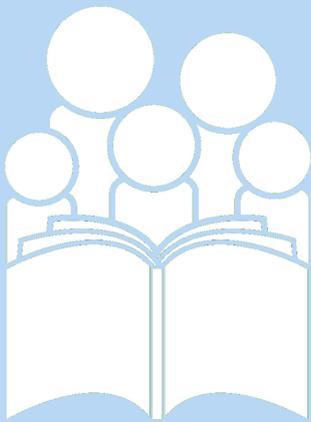


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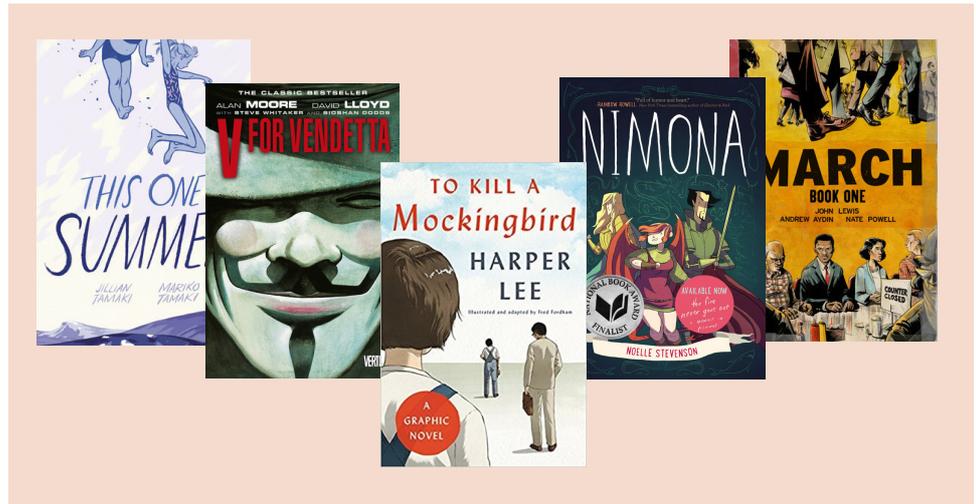
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# EVERYBODY LOVES READING



**Graphic novels are a great way to get reluctant readers hooked on reading.**

Imagine this scenario: A parent comes to their local library with their reluctant reader, a teenaged son or daughter who is at that age where a person starts to develop their adult habits. The librarian recommends some award-winning, time-enduring graphic novels and the child's eyes light up; but the parent refuses, saying they want "real" books for their child, dismissing graphic novels as a "lesser" form of literature.

What a sadly missed opportunity to expose this child to literature and art, and maybe ignite a love of reading.

Graphic novels can be a gateway to developing strong reading habits. They are a great way to get reluctant readers hooked on reading.

Did you know many "classic" books have graphic novel versions? Graphic novels come in every genre. Graphic novels "count" as reading. The library has graphic novels for you to check out and enjoy.

## Everybody Loves Book Talks

These are the latest books recommended by Readers' Advisory Librarian Sonia R. Find all of the library's BookTube videos at [bit.ly/SoniasBookTalks](https://bit.ly/SoniasBookTalks).



### *Fast-paced Mystery*

A dual-narrative suspense involving two mysterious women; a wedding on a remote island where one of the guests is murdered; and a humorous whodunnit.



### *Ocean Settings*

The sinking of the Lusitania is told in a gripping, narrative non-fiction account; Cruise-goers are stranded when their ship breaks down; and a family is lost at sea.



### *Humorous Short Stories*

Hilarious short stories by comedy genius Simon Rich; smart, clever writing by the actor and comedy writer B.J. Novak; and a humorous and heart-felt collection of essays of growing up in the 70s in Long Island by New York Times Best Seller Gary Janetti.



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## Everybody Loves Book Club

A young mom stumbles into crime-solving in *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano. The 43rd Street Book Club loved this zany mystery, the first in a new series. The second book is out already and a few of us have eagerly read it. We await the third.

In *Nothing to See Here* (our May pick) a college burn-out becomes a nanny to two kids with special needs--they spontaneously combust when they are upset--and their father, an ambitious senator, wants to keep their affliction a secret. We liked this humorous and thought-provoking novel.

*The Alchemist*, (our June pick) by Brazilian author Paulo Coelho, is a fable about a shepherd who is on a journey to find his destiny. We had a mixed bag of ratings, from love to like to hate, which makes for a good discussion!



## Choose Your Own Summer Indulgence

A maze of book recommendations with five main categories in yellow boxes at the top: Misbehaving, Plenty of sizzle, Humor Me, Romantic Romps, and Running Away. Dotted lines connect these categories to various book covers below.

- Misbehaving** connects to *MISADVENTURES ON THE REBOUND* by Lauren Rowe.
- Plenty of sizzle** connects to *LOVE LIES BENEATH* by Ellen Hopkins.
- Humor Me** connects to *SIMON RICH SPOILED BRATS*.
- Romantic Romps** connects to *IT HAPPENED ONE SUMMER* by Tessa Bailey.
- Running Away** connects to *Leave Me* by Gayle Forman.

Other book covers shown include *INDECENT* by Corinne Sullivan, *the trouble with lexie* by Jessica Anya Blum, *LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS* by David Sedaris, *my favorite half-night stand* by Christina Lauren, and *THE PEOPLE WE KEEP* by Allison Larkin.



## Everybody Loves Summer Reading

It's that time of year when you can show your support for reading. Do you think reading matters? Then take a minute to log some books and help us show how our community is in favor of reading.

Reading is vast and mesmerizing.  
Just like the ocean, the possibilities are seemingly endless.  
Explore countless authors and topics.  
Read within your comfortable pool, or  
dive into the **Oceans of Possibilities**.

August 5th by midnight is the deadline to log books with us (by phone, email, chat, or online with our QR code).



## Everybody Loves Staff Recommendations

Kate Lagerstrom, the new Head of Popular Services, recommends **Anxious People** by Fredrik Backman. "Anxious People is a quirky and sentimental character driven mystery. An eclectic group of strangers are thrown together when a failed bank robber takes them hostage at an apartment viewing in Stockholm. I loved the relationships that form between the hostages, their stories, and their reasons for being at the apartment. The father-son duo who were working to solve the situation had me laughing out loud with their interactions with each other and the hostages. The writing is zany, and it all comes around with some interesting twists."

