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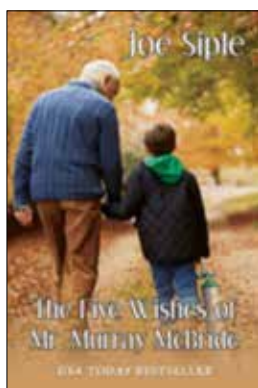
Reader Recommendations

**Peach Tea Smash****By Laura Childs**

During an Alice in Wonderland–themed fundraiser, beloved Harlan Sadler is found murdered at the grist mill. Theodosia investigates and suspects the killer may have meant to target Harlan’s troubled, widely disliked son instead. The book was very enjoyable. I liked the list of characters and their pets. It made me want to go down to Charleston to visit a tea shop.

Reviewed by Karen H., At Home patron

Also available: large print

**The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride****By Joe Siple**

At 100, retired baseball star Murray McBride befriends Jason, a terminally ill 10-year-old with a five-item wish list. As they fulfill each wish, their friendship sparks a positive butterfly effect, inspiring those around them – until tragedy threatens Jason’s final wish. I very much enjoyed this book!

Reviewed by Marilyn N., At Home patron

**To Woo and to Wed****By Martha Waters**

I picked a winner for my first romance novel to read! Years after their broken engagement, widowed Sophie proposes a fake match with West to help her sister – only to find unresolved feelings and family tensions turning their plan into something far more complicated. I enjoyed the story a great deal.

Reviewed by MaryAnne L., At Home patron

Also available: large print

New Fiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

Heartwood

By Amity Gaige

As a hiker vanishes deep in the Maine woods, a game warden's search and a retired birdwatcher's quiet investigation converge, uncovering unexpected truths behind a disappearance that may not be accidental.

Also available: large print, CD

A Lesser Light

By Peter Geye

In 1910 Duluth, Willa enters an unhappy marriage with lighthouse keeper Theodulf. Isolated, she finds hope through Halley's Comet and unexpected visitors – until a sudden tragedy threatens the future she envisions.

NYT Broken Country

By Clare Leslie Hall

When her brother-in-law shoots a dog, Beth discovers it belongs to Gabriel, her first love. His return, with his young son, rekindles old emotions and unearths secrets that could shatter her marriage.

Also available: large print, CD

Big Chief

By Jon Hickey

Anishinaabe law grad Mitch Caddo and Tribal President Mack Beck face election threats from Mack's sister Layla and activist Gloria Hawkins, forcing Mitch to confront family, love, and a spiraling tribal crisis.

Also available: large print

Audition

By Katie Kitamura

During lunch in Manhattan, a renowned actress and a mysterious young man meet. Two competing narratives unspool, revealing who they are to each other – and what performance can hide from even those closest to us.

Twist

By Colum McCann

An Irish journalist joins an underwater cable repair crew off Africa's coast restoring vital data links which may unleash news that forces them to confront love, loss, and fractured connections.

Also available: large print

Wild Dark Shore

By Charlotte McConaghy

Dominic Salt and his children care for a small Antarctic island holding the world's largest seed bank. When a mysterious woman arrives during a fierce storm, secrets and tensions threaten their fragile trust.

Also available: large print

The Antidote

By Karen Russell

During a Dust Bowl storm in Uz, Nebraska, a witch who carries others' memories, a grieving girl, a cursed farmer, a talking scarecrow, and a time-traveling photographer expose the town's buried past and looming fate.

Also available: large print

How to Read a Book

By Monica Wood

A former inmate, a widower, and a retired teacher cross paths in a Portland bookstore where a shared love of books opens the door to forgiveness and transformation.

Also available: large print

New Nonfiction Books

Alphabetical order by author

Gentlemen of the Woods: Manhood, Myth, and the American Lumberjack

By Willa Hammitt Brown

In the 1800s, lumberjacks were seen as risky, transient workers rejected by boomtowns. Today, they're mythologized as heroes, but their history reveals ties to race, class, capitalism, and colonization.

NYT The Tell: A Memoir

By Amy Griffin

A former athlete from Texas confronts buried childhood trauma through psychedelic therapy, navigating perfectionism, the justice system, and self-acceptance while seeking truth and healing from her past.

