

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.

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.

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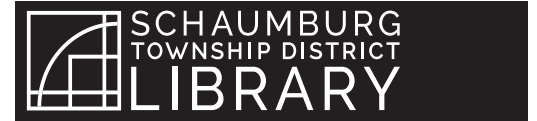
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Questions? Stop by the Fiction Desk on the first floor of the Central Library, call (847) 923-3140 or email fictiondesk@stdl.org

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—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

Sparks Like Stars by Nadia Hashimi
The Last White Man by Mohsin Hamed
All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir

LGBTQIA+ ROMANCES

Delilah Green Doesn't Care by Ashley Herring Blake
Your Driver is Waiting by Priya Guns
Farrell Covington and the Limits of Style by Paul Rudnick

BOOKS SET IN CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA

Violeta by Isabel Allende
On a Night of a Thousand Stars by Andrea Yaryura Clark
Harsh Times by Mario Vargas Llosa

SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

The Faraway World: Stories by Patricia Engel
The Private Life of Spies and the Exquisite Art of Getting Even by Alexander McCall Smith
Fit for the Gods: Greek Mythology Reimagined by Various Authors

INDIGENOUS AUTHORS

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich
My Heart is a Chainsaw by Stephen Graham Jones
White Horse by Erika Wurth

OWN VOICES

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi
Mexican Gothic by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid

TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH

At Night All Blood is Black by David Diop (From French)
1,000 Coils of Fear by Olivia Wenzel (From German)
The Premonition by Banana Yoshimoto (From Japanese)

CHARACTERS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

Act Your Age, Eve Brown by Talia Hibbert
Two Wrongs Make a Right by Chloe Liese
A Room Called Earth by Madeleine Ryan

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

A Lady For a Duke by Alexis Hall
Detransition, Baby by Torrey Peters
Confessions of the Fox by Jordy Rosenberg

URBAN FICTION

An Olive Grove in Ends by Moses McKenzie
Nightcrawling by Leila Mottley
Burning Season by Kiki Swinson

ASIAN AUTHORS

Age of Vice by Deepti Kapoor
Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng
Things We Lost to the Water by Eric Nguyen

BOOKS SET IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Fencing With the King by Diana Abu-Jaber
Daughters of Smoke and Fire by Ava Homa
Take What You Can Carry by Gian Sardar

CHARACTERS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY

How Lucky by Will Leitch
Lean Fall Stand by Jon McGregor
Wait For It by Jenn McKinlay

BOOKS WRITTEN IN VERSE

Hourglass by Kieran Goddard
The Night Library of Sternendach: a Vampire Opera in Verse by Jessica Lévai (SF/Fantasy)
The Lehman Trilogy by Stefano Massini

FEMALE HERO COMICS

Wonder Woman: Come Back to Me by Amanda Conner
Angela, Asgard's Assassin: Priceless vol. 1 by Kieron Gillen
Monstress by Marjorie Liu

BANNED BOOKS

Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
Fun Home: a Family Tragicomic by Alison Bechdel (GN)
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

OWN VOICES - 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