Adult Fiction

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Catherine House

Elisabeth Thomas

Catherine House is a school of higher learning like no other. Hidden deep in the woods of rural Pennsylvania, this crucible of reformist liberal arts study with its experimental curriculum, wildly selective admissions policy, and formidable endowment, has produced some of the world’s best minds. But acceptance comes with a price.

Subjects: College stories, Privilege, Social isolation
Page count: 336

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The Night Watchman

Louise Erdrich

It is 1953. Thomas Wazhushk is the night watchman at the first factory to open near the Turtle Mountain Reservation in rural North Dakota. He is also a prominent Chippewa Council member, trying to understand a new bill that is soon to be put before Congress. The US Government calls it an 'emancipation' bill; but it isn’t about freedom.

Subjects: Indians of North America, Dysfunctional families, Missing persons
Page count: 464

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Adult Nonfiction

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The Solace of Open Spaces
Gretel Ehrlich
Poet and filmmaker Gretel Ehrlich went to Wyoming in 1975 to make the first in a series of documentaries when her partner died. Ehrlich stayed on and found she couldn’t leave. The Solace of Open Spaces is a chronicle of her first years on “the planet of Wyoming,” a personal journey into a place, a feeling, and a way of life.

Subjects: American authors, Wyoming, Life stories
Page count: 144

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Upstairs at the White House: My Life with the First Ladies
J.B. West
Chief usher of the White House for three decades, J.B. West shares anecdotes and little-known historical accounts of his time with the First Ladies.

Subjects: American history, Presidents' spouses, Politics
Page count: 386

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Orbiting Jupiter
Gary D. Schmidt
Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he’ll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.

Subjects: Friendship, Child abuse, Teenage fathers
Page count: 160

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Divergent
Veronica Roth
In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

Subjects: Science fiction, Identity, Families
Page Count: 576

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Children Books

Find monthly child-friendly titles that our librarians recommend for discussion:

Hotel Bruce
Ryan Higgins
Grumpy Bruce the bear loses his temper when he migrates home in the spring only to discover that mice have converted his den into a hotel.

Page count: 48
Lexile: 510
AR: 2.1

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Everything Sad Is Untrue
Daniel Nayeri
At the front of a middle school classroom in Oklahoma, a boy named Khosrou (whom everyone calls “Daniel”) stands, trying to tell a story. His story. But no one believes a word he says.

Page count: 368
Lexile: 800
AR: 5.3

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The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Beverly Cleary
A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Page count: 208
Lexile: 860
AR: 5.1

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