

Lisa's Pick

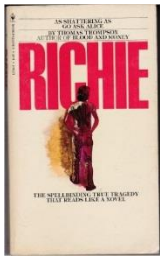
The Night Circus

By Erin Morgenstern Genre: Fantasy/ Historical Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; Large Print; CD Book; eBook; eAudiobook

Location: F MORGENSTERN; ADML/Overdrive; Axis 360

This is a very unsettling book, but totally worth reading if you love the horror genre! It's unnerving, wonderfully written prose. The story is centered on one family's strength and love during this scary tale. If you enjoy stories where both the best and worst can be brought out in people in stressful situations, this book is for you!



Georgia's Pick

Richie

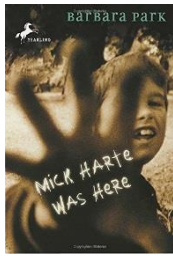
By Thomas Thompson

Genre: True Crime

Formats available: Print

Location: See Information Desk to request

I am rereading the book Richie by Thomas Thompson. It is based on a true story of a father who watches the downward spiral of his son to drugs. This book is a very old YA book but I feel that it is current with today's heroin epidemic. Richie was the firstborn child to the Dinier family. He wasn't very popular with kids his age but did love to take care of animals. When he entered high school, he became friends with a kid that had been involved with the law. That began every parent's nightmare of police, fighting, stealing and drug use. The book takes place in the late sixties early seventies. Most of the parents during this time had never been aware of the drugs the kids began taking. His descent begins with Marijuana, uppers and downers. He then starts losing sight of what is important in his life. His father cannot figure out how to stop the child he loves from destroying his life. It is a very powerful book during the beginning of the drug problems in America. Back in the beginning of the drug culture, parents either punished, tossed out, or were in denial of their Children's activities. We still see a lot of that behavior today. This book shows that we really haven't come very far in the war against drugs and that something more needs to be done.



Sharina's Pick

Mick Harte Was Here

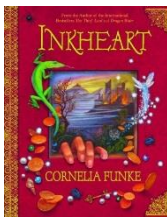
By Barbara Park

Genre: Realistic Children's Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; Paperback; CD Book; ebook

Location: J PAR RCYRB AWARD 1998; Axis 360

Phoebe has a brother, or rather had. Mick died. His bike hit a rock and he lost control running into a truck. I recommend this book for someone who is dealing with a loss; or needs a good cry, and a good laugh.



Jennifer's Pick

Inkheart

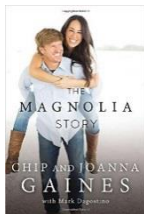
By Cornelia Funke

Genre: Children's Fantasy

Formats available: Print; Playaway; CD Book; eBook; eAudiobook

Location: J FUNKE; ADML/Overdrive; Axis 360

This is the first book in a very enjoyable children's series. As an adult, I found it delightful. It's a great mix of fantasy and winsome characters.



Sara's Pick

The Magnolia Story

By Chip and Joanna Gaines

Genre: Biography

Formats available: Hardback; CD Book

Location: B GAINES

An uplifting recounting of how they grew their business, Magnolia Homes. They also discuss their childhood, how they met and their relationship. An enjoyable, easy and quick read.



Cheryl's Pick

Slacker

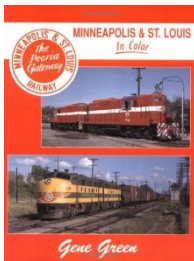
By Gordon Korman

Genre: Realistic Children's Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; CD Book; eBook

Location: J KORMAN; Axis 360

Cameron is in a lot of trouble at home. He has let his continuous "gaming" keep him from doing his homework, or being with friends. He isn't listening to his parents either. Bad choice! In order to get his parents off his back, he starts a club with its purpose being to do good deeds. Cameron is only out to fool his parents though. Read what happens when this "slacker" ends up being President of the Positive Action Group. There is going to be more trouble than he can talk his way out of.



John's Pick

Minneapolis & St. Louis in Color

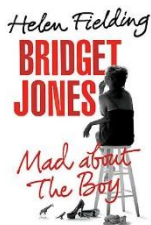
By Gene Green

Genre: Nonfiction

Formats available: Print

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I'm a railfan, and especially like the railroads that are long gone. The M & St. L came into Peoria via Farmington, Hanna City, and a steep hill to Kickapoo Creek. Its freight yard in Peoria is dismantled. But this is an excellent book about a small RR that competed with "the Big Guys".



Marla's Pick

Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy

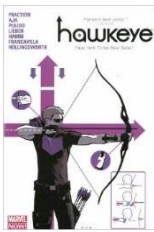
By Helen Fielding

Genre: Women's Fiction

Formats available: Hardback; CD Book; eBook

Location: F FIELDING; ADML/Overdrive; Axis 360

OMG! Bridget's a momma! And she's a widow. The loyal friends are there helping in all the ways they can. Then there's the kids school and the internet, and a dating site. Great read.



Salena's Pick

Hawkeye

By Matt Fraction

Genre: Graphic Novel; Marvel

Formats available: Print

Location: F MARVEL-OTHER GRAPHIC F

Hawkeye is one of my favorite comics. The art was nice to see with light purple for its background. The best thing about this comic was Kate Bishop and her relationship with Hawkeye.



Will's Pick

The Selection

By Kiera Cass

Genre: YA Romance/ Dystopia

Formats available: Hardback; eBook; eAudiobook

Location: F CASS YA; Axis 360; ADML/Overdrive

I am a huge sucker of Angst teen romance and this has it in spades. That, coupled with a strong female lead and interesting political allegories, make this a fun YA read.