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NYC Adult Summer Reading 2015 Booklist

These books were selected by librarians at Brooklyn Public Library, New York Public Library, Queens Library, and the NYC Department of Education School Library System

FICTION

All the Light We Cannot See

by Anthony Doerr

During World War II, a blind French girl running from the German occupiers meets a German youth pressed into tracking French resistance fighters.

The Case of the Love Commandos: From the Files of Vish Puri, India's Most Private Investigator

by Tarquin Hall

Vish Puri, regarded by many (and himself) as the best private eye in India, must reunite young lovers separated first by the caste system, then by the kidnapping of the young man.

The Chaperone

by Laura Moriarty

Teenaged future movie star Louise Brooks travels to study modern dance in New York City where her and her thirty-something chaperone's lives are changed forever.

The Flamethrowers

by Rachel Kushner

In New York to pursue a career in the 1970s art scene, Reno falls for an Italian motorcycle heir and then mingles with the elite and radicals in Italy.

The Good Lord Bird

by James McBride

A young slave living in Kansas runs away from his master with the abolitionist John Brown, following him and his abolitionist group to the raid on Harpers Ferry.

The invention of Wings

by Sue Monk Kidd

A desire for freedom inspires two Southern women, a white debutante and her black slave, to take flight, finding courage to defy their restrictions.

Invisible City

by Julia Dahl

A young Brooklyn journalist is drawn into her own Hasidic Jewish heritage as she investigates the murder of a Hasidic woman.

Island Girls

by Nancy Thayer

Three adult half-sisters work through their old resentments and misunderstandings when their late father's will mandates a summer together at his upscale Nantucket home.

The Martian

by Andy Weir

A stranded and presumed dead NASA astronaut uses all his ingenuity and training to survive in the unforgiving environment of Mars until he can be rescued.

Runner

by Patrick Lee

A midnight jog leads to a dangerous encounter between a retired Special Forces operative and a 12 year old girl who possesses an extremely dangerous skill.

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

by Gabrielle Zevin

A widowed bookstore owner gradually reengages with life while caring for a baby abandoned in his shop.

The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat

by Edward Kelsey Moore

Three strong, funny small-town Black women, inseparable lifelong friends, face their most serious personal crises together (with a little help from some friendly ghosts).

Tapestry of Fortune

by Elizabeth Berg

Reeling from her best friend's death, a motivational speaker downsizes her suburban life and becomes the fourth roommate in a beautiful old house in St. Paul.

The Traitor's Wife

by Allison Pataki

Together with her former lover, beautiful socialite Peggy Shippen and her disaffected husband Benedict Arnold hatch a plot to deliver West Point to the British in exchange for fame and fortune.

Vampires in the Lemon Grove

by Karen Russell

Whether monster or human, the characters in these short stories go through magical transformations that help them better understand their lives.

NON-FICTION

David and Goliath

by Malcolm Gladwell

Much of what is beautiful and important in the world arises from what looks like suffering and adversity. (155.24 G)

Glitter and Glue: A Memoir

by Kelly Corrigan

The author gives her perspectives on motherhood, shaped by her job as a nanny for a grieving family and her experiences with her daughters and her own mother. (B CORRIGAN G)

***The Promise of a Pencil: How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change* by Adam Braun**

A privileged young man turned \$25 into more than 200 schools around the world and presents the steps anyone can take to lead a significant life. (370.91724 B)

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History

by Elizabeth Kolbert

In the last 500 million years, there were five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly, dramatically contracted. What species will succumb to the mass extinction unfolding before our eyes? (576.84 K)

Wave

by Sonali Deraniyagala

A teacher remembers her experiences surviving the 2004 tsunami that decimated her entire family, and recounts her struggles with grief and gradual steps toward healing. (B DERANIYAGALA W)