

Time Shifts

- 1. *All the Broken Places* by John Boyne (F)
- 2. *Blackouts* by Justin Torres (F)
- 3. *In Memoriam* by Alice Winn (F)
- 4. *The Postcard* by Anne Berest and Tina Kover (Translator) (F)
- 5. *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patti Callahan Henry (F)
- 6. *Sivulliq: Ancestor* by Lily H. Tuzroyluke (F)
- 7. *Time Shelter* by Georgi Gospodinov and Angela Rodel (Translator) (F)
- 8. *We Could Have Been Friends, My Father and I* by Raja Shehadeh (NF)
- 9. *Weyward* by Emilia Hart (F)
- 10. *Wifedom: Mrs. Orwell's Invisible Life* by Anna Funder (NF)

Thrills and Chills

- 1. *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll (F)
- 2. *Chain-Gang All-Stars* by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah (F)
- 3. *The Great Escape: A True Story of Forced Labor and Immigrant Dreams in America* by Saket Soni (NF)
- 4. *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai (F)
- 5. *Ink Blood Sister Scribe* by Emma Törzs (F)
- 6. *The Last Flight* by Julie Clark (F)
- 7. *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell (F)
- 8. *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown (F)
- 9. *The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches* by Sangu Mandanna (F)
- 10. *What Lies in the Woods* by Kate Alice Marshall (F)

Things on a Map

- 1. *Birnam Wood* by Eleanor Catton (F)
- 2. *The Border: A Journey Around Russia Through North Korea, China, Mongolia, ... and the Northeast Passage* by Erika Fatland (NF)
- 3. *Compass Lines: Journeys Toward Home* by John Messick (NF/AK)
- 4. *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature* by David George Haskell (NF)
- 5. *The Mountains Sing* by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai (F)
- 6. *North Woods* by Daniel Mason (F)
- 7. *Palestine 1936: The Great Revolt and the Roots of the Middle East Conflict* by Oren Kessler (NF)
- 8. *The Red Arrow* by William Brewer (F)
- 9. *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Un-making of U.S. History* by Ned Blackhawk (NF)
- 10. *The Wind Knows My Name* by Isabel Allende (F)

Staff Picks

- 1. *All This Could Be Different* by Sarah Thankam Mathews (F)
- 2. *The Best Strangers in the World* by Ari Schapiro (B)
- 3. *A First Time for Everything* by Dan Santat (J/GN)
- 4. *The Fraud* by Zadie Smith (F)
- 5. *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano (F)
- 6. *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* by David Brooks (NF)
- 7. *King: A Life* by Jonathan Eig (NF)
- 8. *Old Babes in the Wood: Stories* by Margaret Atwood (F)
- 9. *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch (F)
- 10. *You Have to Be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live: Ten Weeks in Birmingham That Changed America* by Paul Kix (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/2024-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.

Questions?

E-mail Matt at msmith@ci.homer.ak.us or call the library at 907-235-3180.

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COMMUNITY READING

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Art and Entertainment

- 1. *All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me* by Patrick Bringley (B)
- 2. *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel (NF)
- 3. *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* by Rick Rubin (NF)
- 4. *Daughter of the Dragon : Anna May Wong's Rendezvous with American History* by Yunte Huang (B)
- 5. *Kwändūr* by Cole Pauls (GN)
- 6. *Led Zeppelin: The Biography* by Bob Spitz (NF)
- 7. *Monsters: A Fan’s Dilemma* by Claire Dederer (NF)
- 8. *A Mystery of Mysteries: The Death and Life of Edgar Allan Poe* by Mark Dawidziak (B)
- 9. *Shakespeare in a Divided America: What His Plays Tell Us about Our Past and Future* by James Shapiro (NF)
- 10. *Shubeik Lubeik* by Deena Mohamed (GN/F)