Also available: large print

NYT Abundance

By Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson

America's housing, labor, and energy shortages reflect decades of stalled progress. This book argues that outdated rules block solutions – and calls for a politics focused on building abundance again.

Also available: CD

NYT Matriarch: A Memoir

By Tina Knowles

From a lively Galveston childhood to raising Beyoncé, Solange, and Kelly Rowland, this matriarch shares a story shaped by grief, ambition, artistic vision, and generational bonds between women.

Also available: large print

NYT Who Is Government? The Untold Story of Public Service

Edited by Michael Lewis

A group of writers profile overlooked federal workers – from a mine-safety expert to a top cemetery manager – highlighting how committed public servants quietly shape daily life in unexpected, vital ways.

Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools

By Mary Annette Pember

From the mid-1800s to the late 1930s, tens of thousands of Native children, including the author's mother, were pulled from their families to attend boarding schools, where they endured harsh assimilation policies. This memoir reveals lasting trauma, resilience, and Native communities' ongoing revival.

The Barn: The Secret History of a Murder in Mississippi

By Wright Thompson

A journalist uncovers long-suppressed details about Emmett Till's 1955 murder in Mississippi – correcting false confessions, mapping the true crime scene, and revealing how land, silence, and white power preserved the cover-up.

Also available: large print

Care and Feeding: A Memoir

By Laurie Woolever

This is a candid, darkly funny account of a food writer, and assistant to Anthony Bourdain and Mario Batali, as she juggles chaotic kitchens, elite restaurants, journalism, motherhood, and her own conflicted ambitions.

NYT Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism

By Sarah Wynn-Williams

This insider account exposes Facebook's toxic culture, unchecked power, and leadership failures shaping its platform and workplace. The book reveals personal and collective struggles, including pervasive misogyny behind the company's public image.

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Fiction

The Impossible Thing

By Belinda Bauer

All That Life Can Afford

By Emily Everett

Also available: large print

Mothers and Sons

By Adam Haslett

NYT Great Big Beautiful Life

By Emily Henry

Also available: large print

NYT Say You'll Remember Me

By Abby Jimenez

Beach Vibes

By Susan Mallery

Also available: large print

Tilt

By Emma Pattee

The Maid's Secret

By Nita Prose

Also available: large print

Dream State

By Eric Puchner

Also available: large print

Broken Fields

By Marcie R. Rendon

Also available: CD

Count My Lies

By Sophie Stava

Also available: large print

NYT The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits

By Jennifer Weiner

Also available: large print, CD

Cozy Mystery

High Tea and Misdemeanors

By Laura Childs

Also available: large print

Murder at Gulls Nest

By Jess Kidd

Also available: CD

The Antique Hunter's Death on the Red Sea

By C.L. Miller

Also available: large print, CD

Homicide in the Indian Hills

By Erica Ruth Neubauer

Also available: large print, CD

How to Seal Your Own Fate

By Kristen Perrin

Also available: large print

A Farewell to Arfs

By Spencer Quinn

Also available: large print, CD

Dominoes, Danzón, and Death

By Raquel V. Reyes

Also available: large print

Historical

NYT Strangers in Time

By David Baldacci

Also available: large print

The Jackal's Mistress

By Chris Bohjalian

Also available: large print

The Paris Express

By Emma Donoghue

Also available: large print, CD

The Pretender

By Jo Harkin

Also available: large print

The Story She Left Behind

By Patti Callahan Henry

Also available: large print, CD

The Library of Lost Dollhouses

By Elise Hooper

Also available: large print

One Good Thing

By Georgia Hunter

Also available: large print

NYT New York Times Bestseller

This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

Six Days in Bombay

By Alka Joshi

Also available: large print

The Secret History of Audrey James

By Heather Marshall

Also available: large print

A Map to Paradise

By Susan Meissner

Also available: large print

Happy Land

By Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Also available: large print

Far From Home

By Danielle Steel

Also available: large print, CD

Humorous

Finlay Donovan Digs Her Own Grave

By Elle Cosimano

Also available: large print

The Road to Tender Hearts

By Annie Hartnett

I See You've Called in Dead

By John Kenney

Vera Wong's Guide to Snooping (On a Dead Man)

