The Lemon Orchard  
by Luanne Rice  
Two people from seemingly different worlds fall in love. A lush setting and an entrancing story.

The Girls of August  
by Anne Rivers Siddons  
A group of women reunites after the tragic death of one of their best friends. A contemplative novel set on the coast of South Carolina.

The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency  
by Alexander McCall Smith  
The first in the internationally bestselling mystery series. Funny and charming; set in Botswana.

The Longest Ride  
by Nicholas Sparks  
A tear-jerking story about the intersection of two couples. A page-turning bestseller set in the west.

A Wedding in Provence  
by Ellen Sussman  
A story of love and adventure set on the beaches and vineyards of France. An enchanting novel of faith, love, and family bonds.

The Beekeeper’s Ball  
by Susan Wiggs  
A novel about love, family, and cooking. Set in Sonoma wine country in present-day and WWII.

The Unexpected Waltz  
by Kim Wright  
A middle-aged widow takes up ballroom dancing. A fun, inspiring story of transformation.

Small Blessings  
by Martha Woodruff  
An English professor in a sleepy college town finds love and fulfillment when he enters a charming local bookstore.

Swan Point  
by Sheryl Woods  
A story of friendship and second chances set in South Carolina. Part of a bestselling series.

The Storied Life of A.J. Firky  
by Gabrielle Zevin  
The arrival of an unexpected package helps a bookstore owner heal. An uplifting novel about overcoming loneliness.

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Gentle Reads

If you want a good, old-fashioned story set in a charming location and filled with wholesome people, these are the books for you!

Gilford Public Library  
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Lost Lake
by Sarah Addison Allen
A story of lost and found love set in Georgia. A magical setting; recommended for fans of Alice Hoffman.

A Man Called Ove
by Fredrik Backman
A grumpy old man finds his solitary life knocked on its head when a young family moves in next door. An international bestseller.

A Week In Winter
by Maeve Binchy
A delightful week in an inn on the west coast of Ireland. Written by one of the most beloved novelists of our time.

The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie
by Alan Bradley
A charming mystery set in the English countryside, featuring a 12-year-old sleuth. The first in a bestselling series.

Painted Horses
by Malcolm Brooks
A young woman becomes an archaeologist in 1950s Montana in this debut. Beautifully written and well-researched.

The Healing Quilt
by Wanda Brunstetter
Amish newlyweds meet in Florida for a quilting class. A book about the life lessons of trust, forgiveness, and second chances.

Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker
by Jennifer Chiaverini
A historical novel about First Lady Mary Lincoln’s dressmaker. A moving and well-researched read.

Whistling Past the Graveyard
by Susan Crandall

Walking on Water
by Richard Paul Evans
A man makes a cross-country walk after the death of his wife. A book about self-discovery and determination.

The All Girl's Filling Station’s Last Reunion
by Fannie Flagg
A daughter discovers a secret about her mother’s past. A laugh-out-loud novel by the bestselling author of Fried Green Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Café.

Home Front
by Kristin Hannah
A hope-filled exploration of the effects of war on one marriage. A bestseller about love and commitment.

Chocolat
by Joanne Harris
The story of a magical chocolate shop in a tiny French village. The basis for the blockbuster movie and the first in a series.

Looking for Me
by Beth Hoffman
The story of an antique dealer, her quirky customers, and the mysterious disappearance of her brother. A heartwarming read filled with details of the antique trade.

The Friday Night Knitting Club
by Kate Jacobs
An eclectic group of knitters gathers in NYC to knit and share stories once a week. Part of a series about friendship and life changes.

At Home in Mitford
by Jan Karon
The first in the bestselling series set in the fictional town at the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A Christian inspirational read.

Love Letters
by Debbie Macomber
An interesting cast of characters arrives at an inn with hopes of starting anew. The newest installment in the series set at the Rose Harbor Inn.

Mimi Malloy, At Last
by Julia MacDonnell
A daughter of a large Irish Catholic family finds a life of her own. A heartfelt novel about second chances.

A Life Intercepted
by Charles Martin
An uplifting story of love, second chances, and football. Great read even if you’re not a football fan.

Delicious!
by Ruth Reichl
A character-packed tale about food and love in New York City. Written by the famous restaurant reviewer.