Water

- 1. *The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi* by Shannon Chakraborty (F)
- 2. *Beyond That, the Sea* by Laura Spence-Ash (F)
- 3. *Cabin Fever: The Harrowing Journey of a Cruise Ship at the Dawn of a Pandemic* by Michael Smith and Jonathan Franklin (NF)
- 4. *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese (F)
- 5. *Go as a River* by Shelley Read (F)
- 6. *The Great Reclamation* by Rachel Heng (F)
- 7. *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune (F)
- 8. *How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water* by Angie Cruz (F)
- 9. *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore (F)
- 10. *The Wager* by David Grann (NF)

Worldly

- 1. *Biography of X* by Catherine Lacey (F)
- 2. *The Exceptions: Nancy Hopkins, MIT, and the Fight for Women in Science* by Kate Zernike (NF)
- 3. *Fever in the Heartland* by Tim Egan (NF)
- 4. *Fire Weather: A True Story from a Hotter World* by John Vaillant (NF)
- 5. *Generations: The Real Differences Between Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, Boomers, and Silents — and What They Mean for America's Future* by Jean Twenge (NF)
- 6. *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes (F)
- 7. *How to Say Babylon: A Memoir* by Safiya Sinclair (NF)
- 8. *Let Us Descend* by Jesmyn Ward (F)
- 9. *Ruby Lost and Found* by Christina Li (J/F)
- 10. *The Talk* by Darrin Bell (YA/NF)

Otherworldly

- 1. *All My Knotted-Up Life: A Memoir* by Beth Moore (B)
- 2. *Doppelganger: A Trip into the Mirror World* by Naomi Klein (NF)
- 3. *Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries* by Heather Fawcett (F)
- 4. *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (F)
- 5. *How Far to the Promised Land: One Black Family's Story of Hope and Survival in the American South* by Esau McCaulley (B)
- 6. *The In-Between: Unforgettable Encounters During Life's Final Moments* by Hadley Vlahos (NF)
- 7. *The Labors of Hercules Beal* by Gary D. Schmidt (J/F)
- 8. *The Rigor of Angels: Borges, Heisenberg, Kant, and the Ultimate Nature of Reality* by William Egginton (NF)
- 9. *Small Mercies* by Dennis Lehane (F)
- 10. *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding (F)

Technology and Wellbeing

- 1. *The Best Minds: A Story of Friendship, Madness, and the Tragedy of Good Intentions* by Jonathan Rosen (NF)
- 2. *The Chaos Machine: The Inside Story of How Social Media Rewired Our Minds and Our World* by Max Fisher (NF)
- 3. *Cobalt Red: How the Blood of the Congo Powers Our Lives* by Siddharth Kara (NF)
- 4. *The Lights: Poems* by Ben Lerner (Poetry)
- 5. *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond (NF)
- 6. *Same Bed Different Dreams* by Ed Park (F)
- 7. *The Silence That Binds Us* by Joanna Ho (YA/F)
- 8. *We Ride Upon Sticks* by Quan Barry (F)
- 9. *Wellness* by Nathan Hill (F)
- 10. *Why We Sleep: Unlocking the Power of Sleep and Dreams* by Matthew Walker (NF)

Creatures

- 1. *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray (F)
- 2. *Corvus and Crater* by Erin Coughlin Hollowell (Poetry/AK)
- 3. *The Crane Wife: A Memoir in Essays* by C.J. Hauser (NF)
- 4. *The Eyes and the Impossible* by Dave Eggers (J/F)
- 5. *The Ogress and the Orphans* by Kelly Barnhill (J/F)
- 6. *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan (F)
- 7. *Many Things Under a Rock: The Mysteries of Octopuses* by David Scheel (NF)
- 8. *The Patron Thief of Bread* by Lindsay Eagar (J/F)
- 9. *A Psalm for the Wild-Built* by Becky Chambers (F)
- 10. *What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds* by Jennifer Ackerman (NF)

First Fifteen

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F-Fiction NF-Nonfiction
B-Biography GN-Graphic Novel
J-Juvenile YA-Young Adult