Reader Recommendations

**Blue Moon**
By Lee Child
Jack Reacher is a modern-day Robin Hood. While drifting around the country, he finds himself in a city controlled by rival Ukrainian and Albanian gangs. When he steps in to save an innocent man, he gets caught up in a turf war. He teams up with a fed-up waitress, who knows a little more than she’s letting on. I couldn’t put the book down.
Reviewed by Carol D., At Home patron
Also available: large print, CD

**Sea Stories: My Life in Special Operations**
By Admiral William H. McRaven
The author is part of American military history, having been involved in some of the most famous missions in recent memory, including the capture of Saddam Hussein and the rescue of Captain Richard Phillips. I’m 82 years old and was in the Marines. McRaven’s thoughts about duty and service really pinpoint the inner feelings of that time in the military services.
Reviewed by Dennis M., At Home patron
Also available: large print

**Such a Fun Age**
By Kiley Reid
This is a look at race and class from the point of view of a Black babysitter. Emira Tucker is confronted in the aisles of the local high-end supermarket, while watching 2-year-old Briar. The security guard accuses her of kidnapping the child. The child’s mom, Alix Chamberlain, resolves to make things right but completely fails to understand her own racism. It is a fascinating read.
Reviewed by Nancy L., At Home patron
Also available: large print, CD
New Fiction Books
Alphabetical order by author

The Lions of Fifth Avenue
By Fiona Davis
Laura Lyons lives with her husband and family in an apartment within the New York Public Library. When valuable books are stolen at the library, she’s forced to make choices about her priorities.
Also available: large print

Deep in the Alaskan Woods
By Karen Harper
Alexandra Collister is looking for a fresh start in Falls Lake, Alaska. Wilderness tracker Quinn Mantell offers to be her guide, but when a body turns up in the harsh wilderness, it becomes a game of survival.
Also available: large print

Neighbors
By Danielle Steel
Meredith White was one of Hollywood’s most recognizable faces, until tragedy cut her career short. When a massive earthquake strikes, she invites her stunned neighbors into her mostly undamaged home.
Also available: large print, CD

Chance of a Lifetime
By Jude Deveraux and Tara Sheets
In 1840s Ireland, Liam O’Connor lures away Cora from her intended, so angels send him to a small town in contemporary America to right this wrong or be damned for eternity.
Also available: large print

Perestroika in Paris
By Jane Smiley
This is a captivating, brilliantly imaginative story of three extraordinary animals and a young boy, Etienne. Their lives intersect in Paris, and the unlikeliest of friendships bloom among them.
Also available: CD

Katheryn Howard, the Scandalous Queen
By Alison Weir
In the spring of 1540, Henry VIII sets eyes on the enchanting Katheryn Howard, a 19-year-old beauty. He tells the world she is a rose without a thorn, but her hidden past still haunts her.
Also available: large print, CD

House of Correction
By Nicci French
A woman accused of murder attempts to solve her own case from the confines of prison. As she unravels the truth, everything is called into question, including her own certainty that she is innocent.
Also available: large print, CD

The Star-Crossed Sisters of Tuscany
By Lori Nelson Spielman
Fiercely independent and mysterious Paulina “Poppy” Fontana makes a wild declaration. On her 80th birthday, she claims she’ll meet the love of her life on the steps of the Ravello Cathedral in Italy.
Also available: large print

Shakeup
By Stuart Woods
Returning from a coastal adventure, Stone Barrington is looking forward to some normalcy. When a grisly crime arrives on his doorstep, with new clients eager for help, he realizes peace and quiet are no longer an option.
Also available: large print, CD

New York Times Bestseller

Title summaries taken from the Library catalog.
New Nonfiction Books
Alphabetical order by author

**Finding Chika: A Little Girl, an Earthquake, and the Making of a Family**  
By Mitch Albom  
After a life-threatening diagnosis, an orphan becomes a permanent part of the author’s household. They embark on a two-year, around-the-world journey to find a cure.  
*Also available: CD*

**The Escape Artist**  
By Helen Fremont  
The daughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors living invented lives delves even deeper into her family dynamic in this moving, and surprisingly funny, new memoir.  
*Also available: large print*

**Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times**  
By Katherine May  
This book explores the ways we can care for and repair ourselves when life knocks us down, and forms a guiding philosophy for transforming hardships that arise, before the ushering in of a new season.  
*NYT*

**World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments**  
By Aimee Nezhukumatathil  
From a beloved, award-winning poet comes a collection of essays about the natural world, and the way its inhabitants can teach, support, and inspire us.  
*NYT*

**A Promised Land**  
By Barack Obama  
In this first volume of the former president’s memoirs, Obama tells the story of his odyssey to leader of the free world. He describes in detail the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency.  
*Also available: large print, CD*

**You’ll Never Believe What Happened to Lacey: Crazy Stories About Racism**  
By Amber Ruffin  
With humor and heart, a writer and performer on Late Night with Seth Meyers and her sister share absurd anecdotes about everyday experiences of racism.  
*NYT*

**Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life**  
By Christie Tate  
A therapist calmly tells the author, “You don’t need a cure. You need a witness.” He assures her that if she joins one of his therapy groups, he can transform her life. All she needs to do is show up and be honest.  
*Also available: CD*

**DAWGS: A True Story of Lost Animals and the Kids Who Rescued Them**  
By Diane Trull with Meredith Wargo  
A teacher’s life-defining moment happened when her fourth grade class saw a photo of a cardboard box overflowing with homeless puppies, and they decided to save them.  
*Also available: large print*

