

Area librarians offer reading suggestions for all ages

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When the temperatures drop, there's nothing more fun than curling up with a good book! The North Olympic Library System has some great new titles for all ages, ready for check out.

Here are some titles to get you started on your winter reading:

FICTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"Stop That Yawn!" by Caron Levis, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

In what's destined to become a childhood classic, a dynamic girl tries everything in her power to quell a yawn. Expect repeat reads of this delightful picture book.

"Got To Get To Bear's!" by Brian Lies

When Bear writes Izzy a note summoning her in the middle of a snowstorm, she sets out — with the help of some friends — to make it through the deep snow to help her friend.

"The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge" by M. T. Anderson, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

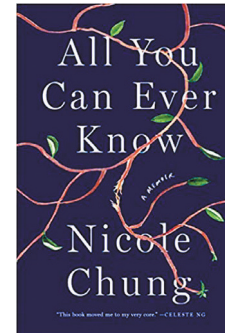
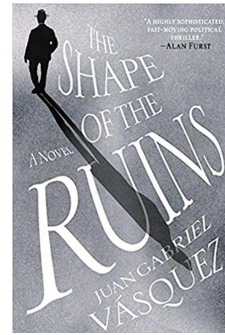
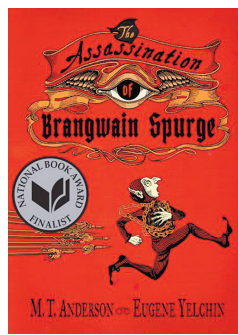
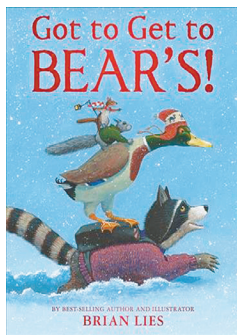
Monty Python-esque humor abounds in this romp about an elfin historian who finds himself catapulted into enemy goblin territory on an alleged goodwill mission and the ever-suffering diplomatic goblin host who is stuck with him.

"The Parker Inheritance" by Varian Johnson

Fans of puzzles will fall for Varian Johnson's love letter to Ellen Raskin's "The Westing Game."

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North Olympic Library System librarians recommend checking out the books above this winter. For a description of each book and information about ages books are appropriate for, see the story on pages 12 and 13.

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When 12-year-old Candace finds a series of clues in an attic outlining a treasure in her home town, she is determined to find it.

Told in alternating voices in the past and present, the story deftly ties in issues of racism, class and history.

“Children of Blood and Bone” by Tomi Adeyemi

When magic begins reappearing in Orisha, rebel Zélie fights to garner its power and combat an evil king only to find herself drawn to his handsome and mysterious son.

Book two is slated for release in spring of 2019.

“Hey, Kiddo” by Jarrett Krosoczka

Get out a hankie for comic artist Krosoczka’s emotionally gripping graphic novel memoir about growing up with his grandparents and his relationship with his heroin addicted mother.

FICTION FOR ADULT READERS

“If You Leave Me” by Crystal Hana Kim

Fleeing to a refugee camp when Communist-backed troops from the North invade her hometown in 1950s Korea, Haemi Lee clings to a beloved friend but is drawn

to the security offered by his wealthy cousin.

“The Golden State” by Lydia Kiesling

Daphne, a young mother, flees her strained life in San Francisco for the high desert with her toddler.

Bucking under the weight of being a single parent — her Turkish husband is unable to return to the U.S. because of a “processing error” — Daphne takes refuge in the home left by her grandparents in hopes that the quiet will bring clarity.

“Waiting for Eden” by Elliot Ackerman

Eden and Mary are happily married with a child on the way when Eden is deployed for his second tour in Iraq.

After an accident leaves Eden’s friend dead and Eden barely alive, he returns home on a stretcher and unable to return to the life he once led.

Mary, meanwhile, cares for their infant daughter and must wrestle with the decision of Eden’s continuing care.

Also worth checking out: **“The Shape of the Ruins”** by Juan Gabriel Vasquez and **“Semiosis”** by Sue Burke.

NARRATIVE NONFICTION

“All You Can Ever Know” by Nicole Chung

Nicole Chung was born prematurely, placed for adop-

tion by her Korean parents and raised by a white family in a small Oregon town.

From childhood, she believed that her biological parents had made the ultimate sacrifice in the hope of giving her a better life, that forever feeling slightly out of place was her fate as a transracial adoptee. But as she grows up, she wonders if the story she’d been told was the whole truth.

“Never Home Alone: From Microbes to Millipedes, Camel Crickets, and Honeybees, the Natural History of Where We Live” by Rob R. Dunn

A distinguished biologist presents a natural history of the wilderness in everyday homes, revealing the presence of some 200,000 species, from shower microbes to cupboard moths, including many who benefit human health.

Also worth checking out: **“The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border”** by Francisco Cantu and **“Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup”** by John Carreyrou.

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