Selections

Monthly Adult Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

American Prometheus

Kai Bird & Martin J. Sherwin

After watching the Oppenheimer movie, I wanted to know more, so I turned to the source material! This weighty tome is a deep dive into Robert Oppenheimer’s life. I feel like every page has a new revelation, and the author does a great job keeping your interest peaked. ~Anne J.

Paved Paradise

Henry Grabar

Have you ever struggled to find a parking spot? This illuminating book is for you! Grabar does a great job making a topic that could bore you to tears into a funny journey. I particularly loved learning that Spot Hero started in Chicago and how we can make parking easier! ~Megan S.

Funny Things: A Comic Strip Biography of Charles M. Schulz

Luca Debus & Francesco Matteuzzi

If you love Charlie Brown, then you’ll love this book! This graphic novel is set up just like an old peanuts comic strip collection. You can read this on hoopla. ~Joseph G.
Young Love

Young Love is a new animated series on HBO Max. The show follows a family based on the characters in Matthew A. Cherry's picture book Hair Love. Set in Chicago, this is a sweet and hilarious new show that's great for the whole family! ~Megan S.

When the Game Was War

Rich Cohen

This is, essentially, a love letter to NBA fans of the '80s, when Bird and Magic ruled the roost, and Michael was on the cusp of greatness. It's full of marvelous descriptions, like this one about Larry Bird: “He made passes to teammates who didn’t even know they were open.” ~Stuart O.

The Spirit Bares Its Teeth

Andrew Joseph White

The main character is trans and autistic, in a story set when those words don't yet exist: 1883 London. Also he can commune with ghosts. What follows is a book filled with horrors both fantastically grotesque and painfully real. It shows how validating the horror genre can be. ~Dylan G. (CW: gore, transphobia, graphic medical descriptions, ableism, misogyny, homophobia, sexual assault, death).
Tom Lake

One of the best horror movies ever made! Also the practical effects are amazing! ~ Joseph G. (CW: Violence, Gore)

I always love Ann Patchett, but this novel is particularly great. On one level, it's about a production of Our Town and recalls the play's themes of family and coming of age. It's also a pandemic love story, set in a Michigan cherry orchard, which I managed to not hate.
~Stephanie K.

Extremely Online: The Untold Story of Fame, Influence, and Power on the Internet

From Mommy Bloggers, to Scene Queens and YouTuber pranksters, Extremely Online documents the corners of the internet that you've forgotten about. Lorenz connects the dots between the internet of the early aughts to what we know now as Social Media in the present.
~Zoe G.