4. *The Homer Spit: Coal, Gold & Con Men* - Janet R. Klein (NF)
5. *How Raven Got His Crooked Nose: An Alaskan Dena'ina Fable* - retold by Barbara J. Atwater and Ethan J. Atwater, illustrated by Mindy Dwyer (J)
6. *Libby: The Sketches, Letters & Journal of Libby Beaman, Pribilof Islands 1879-1880* - Libby Beaman & Betty John (B)
7. *A Normal Life: A Memoir* - Kim Rich (B)
8. *The Ship, The Saint, and the Sailor: The Long Search for the Legendary Kad'yak* - Bradley G. Stevens (NF)
9. *Tip of the Iceberg: My 3,000-Mile Journey Around Wild Alaska* - Mark Adams (NF)
10. *Where We Land: Stories* - Daryl Farmer (F)

Not Quite Human

1. *An Absolutely Remarkable Thing* - Hank Green (F)
2. *The Art of Eating Through the Zombie Apocalypse: A Cookbook and Culinary Survival Guide* - Lauren Wilson & Kristian Bauthus (NF)
3. *Circe* - Madeline Miller (F)
4. *A Court of Thorns and Roses* - Sarah Maas (YA) (F)
5. *A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans* - Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder (J)
6. *Dread Nation* - Justina Ireland (YA) (F)
7. *Frankenstein* - Mary Shelley (F)
8. *The Friend: A Novel* - Sigrid Nunez (F)
9. *The Mere Wife* - Maria Dahvana Headley (F)
10. *Plum Rains* - Andromeda Romano-Lax (F)

The Natural World

1. *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel* - Carl Safina (NF)
2. *Close Encounters with Humankind: A Paleoanthropologist Investigates Our Evolving Species* - Sang-Hee Lee (NF)
3. *The Eight Mountains* - Paulo Cognetti (F) (translated)
4. *The Feather Thief: Beauty, Obsession, and the Natural History Heist of the Century* - Kirk Wallace Johnson (NF)
5. *In Search of the Canary Tree: The Story of a Scientist, a Cypress, and a Changing World* - Lauren E. Oakes (NF)
6. *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* - Andrea Wulf (NF)
7. *The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative* - Florence Williams (NF)
8. *The Overstory* - Richard Powers (F)
9. *Where the Crawdads Sing* - Delia Owens (F)
10. *The Wizard and the Prophet: Two Remarkable Scientists and Their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow's World* - Charles Mann (NF)

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B-Biography GN-Graphic Novel
J-Juvenile YA-Young Adult