Adult Fiction

Find monthly adult fiction titles that our librarians recommend for discussion:

The Handmaid's Tale

Margaret Atwood

Set in a future society that has reverted to, and gone beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans, this story is told through the eyes of Offred, a so-called handmaid. While her job as a surrogate mother to a sterile marriage conveys an elevated status, she longs to escape.

Subjects: Man-woman relationships, Misogyny, Dystopias
Page count: 320

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Widowland

C.J. Carey
Thirteen years have passed since England surrendered to the Nazis and formed a Grand Alliance with Germany, adopting many of its oppressive ideologies. Rose Ransom works for the Ministry of Culture, rewriting the classics of English literature to ensure there are no subversive thoughts that will give women any ideas.

Subjects: Great Britain, History, Alternative histories
Page count: 432

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Adult Non-fiction

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Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience
Brené Brown
Brown takes us on a journey through 85 of the emotions and experiences that define what it means to be human.
Subjects: Self-actualization, Language and emotions, Experience
Page count: 296

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All the Living and the Dead: From Embalmers to Executioners, an Exploration of the People Who Have Made Death their Life’s Work
Hayley Campbell
A deeply compelling exploration of the death industry and the people—morticians, detectives, crime scene cleaners, embalmers, executioners—who work in it and what led them there.

Subjects: Death care industry, Death, Funeral rites and ceremonies
Page count: 268

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Tiger’s Curse
Colleen Houck
Seventeen-year-old Oregon teenager Kelsey forms a bond with a circus tiger who’s actually one of two brothers, Indian princes Ren and Kishan, who were cursed to live as tigers for eternity, and she travels with him to India where the tiger’s curse may be broken once and for all.

Subjects: Blessing and cursing, Immortality, Orphans
Page count: 513

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Henry Hamlet’s Heart
Rhiannon Wilde
Despite their differences, soon to be eighteen-year-olds Henry Hamlet and Lennon Crane have been best friends for most of their lives, but in their senior year at Northolm Grammar School for Boys in Brisbane, Australia, Henry realizes he is in love with Len.

Subjects: Gay teenagers, Best friends, Interpersonal relations
Page Count: 336

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Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream
Tanya Lee Stone
Here is the tale of thirteen women who proved not only that they were as tough as any man but also that they were brave enough to challenge the government.

Page count: 144
Lexile: 980
AR/ATOS: 7.1

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Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor
Jon Scieszka
In his Grandpa Al’s garage workshop, child genius Frank Einstein tries to invent a robot that can learn on its own.

Page count: 192
Lexile: 730
AR/ATOS: 4.7

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When young Mae Jemison is asked by her teacher what she wants to be when she grows up, African American Mae tells her mostly white classmates that she wants to be an astronaut, a dream that her parents wholeheartedly support.