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# **SHELF LIFE**

## **BEYOND THE STACKS**

### **News from Tecumseh District Library**

We've enjoyed the summer at TDL and the opportunity to return to some of our former practices. Our Summer Reading Programs were a lot of fun; it was delightful to see the children with their stacks of books! We took our Pop-up Library to the Tecumseh Farmer's Market on a monthly basis this summer to talk about the services we offer and hand out free books to the shoppers there. Our Community Survey was completed and tallied, and as a result of the survey, we've initiated an evening book club in addition to our long-running afternoon book club. We support the success of the community's children with our digital library card, available to any student enrolled at Tecumseh Public Schools. The card provides access to our digital resources, such as Overdrive/Libby, MEL databases, Tutor.com and Mango, the language program. Our wonderful Friends group is back at it, holding big book sales again the first Saturday of each month.

We've been able to offer some in-person programming outdoors this summer, in addition to a variety of virtual programs. Check out our upcoming schedule of programs at <http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/t/tecumseh/ek.cfm>

As always, we encourage reading, learning and exploration, so we hope you'll take some time this fall to choose something wonderful from our collection to read and enjoy!

**LEARN**

**EXPLORE**

**INTERACT**

**CREATE**

**ENJOY**

#### **Our Vision Statement:**

**The Tecumseh District Library strives to be a premier facility offering a welcoming, accessible community resource where all people can learn, explore, interact, create, and enjoy.**

# TDL's Quick Guide To Book Genres

As we settle into the beautiful autumn season, our staff at TDL suggests that this is the perfect time to branch out and try a genre beyond the ones you normally read.

It's fun to try something different; maybe you'll find a new author to follow!

Our newsletter this season covers some of the many fiction genres, and offers a few titles and authors as a starting place. Enjoy!

## Short Stories

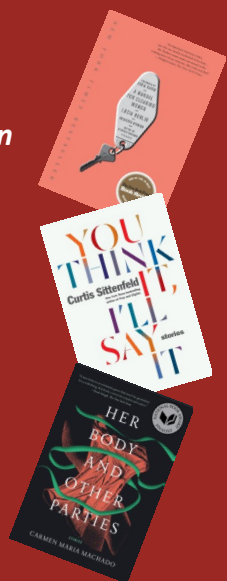
Short story collections are usually written by a single author, and each story can be read in one sitting. They feature fewer characters and often share a theme.

Some titles we suggest:

***A Manual for Cleaning Women***  
by Lucia Berlin

***You Think It, I'll Say It***  
by Curtis Sittenfeld

***Her Body and Other Parties***  
by Carmen Maria Machado



Give these authors a quick look:

**John Green**

**Alice Munro**

**Ernest Hemingway**

**Haruki Murakami**

**David Sedaris**

## WESTERNS

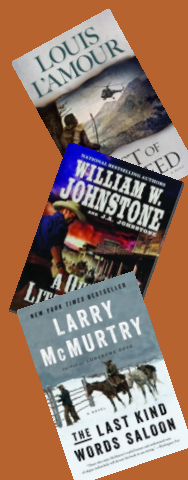
The Western is a type of fiction set primarily in the latter half of the 19th and early 20th century in the "Wild West". Westerns often stress the harshness of the wilderness and frequently set the action in an arid, desolate landscape of deserts and mountains. Cowboys, bad guys, lawlessness, sheriffs, ranches, saloons, railways, and shootouts are heavily featured in these novels.

Some recommended westerns:

***The Last of the Breed***  
by Louis L'Amour

***A Quiet, Little Town***  
by William W. Johnstone

***The Last Kind Words Saloon***  
by Larry McMurtry



Partner up with these authors:

**Louis L'Amour**

**Larry McMurtry**

**Zane Grey**

**Elmer Kelton**

**Elmore Leonard**

## Historical Fiction

Novels set in the past are a popular form of fiction. Authors of historical fiction keep the manners, social conditions, and events of that time period unchanged. These novels are often an easy way to absorb history.

Some popular new historical fiction titles include:

***The Four Winds***  
by Kristin Hannah

***Where The Crawdads Sing***  
by Delia Owens

***The Personal Librarian***  
by Marie Benedict



Excellent authors of historical fiction:

**Ken Follett**

**Hilary Mantel**

**Bernard Cornwell**

**Geraldine Brooks**

Any student at Tecumseh Public Schools is eligible for a special Tecumseh District Library Card. These TPS cards allow students access to all digital materials available at our library:



- ◆ Overdrive/Libby
- ◆ MeL (Michigan eLibrary)
- ◆ Mango Languages
- ◆ Tutor.com

Contact us at 517-423-2238 or go to [Tecumsehlibrary.org](http://Tecumsehlibrary.org) and click on the Events Tab to sign up for this free card!

