

Wauconda Area Library 2020 Holiday Buying Guide

Searching for the just the right gift this holiday season? Thoughtfully chosen books make wonderful gifts.

To help you find the one that's just right for those on your gift list, we've put a list of our favorites together, ones we think will bring smiles – books to curl up with, get lost in on a cold winter night.

There's something for everyone on our holiday list, for all ages and all reading fancies.

You might even find a book (or five) to "gift" to yourself!

For the Love of a Good Story

The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop by Fannie Flagg

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett

Atomic Love by Jennie Fields

All Adults Here by Emma Straub

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

Jackie and Maria: A Novel of Jackie Kennedy and Maria Callas by Gill Paul

Simon the Fiddler by Paulette Jjiles

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

In Five Years by Rebecca Serle

A Wild Winter Swan by Gregory Maguire

The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare

Deacon King Kong by James McBride

Plain Bad Heroines by Emily M. Danforth

Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie

For the Hopeless Romantic

The Return by Nicholas Sparks

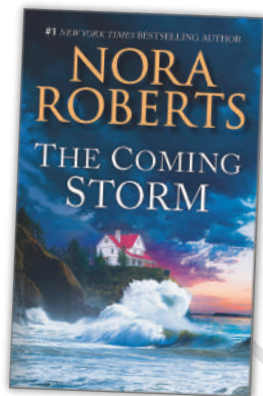
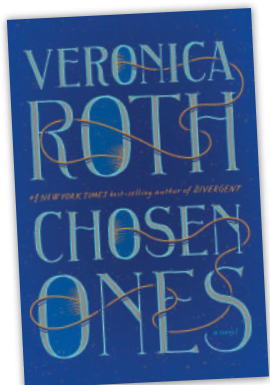
The Coming Storm by Nora Roberts

Tangled Up in Texas by Dolores Fossen

Engaged to the Earl by Lisa Berne

Time for Love by Debbie Macomber

Left for Dead by Lisa Jackson



Fantastic Fiction

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab

Chosen Ones by Veronica Roth

A Deadly Education by Naomi Novik

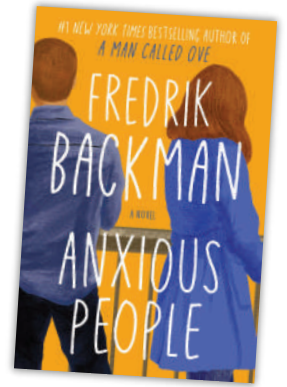
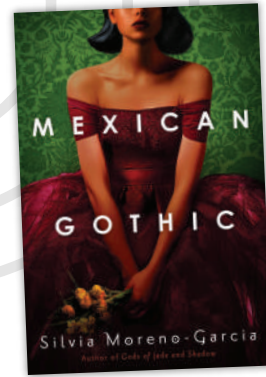
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

The Rise of the Magicks by Nora Roberts

The Last Day by Andy Murray

The Midnight Bargain by C. L. Pope

To Sleep in a Sea of Stars by Christopher Paolini



Mystery & Suspense

A Time for Mercy by John Grisham

The Silence by Don Delillo

One by One by Ruth Ware

Mexican Gothic by Sylvia Moreno-Garcia

Broken by Don Winslow

The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Little Secrets by Jennifer Hillier

Pretty Things by Janelle Brown

Rose Gold by Stephanie Wrobel

The Last Trial by Scott Turow

The Boy From the Woods by Harlan Coben

Happy at Home

Make Life Beautiful by Syd and Shea McGee

Cozy White Cottage: 100 Ways to Love the Feeling of Being Home by Liz Marie Galvan

This Will Make it Taste Good by Vivian Howar

Modern Comfort Food by Ina Garten

Create Your Own Calm by Meera Lee Patel

The Home Edit Life by Clea Shearer

Welcome Home: A Cozy Minimalist Guide to Decorating and Hosting All Year Round by Myquillyn Smith

Magnolia Table: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering by Joanna Gaines

Simple Farmhouse Life: DIY Projects for the All-Natural, Handmade Home by Lisa Bass

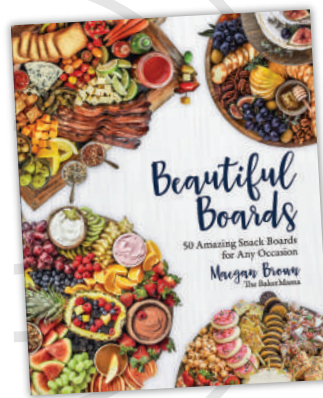
Simply Living Well: A Guide to Creating a Natural, Low-waste Home by Julia Watkins

