

CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO READ SOMETHING NEW!

Read four diverse books of your choosing. Just pick a topic and write down the title and author of the book you selected. Once you've read four or more books, return this log to the Fiction Desk at Central or either of the branches to receive a special notebook!

Below, you'll find a variety of suggestions of diverse themes, characters, and genres in books that we love. Looking for more ideas? Stop by the Fiction Desk for personalized reading recommendations.

1. Title: _____

Author: _____

2. Title: _____

Author: _____

3. Title: _____

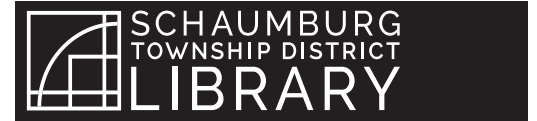
Author: _____

4. Title: _____

Author: _____

Questions? Stop by the Fiction Desk on the first floor of the Central Library, call (847) 923-3140 or email readersdesk@stdl.org

March 2019



—DIVERSE— READS

Diverse Reads encourages you to read books you wouldn't normally choose to read. Try a new genre, read a book by an author with a different background than yours – **Diverse Reads** is a time to expand your perspective by reading outside of your comfort zone.

MUSLIM AUTHORS

Exit West by Mohsin Hamed

The Pearl that Broke its Shell by Nadia Hashimi

The Unquiet Dead by Ausma Zehanat Khan

LGBTQIA+ ROMANCES

The Burnt Toast B&B by Heidi Belleau

When Katie Met Cassidy by Camille Perri

It Takes Two to Tumble by Cat Sebastian

BOOKS SET IN CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA

The Discreet Hero by Mario Vargas Llosa

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

Uncommon Type by Tom Hanks

The Merry Spinster by Mallory Ortberg

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

INDIGENOUS AUTHORS

The Round House by Louise Erdrich

Deception on All Accounts by Sara Hoklotubbe

There, There by Tommy Orange

#OWNVOICES

Salt Houses by Hala Alyan

The Kiss Quotient by Helen Hoang

Good Kings, Bad Kings by Susan Nussbaum

Translated into English

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

CHARACTERS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Me, Who Dove into the Heart of the World by Sabina

Berman

Best Boy by Eli Gottlieb

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

CLASSIC WRITTEN BY A POC

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Their Eyes were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

TRANSGENDER CHARACTERS

The House of Impossible Beauties by Joseph Cassara

The Sunlight Pilgrims by Jenni Fagan

This is How it Always Is by Laurie Frankel

URBAN FICTION

Diary of a Street Diva by Ashley

The Coldest Winter Ever by Sister Souljah

True to the Game by Teri Woods

ASIAN AUTHORS

A Bollywood Affair by Sonali Dev

1Q84 by Haruki Murakami

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng

BOOKS SET IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa

Girls of Riyadh by Rajaa Alsanea

Frankenstein in Baghdad by Ahmad Sadawi

CHARACTERS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY

The First Man by Albert Camus

The Bone Collector by Jeffrey Deaver

Handle with Care by Jodi Picoult

BOOKS WRITTEN IN VERSE

Charlotte by David Foenkinos

Collateral by Ellen Hopkins

The Hunchback of Neiman Marcus by Sonya Sones

FEMALE SUPERHERO COMICS

Wonder Woman by Brian Azzarello

Promethea by Alan Moore

Empowered by Adam Warren

BANNED BOOKS

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya

Fun Home by Alison Bechdel

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

These are just a few suggestions to get you started. You can read any diverse books with Diverse Reads.

TERMS TO KNOW

LGBTQIA+ - acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual

INDIGENOUS - native peoples and nations

#OWNVOICES - diverse characters written by authors who share the same identity

POC - person of color

URBAN FICTION - literary genre set in a city landscape that features socio-economic and cultural issues

WRITTEN IN VERSE - a novel length book written in poetry