

Time: Specific or Undefined

1. *The Fourth Turning Is Here: What the Seasons of History Tell Us About How and When This Crisis Will End* by Neil Howe (NF)
2. *The Friday Afternoon Club: A Family Memoir* by Griffin Dunne (B)
3. *The Garden Against Time: In Search of a Common Paradise* by Olivia Laing (NF)
4. *The Heart in Winter* by Kevin Barry (F)
5. *Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty (F)
6. *The Ministry of Time* by Kaliane Bradley (F)
7. *The Night in Question* by Susan Fletcher (F)
8. *Night Watch* by Jayne Anne Phillips (F)
9. *The Other Valley* by Scott Alexander Howard (F)
10. *Throwback* by Maurene Goo (YA/F)

Making Sense of the End

1. *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen (F)
2. *The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi* by Wright Thompson (NF)
3. *The Book of Love* by Kelly Link (F)
4. *Glowrushes* by Roberto Piumini and Leah Janeczko (J/F)
5. *Grief Is for People* by Sloane Crosley (NF)
6. *Knife: Meditations After an Attempted Murder* by Salman Rushdie (NF)
7. *The Mysterious Case of the Alpertons Angels* by Janice Hallett (F)
8. *The Rocks Will Echo Our Sorrow: The Forced Displacement of the Northern Sámi* by Elin Anna Labba (NF)
9. *This Ordinary Stardust: A Scientist's Path from Grief to Wonder* by Alan Townsend (NF)
10. *An Unfinished Love Story* by Doris Kearns Goodwin (NF)

Adventures

1. *The Boys of Riverside: A Deaf Football Team and a Quest for Glory* by Thomas Fuller (NF)
2. *Creation Lake* by Rachel Kushner (F)
3. *You Dreamed of Empires* by Álvaro Enrigue (F)
4. *Glorious Exploits* by Ferdia Lennon (F)
5. *James* by Percival Everett (F)
6. *Not Nothing* by Gayle Forman (J/F)
7. *The Reformatory* by Tananarive Due (F)
8. *The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow* by Elaine Dimopoulos (J/F)
9. *The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman* by Gennifer Choldenko (J/F)
10. *When We Flew Away* by Alice Hoffman (J/F)

Staff Picks

1. *All Things Are Too Small: Essays in Praise of Excess* by Becca Rothfeld (NF)
2. *Anita de Monte Laughs Last* by Xochitl Gonzalez (F)
3. *Diavola* by Jennifer Thorne (F)
4. *Frostbite: How Refrigeration Changed Our Food, Our Planet, and Ourselves* by Nicola Twilley (NF)
5. *Heartbreak Is the National Anthem: How Taylor Swift Reinvented Pop Music* by Rob Sheffield (NF)
6. *On the Edge: The Art of Risking Everything* by Nate Silver (NF)
7. *Polar Vortex: A Family Memoir* by Denise Dorrance (GN/B)
8. *Swimming Pretty: The Untold Story of Women in Water* by Vicki Valosik (NF)
9. *The Teacher* by Freida McFadden (F)
10. *There's Always This Year: On Basketball and Ascension* by Hanif Abdurraqib (B)

The Read Fifteen Challenge

Welcome to ten years of reading with the Lit Lineup!

This list and challenge were created 10 years ago by Teresa Sundmark to inspire our community to read more. Prizes are generously funded by the Friends of the Homer Library.

The book list is compiled from staff and community recommendations, best-of-the-year lists and literary prize winners. The list is designed for the whole community so most of the books come from our main collection, but there are some children’s and teen books on the list that we believe are great reads for all.

To participate in the challenge:

- 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/2025-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](mailto:msmith@ci.homer.ak.us) or call the library at 907-235-3180.