Beautiful Boards: 50 Amazing Snack Boards for Any Occasion by Maegan Brown

Big Macs & Burgundy: Wine Pairings for the Real World by Vanessa Price

100 Cookies: The Baking Book for Every Kitchen, with Classic Cookies, Novel Treats, Brownies, Bars, and More by Sarah Kieffer

Frontier Follies by Ree Drummond



Essential Non-Fiction

Killing Crazy Horse by Bill O'Reilly

His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and the Power of Hope by John Meacham

Breath: The New Science of a Lost Art by James Nestor

Untamed by Glennon Doyle

Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla F. Saad

Countdown 1945 by Chris Wallace

The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

The Beauty in Breaking: A Memoir by Michele Harper

Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson

And the Answer Is... by Alex Trebek

The Dragons, the Giant, the Women: A Memoir by Wayetu Moore

Humor

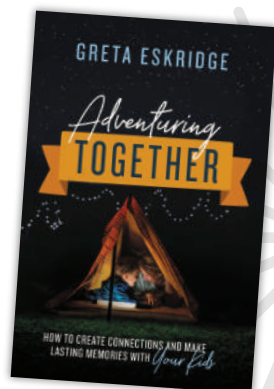
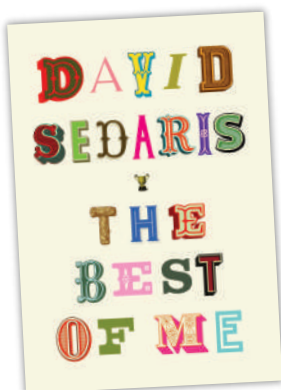
Is this Anything? by Jerry Seinfeld

The Best of Me by David Sedaris

Solutions and Other Problems by Allie Brosh

The Office: The Untold Story of the Greatest Sitcom of the 2000s: an Oral History by Andy Greene

Wow, No Thank You by Samantha Irby



Essential Books for Parents

Let Them Be Kids: Adventure, Boredom, Innocence, and Other Gifts Children Need by Jessica Smart

Adventuring Together: How to Create Connections and Make Lasting Memories with Your Kids by Greta Eskridge

#IMomSoHard by Jen Smedley

What Mummy Makes: Cook Just Once for You and Your Baby by Rebecca Wilson

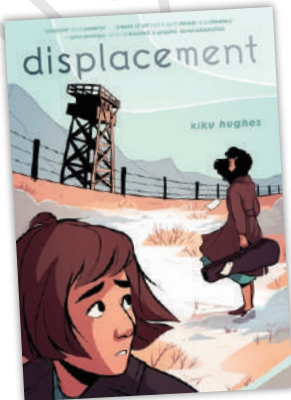
The Book You Wish Your Parents Had Read (And Your Children Will Be Glad that You Did) by Philippa Perry

Awesome Kitchen Science Experiments for Kids: 50 STEAM Projects You Can Eat by Megan Olivia Hall

Super Good Baking for Kids by Duff Goldman

Books Sure to Please Teens/YA

Shuri: A Black Panther Novel by Nic Stone
The Brave by James Bird
If We Were Giants by Dave Matthews
King and the Dragonflies by Kacen Callendar
Premeditated Myrtle by Elizabeth Bunce
You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson
Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo
Tweet Cute by Emma Lora
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson
Dear Justyce by Nic Stone
The Ballad of Songs and Snakes by Suzanne Collins
Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas
Skyhunter by Marie Lu
Fable by Adrienne Young



Graphic Novels

Almost American Girl by Robin Ha (YA)
Dancing at the Pity Party by Tyler Feder (YA)
When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Johnson (Kids)
Dragon Hoops by Gene Luen Yang (YA)
Twins by Varian Johnson (Kids)
Displacement by Kiku Hughes (YA)
The Magic Fish by Trung Le Huyen (Kids)
I Will Judge Your Bookshelf by Gran Snider (Adult)
Solutions and Other Problems by Allie Brosh (Adult)
Superman Smashes the Klan by Gene Luen Yuen Yang (Adult)

