

The Ties that Bind

- 1. *Anna's Whale: When a Pacific Right Whale Stranded at Sunavik* by Naomi Klouda (F/AK)
- 2. *Berliners* by Vesper Stamper (YA/F)
- 3. ***Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan (F)**
- 4. *Custodians of Wonder: Ancient Customs, Profound Traditions, and the Last People Keeping Them Alive* by Eliot Stein (NF)
- 5. *Going Home* by Tom Lamont (F)
- 6. ***A Marriage at Sea: A True Story of Love, Obsession, and Shipwreck* by Sophie Elmhirst (NF)**
- 7. *Nothing More of This Land: Community, Power, and the Search for Indigenous Identity* by Joseph V. Lee (NF)
- 8. *Paper Girl: A Memoir of Home and Family in a Fractured America* by Beth Macy (B)
- 9. *Raising Hare: A Memoir* by Chloe Dalton (B)
- 10. *The River Is Waiting* by Wally Lamb (F)

Getting Emotional

- 1. *Abundance* by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson (NF)
- 2. *The Book of Guilt* by Catherine Chidgey (F)
- 3. *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall (F)
- 4. ***The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong (F)**
- 5. *Heart the Lover* by Lily King (F)
- 6. *The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny* by Kiran Desai (F)
- 7. *Mood Machine: The Rise of Spotify and the Costs of the Perfect Playlist* By Liz Pelly (NF)
- 8. *The Road to Tender Hearts* by Annie Hartnett (F)
- 9. *The Savage, Noble Death of Babs Dionne* by Ron Currie Jr. (F)
- 10. *The True True Story of Raja the Gullible* by Rabih Alameddine (F)

Trying Times

- 1. *The Antidote* by Karen Russell (F)
- 2. *By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Land* by Rebecca Nagle (NF)
- 3. *Fonseca* by Jessica Francis Kane (F)
- 4. ***The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald* by John U. Bacon (NF)**
- 5. *Memorial Days* by Geraldine Brooks (B)
- 6. *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter (F)
- 7. *There Is No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America* by Brian Goldstone (NF)
- 8. *Turning to Stone: Discovering the Subtle Wisdom of Rocks* by Marcia Bjornerud (NF)
- 9. *When It All Burns: Fighting Fire in a Transformed World* by Jordan Thomas (NF)
- 10. *A World Without Summer: A Volcano Erupts, A Creature Awakens, and the Sun Goes Out* by Nicholas Day (J/NF)

Staff Picks

- 1. *Eagle Drums* by Nasugraq Rainey Hopson (J/F)
- 2. ***Everything is Tuberculosis* by John Greene (NF)**
- 3. *Feeding Ghosts: A Graphic Memoir* by Tessa Hulls (GN/B)
- 4. *Flesh* by David Szalay (F)
- 5. *The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Eugene Yelchin (J/B)
- 6. *The Librarianist* by Patrick deWitt (F)
- 7. *The Museum of Unnatural Histories* by Annie Wenstrup (Poetry)
- 8. *The Running Ground: A Father, a Son, and the Simplest of Sports* by Nicholas Thompson (NF)
- 9. *The Slip* by Lucas Schaefer (F)
- 10. *Waiting for the Long Night Moon: Stories* by Amanda Peters (F)

The Read Fifteen Challenge and Trivia Night

The Lit Lineup is the Homer Public Library’s community reading list. The list is a selection of our favorite books, compiled from staff and community recommendations, best-of-the-year lists and literary prize winners. 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.

And new this year, the Lit Lineup will host an adult **book trivia night** with a team trivia contest similar to an adult “Battle of the Books” in Fall 2026. More details will follow but this year’s trivia books are in bold in this brochure.

To participate in the Read Fifteen 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/2026-lit-lineup> or in-person at the library. If you wish, you can rate the book and leave comments.
- 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

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COMMUNITY READING



Read Fifteen



Strong Associations

- 1. *The Book Club for Troublesome Women* by Marie Bostwick (F)
- 2. *The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore* by Evan Friss (NF)
- 3. *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone (F)
- 4. *A Flower Traveled in My Blood: The Incredible True Story of the Grandmothers Who Fought to Find a Stolen Generation of Children* by Haley Cohen Gilliland (NF)
- 5. *44 Poems on Being with Each Other: A Poetry Unbound Collection* by Pádraig Ó Tuama (Poetry)
- 6. ***My Friends* by Fredrik Backman (F)**
- 7. *The Sisters* by Jonas Hassen Khemiri (F)
- 8. *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood (F)
- 9. *Thirty Below: The Harrowing and Heroic Story of the First All-Women's Ascent of Denali* by Cassidy Randall (NF/AK)
- 10. *The Treasure Hunters Club* by Tom Ryan (F)