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COMMUNITY READING



Read Fifteen



Historical Reckonings

- 1. Absolution by Alice McDermott (F)
- 2. Alexandria: The City that Changed the World by Islam Issa (NF)
- 3. Archive Activism: Memoir of a “Uniquely Nasty” Journey by Charles Francis (B)
- 4. The Black Box: Writing the Race by Henry Louis Gates Jr. (NF)
- 5. Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space by Adam Higginbotham (NF)
- 6. City of Thieves: A Novel by David Benioff (F)
- 7. The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon (F)
- 8. Madness: Race and Insanity in a Jim Crow Asylum by Antonia Hylton (NF)
- 9. There Are Rivers in the Sky by Elif Shafak (F)
- 10. This Strange Eventful History by Claire Messud (F)
- 11. The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook by Hampton Sides (NF)

People

- 1. Boy 2.0 by Tracey Baptiste (YA/F)
- 2. Colored Television by Danzy Senna (F)
- 3. Everything We Never Had by Randy Ribay (YA/F)
- 4. Intermezzo by Sally Rooney (F)
- 5. My Friends by Hisham Matar (F)
- 6. Orbital by Samantha Harvey (F)
- 7. Real Americans by Rachel Khong (F)
- 8. Sandwich by Catherine Newman (F)
- 9. The Wedding People by Alison Espach (F)
- 10. Whiskey Tender: A Memoir by Deborah Jackson Taffa (B)

Our Amazing World

- 1. Artificial: A Love Story by Amy Kurzweil (GN/B)
- 2. The Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan (NF)
- 3. Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino (F)
- 4. The Devil's Element: Phosphorus and a World Out of Balance by Dan Egan (NF)
- 5. Forest of Noise: Poems by Mosab Abu Toha (Poetry)
- 6. The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth by Zoë Schlanger (NF)
- 7. Playground by Richard Powers (F)
- 8. Service Model by Adrian Tchaikovsky (F)
- 9. The Universe in Verse: 15 Portals to Wonder through Science & Poetry by Maria Popova & Ofra Amit (Poetry)
- 10. The Wren, the Wren by Anne Enright (F)

Ready for Battle

- 1. A Bold Return to Giving a Damn: One Farm, Six Generations, and the Future of Food by Will Harris (NF)
- 2. The Bright Sword by Lev Grossman (F)
- 3. Friendly Fire: A Fractured Memoir by Paul Rousseau (NF)
- 4. Headshot by Rita Bullwinkel (F)
- 5. Kingmaker: Pamela Harriman's Astonishing Life of Power, Seduction, and Intrigue by Sonia Purnell (NF)
- 6. Martyr! by Kaveh Akbar (F)
- 7. Nuclear War: A Scenario by Annie Jacobsen (NF)
- 8. Revolusi: Indonesia and the Birth of the Modern World by David Van Reybrouck (NF)
- 9. To Shape a Dragon's Breath by Monique Blackgoose (F)
- 10. The Small and the Mighty: Twelve Unsung Americans Who Changed the Course of History, from the Founding to the Civil Rights Movement by Sharon McMahon (NF)

Journeys

- 1. 365 Days to Alaska by Cathy Carr (J/F)
- 2. American Ramble: A Walk of Memory and Renewal by Neil King Jr. (NF)
- 3. Crossings: How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet by Ben Goldfarb (NF)
- 4. Dear Sister: A Memoir of Secrets, Survival, and Unbreakable Bonds by Michelle Horton (B)
- 5. Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America, and the Making of a Crisis by Jonathan Blitzer (NF)
- 6. Gather by Kenneth M. Cadow (YA/F)
- 7. Traveling: On the Path of Joni Mitchell by Ann Powers (B)
- 8. A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the Grand Canyon by Kevin Fedarko (NF)
- 9. Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange (F)
- 10. You Are Here by David Nicholls (F)

Lost in the Stacks

- 1. The Beauty and the Sorrow: An Intimate History of the First World War by Peter Englund (NF)
- 2. The Firecracker Boys: H-Bombs, Inupiat Eskimos, and the Roots of the Environmental Movement by Dan O'Neill (NF)
- 3. How to be Both by Ali Smith (F)
- 4. The Known World by Edward P. Jones (F)
- 5. Life After Life by Kate Atkinson (F)
- 6. A Manual for Cleaning Women: Selected Stories by Lucia Berlin (F)
- 7. Old Filth by Jane Gardam (F)
- 8. Seward's Folly: A New Look at the Alaska Purchase by Lee A. Farrow (NF)
- 9. She Come By It Natural: Dolly Parton and the Women Who Lived Her Songs by Sarah Smarsh (NF)
- 10. Snow Crash by Neal Stephenson (F)

First Fifteen

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F-FictionNF-Nonfiction

B-BiographyGN-Graphic Novel

J-JuvenileYA-Young Adult