**Somewhere in the Unknown World: A Collective Refugee Memoir**  
By Kao Kalia Yang  
An award-winning author shares a themed collection of stories of refugees from around the world, who have converged on Minneapolis.
# More New Books

Alphabetical order by author

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NYT: New York Times Bestseller
This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

His Only Wife
By Peace Adzo Medie
Also available: CD

Cleo McDougal
Regrets Nothing
By Allison Winn Scotch
Also available: CD

Memorial
By Bryan Washington

Separation Anxiety
By Laura Zigman
Also available: large print, CD

Mystery

Daylight
By David Baldacci

Piece of My Heart
By Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke
Also available: large print, CD

When Old Midnight Comes Along
By Loren D. Estleman
Also available: large print

Funeral for a Friend
By Brian Freeman

The Lantern Men
By Elly Griffiths
Also available: large print, CD

Sucker Punch
By Laurell K. Hamilton

Hi Five
By Joe Ide
Also available: large print, CD

Pineland Serenade:
A Minnesota Mystery
By Larry Millett

The Kingdom
By Jo Nesbø

Murder on Cold Street
By Sherry Thomas

Winter Counts
By David Heska Wanbli Weiden
Also available: CD

Psychological

When No One is Watching
By Alyssa Cole
Also available: large print, CD

Playing Nice
By JP Delaney
Also available: large print, CD

The Night Swim
By Megan Goldin
Also available: large print

Dear Child
By Romy Hausmann

The End of Her
By Shari Lapena
Also available: large print, CD

Religious

If I Were You
By Lynn Austin

Out of the Embers
By Amanda Cabot
Also available: large print

An Appalachian Summer
By Ann H. Gabhart

A Castaway in Cornwall
By Julie Klassen

Storing Up Trouble
By Jen Turano
Also available: large print

The Heart of a Hero
By Susan May Warren

The Englisch Daughter
By Cindy Woodsmall and Erin Woodsmall
Also available: large print, CD
More New Books
Alphabetical order by author

Romance

Tools of Engagement
By Tessa Bailey

Return to Virgin River
By Robyn Carr
Also available: large print, CD

The Love Scam
By MaryJanice Davidson

Well Played
By Jen DeLuca

Heart Bones
By Colleen Hoover

The Ultimate Betrayal
By Kat Martin
Also available: large print

Once Dishonored
By Mary Jo Putney

Science Fiction/Fantasy

A Chorus of Fire
By Brian D. Anderson

Ready Player Two
By Ernest Cline
Also available: large print, CD

A Longer Fall
By Charlaine Harris
Also available: large print, CD

Bone Silence
By Alastair Reynolds

Black Sun
By Rebecca Roanhorse

The Awakening
By Nora Roberts
Also available: CD

Drowned Country
By Emily Tesh

Thriller

Pretty Things
By Janelle Brown
Also available: large print

Shadow of the Dragon
By Marc Cameron
Also available: large print

You Betrayed Me
By Lisa Jackson
Also available: CD

Fool’s Paradise
By Mike Lupica

Deadly Cross
By James Patterson
Also available: large print, CD

The Scorpion’s Tail
By Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
Also available: large print, CD

Inheritors
By Asako Serizawa
Also available: large print

Short Stories

To Be a Man
By Nicole Krauss
Also available: CD

Why I Don’t Write:
And Other Stories
By Susan Minot
This is a selection from the new titles that Hennepin County Library has ordered.

**Western**

**Repentance Creek**  
By Tobias Cole  
*Available only in large print*

**Cow Thief Trail**  
By Bennett Foster  
*Available only in large print*

**The Doomsday Trail**  
By Ray Hogan  
*Also available: large print*

**Shot to Hell**  
By William W. Johnstone and J.A. Johnstone  
*Also available: large print*

**Coyote’s People**  
By Andrew McBride

**Nonfiction**

**Heart Minded:**  
How to Hold Yourself and Others in Love  
By Sarah Blondin  
*Also available: CD*

**Apollo’s Arrow:**  
The Profound and Enduring Impact of Coronavirus on the Way We Live  
By Nicholas A. Christakis

**We Keep the Dead Close:**  
A Murder at Harvard and a Half Century of Silence  
By Becky Cooper

**Let Love Rule**  
By Lenny Kravitz with David Ritz

**Whatever It Took:**  
An American Paratrooper’s Extraordinary Memoir of Escape, Survival, and Heroism in the Last Days of World War II  
By Henry Langrehr and Jim DeFelice  
*Also available: large print*

**Vesper Flights**  
By Helen Macdonald  
*Also available: large print, CD*

**The Doctors Blackwell:**  
How Two Pioneering Sisters Brought Medicine to Women and Women to Medicine  
By Janice P. Nimura

**The Last Days of John Lennon**  
By James Patterson  
*Also available: large print, CD*

**Some Assembly Required:**  
Decoding Four Billion Years of Life, From Ancient Fossils to DNA  
By Neil Shubin  
*Also available: large print*

**Memorial Drive:**  
A Daughter’s Memoir  
By Natasha Trethewey  
*Also available: large print, CD*

**Emotional Inflammation:**  
Discover Your Triggers and Reclaim Your Equilibrium During Anxious Times  
By Lise Van Susteren, M.D. and Stacey Colino  
*Also available: CD*
Book Reviews

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