

2012 Yolo County Library Summer Reading Suggestions for Adults

FICTION

The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake, by Aimee Bender

Rose has a magical gift; she can taste others' emotions in the food she eats. But can you know too much about those you love?

The Passage: a novel, by Justin Cronin

After a military experiment goes very wrong, only a six year old girl can save the world from a man-made virus.

The Lake of Dreams, by Kim Edwards

A young woman is emboldened to live her life more freely after her visit home reveals that the family history she always believed isn't true.

Before You Suffocate Your Own Fool Self, by Danielle Evans

In her debut short story collection, the author tells what it's like dealing with family, relationships, race, belonging, and coming of age in America today

Faithful Place, by Tana French

Rosie Daly ran away that night in 1985, didn't she? Twenty-two years later her suitcase is found abandoned nearby, but what happened to Rosie?

Say Her Name, by Francisco Goldman

A Brooklyn novelist keeps the memory of his wife, a Mexico City-born aspiring writer, alive after she dies in an accident before their second anniversary.

The Surrendered, by Chang-rae Lee

In 1950s Korea, an orphaned Korean girl and a former American soldier are saved by the attention of a missionary wife, herself orphaned by enemy soldiers.

The Distant Hours: a novel, by Kate Morton

Visiting the haunted English castle where her mother stayed during the London Blitz, a woman meets the three mysterious sisters who live there with their secrets.

The Tiger's Wife: a novel, by Tea Obreht

A woman in the Balkans searches for the cause of her grandfather's mysterious death and comes upon a fantastic story about a man who claims immortality

Foreign Bodies, by Cynthia Ozick

In 1952, a divorced teacher leaves NYC for Paris to search for and bring home her estranged brother's son, but makes a mess of everything.

Dreams of Joy: a novel, by Lisa See

In 1957, a Chinese-American mother bravely tries to rescue her headstrong daughter, who has recklessly run away to China to find her real father.

The Story of Beautiful Girl, by Rachel Simon

A deaf man and a woman with a developmental disability go on the run together after falling in love and escaping from an abusive institution.

A Curable Romantic: a novel, by Joseph Skibell

A young doctor's experiences in Eastern Europe include romance, a meeting with Freud in Vienna, and the terror of the Warsaw Ghetto.

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Still Missing, by Chevy Stevens

Annie O'Sullivan, a 32-year-old realtor, kidnapped and held hostage in a remote cabin for a year, escapes and then desperately tries to regain her own life.

Vaclav & Lena: a novel, by Haley Tanner

In Brighton Beach, a boy's mother calls authorities concerning his abused female classmate, and the two Russian émigré children are not reunited for seven years.

Nashville Chrome, by Rick Bass

Yearning for recognition as an investigative journalist, Molly Forrester is assigned to profile Russell Elliott, a legendary rock producer who recently died of an accidental overdose, but her investigation turns up more than anyone had expected.

Marrying Mozart: a novel, by Stephanie Cowell

The lives of the four Weber sisters are changed by the arrival of twenty-one-year-old Wolfgang Mozart, a young man struggling to find his place in the eighteenth-century musical world.

Joplin's Ghost, by Tananarive

Having resisted her family's music-centered lifestyle in her pursuit of fame, Phoenix Smalls becomes uncharacteristically intrigued by an old piano in a back room in her mother's jazz club, with ominous consequences.

High Fidelity, by Nick Hornby

A pop music junkie ponders life, love, and hangs out with the two offbeat clerks who work at his semi-failing record store.

Sing You Home: a novel, by Jodi Picoult

Max and Zoe's marriage, stressed by infertility problems and miscarriages, is finally destroyed by a stillborn baby.

1929, by Frederick Turner

A novelization of jazz artist Bix Beiderbecke's early jams at a Capone-controlled casino, grueling cross-country tours, disastrous cinematic efforts, experiences during the stock market crash, and his final musical efforts

Thick as Thieves, by Peter Spiegelman

Carr--ex-CIA--is the reluctant leader of an elite crew planning to take tens of millions of dollars belonging to a disgraced financier, Curtis Prager. But Carr's seasoned pros are wound drum-tight--months before, the man who brought them together was killed in what Carr suspects was a setup.

Plugged: a novel, by Eoin Colfer

When his girlfriend and several people close to him are murdered, Daniel McEvoy finds himself targeted by the New Jersey mafia, corrupt cops, and an eccentric neighbor and searches for a hair-plug technician who may hold crucial answers.

Expats, by Chris Pavone

An international spy thriller about a former CIA agent who moves with her family to Luxembourg where everything is suspicious and nothing is as it seems.

Professionals, by Owen Laukkanen

Four friends, recent college graduates, caught in a terrible job market, joke about turning to kidnapping to survive. And then, suddenly, it's no joke.

The House at Tyford, by Natasha Solomons

It's the spring of 1938 and no longer safe to be a Jew in Vienna. Nineteen-year-old Elise Landau realizes her only means of escape is to advertise her services as a domestic servant in England.