Monthly Adult Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

A Memory Called Empire
Arkady Martine
I'm recommending A Memory Called Empire for those who enjoy a good space opera or for fans of Asimov's Foundation series. There's superior world building and a nice prospective look at humanity expansion to the stars. ~Jasmine H. (CW: violence, colonization, dehumanizing language)

Being Henry: The Fonz...and Beyond
Henry Winkler
I cannot recommend this audiobook enough. Henry takes you through his life and career but it feels like a conversation filled with tangents mixed in with an ongoing gossip session about Hollywood. You don't think you could love him more, but after reading this, you will. ~Zoe G

Thanksgiving: How to Cook It Well
Sam Sifton
Sam Sifton is my secret boyfriend (secret only to him). I savor his NYT cooking missives for the literature that they are, and I read his tiny volume on "How to cook Thanksgiving correctly" almost every year. It's my favorite way to find inspiration and ease into cooking season. ~Stephanie K.
Paddington 2

This is so heartwarming, so cozy that it makes me want to try Marmalade with toast. ~Joseph G.

Mother Tongue

Jenni Nuttall

A fascinating dive into the history of the words used to describe women’s bodies, experiences, and sexuality. Mother Tongue is linguistic nonfiction written in an accessible way. Did you know periods used to be called “getting your flowers?” ~Anne J.

Bookshop and Bonedust

Travis Baldree

A leg injury sidelines half-orc Viv’s adventuring. Now she is stranded in a rural beach town until she heals. Viv is forced to find new ways to fill her time besides brawling, such as: books, pastries, and unexpected friends. This prequel is able to stand alone (unlike Viv). ~Dylan G. (CW: violence)
Epic Train Journeys From Above

Recommended for train and travel lovers. Everything is covered - from maintenance to dining to track construction and interviews with those who keep the trains operating. The "from above" perspective is provided by drones so you can follow the train on six international trips. ~Pam S.

Welcome to Wrexham

If you enjoyed Ted Lasso you'll also love Welcome to Wrexham on Hulu. Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney purchase a soccer club in Wrexham Wales. They pour their hearts and souls into making the club better but also improving the community. A true feel good story. ~Ted G.

The Monkey Trial

Based on the 1925 real-life trial, this book does an excellent job of detailing the events that led to John Scopes conviction for teaching Darwin’s theory of evolution to a high school science class in Tennessee. Included are real images from the trial that riveted the country. ~Alice H.
Kiki’s Delivery Service

A true classic; follow Kiki as she discovers her powers to becoming a good witch. With beautiful animation, colorful scenes and characters, this movie is a great movie to wind down and relax. ~Sam R.

Pride and Prejudice

If I’m ever in need of comfort reading, I turn to my favorite audiobook narrators. Jim Dale (of the Harry Potter series) and Kate Redding (Pride and Prejudice is my favorite!) both have an uncanny ability to immediately lull me into a state of calm. ~Melissa S.

The Editor

This fictional account of a debut novelist and his relationship to his world famous editor, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, is laugh-out-loud funny, heartwarming, AND heart-wrenching. Rowley’s beautiful writing and his relatable characters linger long after the last page. ~Kary H.