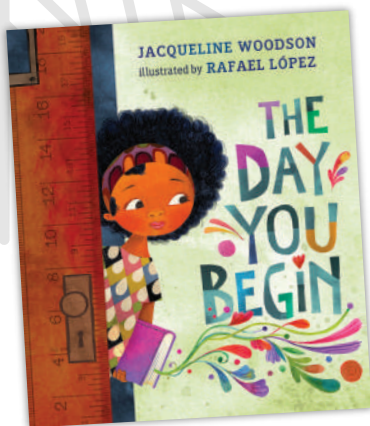
Non-Fiction Books Kids Will LOVE

Everything Awesome About Sharks and Other Creatures
50 Adventures in 50 States by Kate Siber
Game On! 2021 by Scholastic
Ultimate Dinosaur Rumble (22)(Who Would Win?)
by Jerry Pallotta
Scholastic Year in Sports 2021 by James Buckley Jr.
All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer by Christina Soontornvat
Animal Showdown: Round Three: Surprising Animal Matchups with Surprising Results by Stephanie Warren Drimmer
The Mysteries of the Universe: Discover the Best Kept Secrets of Space by Will Gater
The Beast of Bites (Brave Wilderness) by Coyote Peterson



Fiction for Kids

The Willoughby's and The Willoughby's Return by Lois Lowry
Saucy by Cynthia Kadohata
The One and Only Bob by Katharine Applegate
Three Keys (A Front Desk Novel) by Kelly Yang
Something to Say by Lisa Moore Ramee
Skunk and Badger by Amy Timberlake
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson & Kwame Alexander
Every Missing Piece by Melanie Conklin
Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson
Stand Up, Yumi Chung by Jessica Kim
Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk
Quintessence by Jess Redman

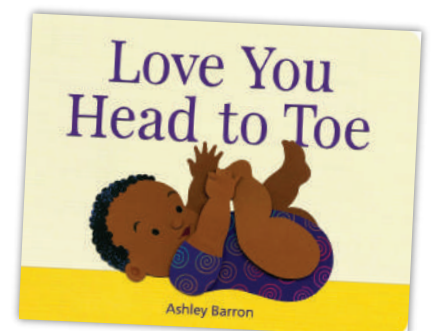


Perfect Picture Books for Littles

The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin
I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes
I Promise by LeBron James
How to Catch a Unicorn by Adam Wallace
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark
by Debbie Levy & Elizabeth Baddeley
Goodnight Little Blue Truck by Alice Schertle & Jill McElmurry
What We'll Build by Oliver Jeffers
Elephant & Piggie: Biggie Biggie Biggie! by Mo Willems
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson & Raphael Lopez
We Don't Eat Our Classmates! by Ryan T. Higgins

Board Books for Baby

I Feel Happy Today: Why Do I Feel Happy? By DK
What Will Fit? (Storytelling Math) by Grace Lin
Some Bugs (Classic Board Books) by Angela DiTerlizzi, Brendan Wenzel
Mindful Moments for Kids: Bunny Breaths by Kira Wiley, Anni Betts
Time to Pee! By Mo Willems
Giraffes Can't Dance by Andreae Giles, Guy Parker-Rees
This Little Dreamer: An Inspirational Primer by Joann Holub
Future President (Future Baby) by Lori Alexander, Allison Black
Tummy Time Friends by Pat Brisson
Love You Head to Toe by Ashley Barron



Movies

For Anime Fans

My Hero Academia: Heroes Rising
Weathering with You
Rereleases of:
Kiki's Delivery Service
Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind
The Wind Rises

For Documentary Lovers

The American West: Season 1
John Lewis: Good Trouble
Hip Hop: The Songs that Shook America
American Experience: The Vote
The Unexplained with William Shatner: Season 1

For Music Lovers

Cats
Us + Them (Roger Waters)
Metallica & San Francisco Symphony: S&M2
Gordon Lightfoot: If you Could Read My Mind
Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and the Band

Action

The Gentlemen
Bad Boys for Life
Birds of Prey
Ip Man 4: The Finale
21 Bridges

Comedy

The King of Staten Island
Palm Springs
Knives Out
Zombieland: Double Tap
Jumanji: the Next Level

Sci-Fi Afficionados:

Star Trek Picard: Season 1
DC's Star Girl
Back to the Future: The Complete Trilogy (35th Anniversary Edition)
James Cameron's Story of Science Fiction
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

Festival Favorites

A Hidden Life
Queen & Slim
Uncut Gems
Portrait of a Lady on Fire
And Then We Danced
Animated Hits
Frozen 2
Spies in Disguise
Trolls World Tour
Onward
The Addams Family
Family Friendly Viewing
The Call of the Wild
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Maleficent: Mistress of Evil
Sonic the Hedgehog
I still Believe

Oscar Hits

Joker
Parasite (Criterion Collection)
Jojo Rabbit
1917
Little Women
Ford v Ferrari
Richard Jewell
Harriet
Bombshell
Marriage Story