

Book Lovers Day 2012 Community Choice

Books YOU say you love to read again and again!

[1984](#)

by Orwell, George

FICTION ORW

The year 1984 has come and gone, but George Orwell's prophetic, nightmarish vision in 1949 of the world we were becoming is timelier than ever. 1984 is still the great modern classic of "negative utopia" -a startlingly original and haunting novel that creates an imaginary world that is completely convincing, from the first sentence to the last four words. No one can deny the novel's hold on the imaginations of whole generations, or the power of its admonitions -a power that seems to grow, not lessen, with the passage of time.

[American Gods](#)

by Gaiman, Neil

FICTION GAI

Life as Wednesday's bodyguard, driver, and errand boy is far more interesting and dangerous than Shadow ever imagined. Soon Shadow learns that the past never dies...and that beneath the placid surface of everyday life a storm is brewing - an epic war for the very soul of America - and that he is standing squarely in its path.

[Ann of Green Gables](#)

by Montgomery, L. M.

J Fiction MON

Adults and kids alike won't be able to stop themselves from falling in love with Anne of Green Gables!

[Anna Karenina](#)

by Tolstoy, Leo

FICTION TOL

A tragic tale set in nineteenth century Russia exploring society, love, happiness, and despair.

[The Bell Jar](#)

by Plath, Sylvia

FICTION PLA

One woman's descent into insanity.

[Blood meridian, or, The evening redness in the West](#)

by McCarthy, Cormac

FICTION MCC

Based on incidents that took place in the southwestern United States and Mexico around 1850, this novel chronicles the crimes of a band of desperados, with a particular focus on one, "the kid," a boy of fourteen.

[The Boat Who Wouldn't Float](#)

by Mowat, Farley

LARGE TYPE 797.124 M87

An all-ages hilarious account of how Farley and his wife managed to get the worst boat ever to sail from Newfoundland to Lake Ontario.

[Catcher in the Rye](#)

by Salinger, J. D.

PBC CLASSICS SAL

The eternal experience of teen angst and alienation.

[Collected Poems of W. B. Yeats](#)

by Yeats, W. B.

821.8 YEA

A favorite!

[A Confederacy of Dunces](#)

by Toole, John Kennedy

FICTION TOO

A comical American masterpiece set in New Orleans.

[The Confusion](#)

by Stephenson, Neal

FICTION STE

The Confusion, Quicksilver, and the System of the World make up the Baroque cycle. Adventuresome mystery science theater!

[The Dog Who Wouldn't Be](#)

by Mowat, Farley

LARGE TYPE 818 MOW

A tale of a boy and his dog.

[Explosive Eighteen](#)

Series Title: [Stephanie Plum Mysteries](#)

by Evanovich, Janet

MYSTERY EVA

Just for fun! Bounty Hunter Stephanie Plum has a life of hilarious excitement. You'll want to read the whole "By the Numbers" series, now at 18.

[The Gap Into Conflict: the Real Story](#)

Series Title: [The Gap Cycle](#)

by Donaldson, Stephen R.

Stephen R. Donaldson is best known for his fantasy. But this space opera spanning 5 books is an epic adventure!

[The Giver](#)

by Lowry, Lois

J Fiction DAH LOW

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

[Harry Potter \(series\)](#)

Series Title: [Harry Potter](#)

by Rowling, J. K.

J Fiction ROW

A Genre blending favorite of young people and adults alike. The series is so important [as a banned and challenged book] because an entire generation of people grew and matured along with Harry. As kids got older, the books introduced more complex problems and emotional dilemmas. Harry Potter taught a generation of children how to do the right thing when doing so is difficult, how to believe in oneself, and the power of friendship.

[The Heart of the World](#)

by Baker, Ian

915.15 BAK

A heady melange of history, wilderness exploration and Tibetan Buddhism.

[The Hounds of Morrigan](#)

by O'Shea, Pat

J Fiction OSH

A favorite childhood adventure based in Irish Mythology.

[If the creek don't rise : my life out West with the last Black widow of the Civil War](#)

by Williams, Rita

BIO WILLIAMS

Great memoir of a black woman raised by her grandmother in the 1950's -1960's era in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

[Illusions](#)

by Bach, Richard

FICTION BAC

A mystical adventure about the illusions that make up reality.

[To Kill a Mockingbird](#)

by Lee, Harper

YOUNG ADULT FICTION LEE

the unforgettable novel of a childhood in a sleepy Southern town and the crisis of conscience that rocked it, To Kill A Mockingbird became both an instant bestseller and a critical success when it was first published in 1960. It went on to win the Pulitzer Prize in 1961 and was later made into an Academy Award-winning film, also a classic. Compassionate, dramatic, and deeply moving, To Kill A Mockingbird takes readers to the roots of human behavior - to innocence and experience, kindness and cruelty, love and hatred, humor and pathos.

[Les Miserables](#)

by Hugo, Victor

FICTION HUG

Victor Hugo's towering novel of Jean Valjean, his unjust imprisonment, and his lifelong flight from a relentless police officer.

[Matilda](#)

by Dahl, Roald

J Fiction DAH

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

[The Monkey Wrench Gang](#)

by Abbey, Edward

FICTION ABB

An environmental adventure of comic proportions.

[My Family and Other Animals](#)

by Durrell, Gerald

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Durrell's autobiography of a few years spent on Corfu as a child and the process of learning to be a naturalist. It's also hilarious!

[Pride and Prejudice](#)

by Austen, Jane

FICTION AUS

A classic!

[Prisoner of Zenda](#)

by Hope, Anthony

FICTION HOP

Originally published in 1894, this tale of political intrigue in a fictional country stands the test of time.

[Redliners](#)

by Drake, David

SCIENCE FICTION DRA

Military SciFi at its best!

[Shadow of the Wind](#)

by Ruiz Zafón, Carlos

FICTION RUI

A book lover's novel of intrigue. Gothic biblio-conspiracy at its best!

[Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time](#)

by Mortenson, Greg

In 1993 Greg Mortenson was an American mountain-climbing bum wandering emaciated and lost through Pakistan's Karakoram. After he was taken in and nursed back to health by the people of a Pakistani village, he promised to return one day and build them a school. From that rash, earnest promise grew one of the most incredible humanitarian campaigns of our time.