Conflict and its aftereffects

- 1. *Angel Down* by Daniel Kraus (F)
- 2. *Book and Dagger: How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II* by Elyse Graham (NF)
- 3. *Daikon* by Samuel Hawley (F)
- 4. *King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution—A Story of Hubris, Delusion and Catastrophic Miscalculation* by Scott Anderson (NF)
- 5.*Kissing Kevin: An American Nurse In the Vietnam War* by Sara Berg (B)
- 6. *Of Monsters and Mainframes* by Barbara Truelove (F)
- 7. *Song of a Blackbird* by Maria van Lieshout (YA/GN)
- 8. *A Truce That Is Not Peace* by Miriam Toews (B)
- 9. *Waste Wars: The Wild Afterlife of Your Trash* by Alexander Clapp (NF)
- 10. *We Do Not Part* by Han Kang (F)

Communication and other Technologies

- 1. *Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism* by Sarah Wynn-Williams (B)
- 2. ***The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans (F)**
- 3. *Death of the Author* by Nnedi Okorafor (F)
- 4. *I See You've Called in Dead* by John Kenney (F)
- 5. *The Names: A Novel* by Florence Knapp (F)
- 6. *Sky Daddy* by Kate Folk (F)
- 7. *Superbloom: How Technologies of Connection Tear Us Apart* by Nicholas Carr (NF)
- 8. *The Teller of Small Fortunes* by Julie Leong (F)
- 9. *Unabridged: the thrill of (and threat to) the modern dictionary* by Stefan Fatsis
- 10. *What We Can Know* by Ian McEwan (F)

Color and Shade

- 1. ***Black Woods Blue Sky* by Eowyn Ivey (F)**
- 2. *The Boys in the Light: An Extraordinary World War II Story of Survival, Faith, and Brotherhood* by Nina Willner (NF)
- 3. *The Bright Years* by Sarah Damoff (F)
- 4. *Dark Renaissance: The Dangerous Times and Fatal Genius of Shakespeare's Greatest Rival* by Stephen Greenblatt (NF)
- 5. *The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World* by William Dalrymple (NF)
- 6. *Red City* by Marie Lu (F)
- 7. *Red Dog Farm* by Nathaniel Ian Miller (F)
- 8. *Shadow Ticket* by Thomas Pynchon (F)
- 9. *Tress of the Emerald Sea* by Brandon Sanderson (F)
- 10. *Wild Dark Shore* by Charlotte McConaghy (F)

Partnerships

- 1. *Apple in China: The Capture of the World's Greatest Company* by Patrick McGee (NF)
- 2. *The Everlasting* by Alix E. Harrow (F)
- 3. *The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits* by Jennifer Weiner (F)
- 4. *The Heart of Winter* by Jonathan Evison (F)
- 5. *It's Only Drowning: A True Story of Learning to Surf and the Search for Common Ground* by David Litt (B)
- 6. *John & Paul: A Love Story in Songs* by Ian Leslie (NF)
- 7. *Life, and Death, and Giants* by Ron Rindo (F)
- 8. *North Sun: Or, The Voyage of the Whaleship Esther* by Ethan Rutherford (F)
- 9. *The Trouble with Heroes* by Kate Messner (J/F)
- 10. *Vera, or Faith* by Gary Shteyngart (F)

Far Afield

- 1. *Daughters of the Bamboo Grove: From China to America, a True Story of Abduction, Adoption, and Separated Twins* by Barbara Demick (NF)
- 2. *Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown* by Candace Fleming (YA/NF)
- 3. *Ends of the Earth: Journeys to the Polar Regions in Search of Life, the Cosmos, and Our Future* by Neil Shubin(NF)
- 4. *The Finest Hotel in Kabul: A People's History of Afghanistan* by Lyse Doucet (NF)
- 5. *Hill of Dead Horses* by Sarah Birdsall (F/AK)
- 6. *Isola* by Allegra Goodman (F)
- 7. *King Sorrow* by Joe Hill (F)
- 8. *North to the Future: An Offline Adventure through the Changing Wilds of Alaska* by Ben Weissenbach (NF/AK)
- 9. *Valley of Forgetting: Alzheimer's Families and the Search for a Cure* by Jennie Erin Smith (NF)
- 10. *What Kind of Paradise* by Janelle Brown (F)

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