We are excited to bring you an evening book club. Starting in September, in addition to our normal Afternoon Book Club, we are offering an Evening Book Club every third Monday from 7 pm to 8 pm. We will meet in the lower level of the library for a spirited discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Sonja at [sdowney@tecumsehlibrary.org](mailto:sdowney@tecumsehlibrary.org) or call 517-423-2238.



**Before The Coffee Gets Cold**, by Toshikazu Kawaguchi  
 Afternoon Book Club: Sept. 15, 2021 at 3 pm  
 Evening Book Club: Sept. 20, 2021 at 7 pm

**Quiet**, by Susan Cain  
 Afternoon Book Club: Oct. 20, 2021 at 3 pm  
 Evening Book Club: Oct. 18, 2021 at 7 pm

## Gentle Reads

These are novels written with a wholesome focus. Often the setting is a small town, and love and kindness are the prevailing themes. These novels encourage, inspire, and uplift.

Some popular new Gentle Reads include:

**The Happy Camper**  
 By Melody Carlson

**Chasing Shadows**  
 by Lynn Austin

**The Amish Schoolteacher**  
 by Jerry Eicher



Inspirational authors:

**Shelley Shepherd Gray**

**Karen Kingsbury**

**Philip Gulley**

**Michael Phillips**

**Francine Rivers**

**Wanda E. Brunstetter**

## Mystery

These books have a suspenseful plot which often involves a crime. Clues are scattered throughout the novel, and suspects and motives are slowly revealed.

Mystery includes many sub-categories:

- Caper** (comical)
- Cozy** (light)
- Domestic** (involves a cat or dog)
- Hardboiled** (hardcore, gruesome)
- Investigator** (focused on the detective)
- Noir** (dark and gritty classic)
- Procedural** (forensic science)
- Softboiled** (lighter than hardboiled)
- Supernatural/Paranormal** (ghostly)
- Suspense** (high tension, slower pace)
- Thriller** (fast pace, high tension)
- True Crime** (non-fiction mystery)

Some new mysteries to enjoy:

**All the Devils Are Here**  
 by Louise Penny

**The Last Thing He Told Me**  
 by Laura Dave

**The Wife Upstairs**  
 by Rachel Hawkins

**The Survivors**  
 by Jane Harper



Mystery Authors to investigate:

- Donna Leon**
- Agatha Christie**
- Tana French**
- Gillian Flynn**
- Lee Child**
- Ruth Rendell**

## Graphic Novels

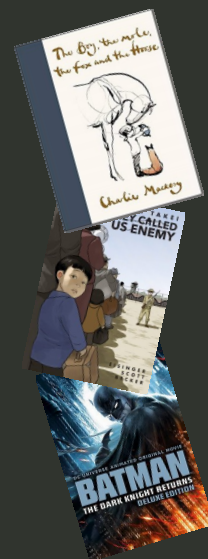
These books are based on a sequence of hand drawn pictures; the story is told visually, with few words. We have a graphic novel section in our children's, tween, and teen collections, as well as a larger adult collection.

Some popular new graphic novel titles include:

**The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**  
 by Charlie Mackesy

**They Called Us Enemy**  
 by George Takei

**Batman: The Dark Knight Returns**  
 by Frank Miller



Authors to draw you in:

**Neil Gaiman**

**Alan Moore**

**Art Spiegelman**

**Raina Telgemeier**



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## Sci Fi/Fantasy

Science Fiction has a focus on real or real-feeling science. Future settings are often used in science fiction. Fantasy is characterized by magic or supernatural elements. When magic is subtly woven into an otherwise realistic situation, it's called magical realism.

New science fiction titles:

***The Saints of Salvation***

by Peter F. Hamilton

***Jack Four***

by Neal Asher

***Rabbits***

by Terry Miles



Science Fiction authors to explore:  
Isaac Asimov  
Ray Bradbury  
Ursula Le Guin  
Terry Pratchett



New Fantasy titles:

***Black Water Sister***

by Zen Cho

***The Library of the Dead***

by T.L. Huchu

***Sistersong***

by Lucy Holland



Fantasy authors to enchant you:  
JK Rowling  
JRR Tolkien  
George RR Martin  
Robert Jordan



## HORROR

Horror stories explore and play on readers' fears in an attempt to scare, shock, disgust, and instill a sense of dread and doom. These stories often involve supernatural and psychological themes throughout.

Some new horror titles to make your blood run cold:

***Billy Summers***

by Stephen King

***The Final Girl Support Group***

by Grady Hendrix

***Survive the Night***

by Riley Sager



Horror authors to make you scream:

Stephen King

Anne Rice

Shirley Jackson

Edgar Allen Poe

Clive Barker

## Romance

Romance fiction focuses on the relationship and romantic love between two individuals. The endings are always happy, with any issues neatly tied up.

Some new romance titles we suggest:

***Incense and Sensibility***

by Sonali Dev

***People We Meet on Vacation***

by Emily Henry

***The Flat Share***

By Beth O'Leary



Romance authors you may love:

Danielle Steel

Nora Roberts

Nicholas Sparks

Robyn Carr