By Jesse Q. Sutanto

Also available: large print

Mystery

The Queens of Crime

By Marie Benedict

Also available: large print, CD

Sealed With a Hiss

By Rita Mae Brown and

Sneaky Pie Brown

Also available: large print, CD

Blood Moon

By Sandra Brown

Also available: large print

Loose Lips

By Kemper Donovan

Also available: large print

Shadow of the Solstice

By Anne Hillerman

Also available: large print, CD

Overkill

By J.A. Jance

Also available: large print, CD

Lethal Prey

By John Sandford

Also available: large print

Psychological

Dream Count

By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Also available: large print

The Usual Desire to Kill

By Camilla Barnes

The Last Session

By Julia Bartz

Also available: large print, CD

The Last Days of Kira Mullan

By Nicci French

Also available: large print

A Killing Cold

By Kate Alice Marshall

Red Dog Farm

By Nathaniel Ian Miller

Also available: large print

The Float Test

By Lynn Steger Strong

Also available: large print, CD

More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

Religious

The Peacemaker

By Wanda E. Brunstetter
Also available: large print

Ambush

By Colleen Coble
Also available: large print

Whispers of Fortune

By Mary Connealy
Also available: large print, CD

A Constant Love

By Tracie Peterson
Also available: large print, CD

An Amish Healing & Ollie's Story

By Beth Wiseman
Available only in large print

Romance

Summer in the City

By Alex Aster
Also available: large print, CD

Deep Cuts

By Holly Brickley
Also available: large print

One in a Million

By Janet Dailey
Also available: large print

Flirting Lessons

By Jasmine Guillory
Also available: large print

Swept Away

By Beth O'Leary
Also available: large print

Lawbreaker

By Diana Palmer
Also available: large print

Story of My Life

By Lucy Score
Also available: large print

Summer Light on Nantucket

By Nancy Thayer
Also available: large print

Science Fiction/ Fantasy

A Drop of Corruption

By Robert Jackson Bennett

When We Were Real

By Daryl Gregory

The Bones Beneath My Skin

By TJ Klune

When the Moon Hits Your Eye

By John Scalzi
Also available: large print

Short Stories

Little Mysteries: Nine Miniature Puzzles to Confuse, Enthrall, and Delight

By Sara Gran

Atavists

By Lydia Millet

Stag Dance

By Torrey Peters

Thriller

Nobody's Fool

By Harlan Coben
Also available: large print

The Summer Guests

By Tess Gerritsen
Also available: large print

Saltwater

By Katy Hays
Also available: large print

Nemesis

By Gregg Hurwitz
Also available: large print

I Would Die for You

By Sandie Jones
Also available: large print

Ward D

By Freida McFadden
Also available: large print

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Fight or Flight

By Fern Michaels

Also available: large print, CD

NYT 2 Sisters Murder Investigations

By James Patterson and Candice Fox

Also available: large print

NYT The Amalfi Curse

By Sarah Penner

Also available: large print

Kills Well With Others

By Deanna Raybourn

Also available: large print

NYT Into the Gray Zone

By Brad Taylor

Also available: large print, CD

Western

The Woman Who Went for Broke

By C.K. Crigger

Available only in large print

HoneyMaker's Son

By Ray Hogan

Also available: large print

High Country

By B.N. Rundell

Available only in large print

Nonfiction

When the Going Was Good: An Editor's Adventures During the Last Golden Age of Magazines

By Graydon Carter with James Fox

Waste Wars: The Wild Afterlife of Your Trash

By Alexander Clapp

NYT The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More

By Jefferson Fisher

NYT Hope: The Autobiography

By Pope Francis and Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Also available: large print

Source Code: My Beginnings

By Bill Gates

Also available: large print

The War at Home: Minnesota During the Great War, 1914-1920

By Greg Gaut

NYT Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of our Deadliest Infection

By John Green

Also available: large print

Red Scare: Blacklists, McCarthyism and the Making of Modern America

By Clay Risen

NYT I Am Maria: My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home

By Maria Shriver

Also available: large print

Say Everything: A Memoir

By Lone Skye

Also available: CD

On the Hippie Trail: Istanbul to Kathmandu and the Making of a Travel Writer

By Rick Steves

It Begins With You: The 9 Hard Truths About Love That Will Change Your Life

By Jillian Turecki

Also available: large print

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