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Monthly Adult Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

The Baseball 100
Joe Posnanski

This book ranks the 100 best ballplayers of all-time. BUT, just as Moby Dick is not really about whaling, this is not really about the rankings. It’s more about stories that define the character of each player, while weaving in little-known facts that will delight trivia buffs. ~Stuart O.

A Psalm for the Wild-Built
Becky Chambers

This novella is a warm hug in book format. The main character is nonbinary and their gender isn’t a plot point at all, it’s just treated as fact. If I could jump into a fictional world, it would be this one. Highly recommend curling up with this book and a warm beverage. ~Dylan G.

Hakim’s Odyssey
Fabien Toulme

This is a series of three graphic novels that tell the true story of Hakim, a young man from Syria whose life is upended by the civil war there. It is the story of migrants, who risk everything, and travel far, just to find a safe place for their families to live. ~ Ted G.
**Parks and Recreation**

This mockumentary looks at the exciting world of local government in the fictional small town of Pawnee, lead by the ever upbeat Leslie Knope (played by Amy Poehler). The cast is superb, and the humor is often surprising, creative, and ultimately, kind. ~Judy H.

**Daisy Jones & the Six**

Daisy Jones & The Six follows the rise to fame of a popular 1970s rock band and reveals what led to their tumultuous breakup. Formatted like an oral history, this title will have you on the edge of your seat. Required reading for the Amazon Prime adaptation out March 3rd. ~Zoe G. (CW: alcohol, drug, and physical abuse, self harm, eating disorders)

**I Kissed Shara Wheeler**

This came out last year and I’ve already read it 4 times... It's the LGBTQ+ young adult book I needed growing up. The dream girl kisses 3 classmates, then disappears, and suddenly they’re thrown into the "world's worst group project" to track her down. Hilarity (and love) ensues. ~Emily K. (CW: homophobia and religious trauma)
A Knight's Tale

A more recent addition to my comfort movie rotation, but still an extremely important one. I have never seen anything quite like this film. It is heart-warming, funny, action packed, romantic and has a star-studded cast (Heath Ledger, Alan Tudyk, and Paul Bettany).

~Dylan G.

Till We Have Faces
C. S. Lewis

Till We Have Faces is one of the few books I can always reread. Lewis retells the story of Cupid and Psyche in a dark and enchanted sort of way. Deeply contemplative, this story is one that will constantly haunt you and give you something to feast on. ~Chase S. (CW: Suicide)

Leviathan Wakes
James S. A. Corey

Also a hit TV show on Amazon Prime, the first book of the fast-paced Expanse series dives into a near future that feels realistic. James Holden is happy working on the water hauler Canterbury, but when a mysterious force destroys the ship, he is thrown into interplanetary wars. ~Anne J.
Derry Girls

Netflix’s Derry Girls highlights a group of teens growing up during "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland in the 1990s. The characters are well developed who tackle typical teen problems, framed through the lens of political unrest.

~Amy F.

Stardust

This is my #1 comfort movie, I watch it at least twice a year. It may not be a perfect adaptation of the book, but I love the changes they made (they also had Neil Gaiman’s approval). It’s just a good time! Also Robert De Niro is fantastic as Captain Shakespeare.

~Dylan G. (CW: violence, drowning)

Frances Ha

A movie that perfectly captures what it’s like to move from your 20s to 30s. A love letter to friendship and at the same time a lament when those friendships are strained by romantic prioritization. Frances Ha excels in distilling an authentic tone. You will love this film.

~Chase S. (CW: sexual references)