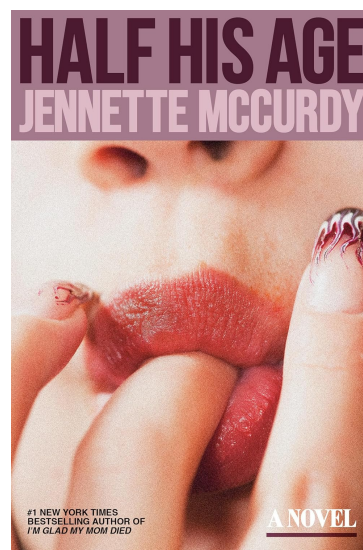
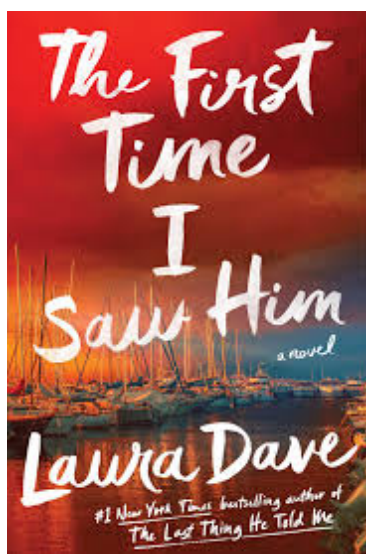


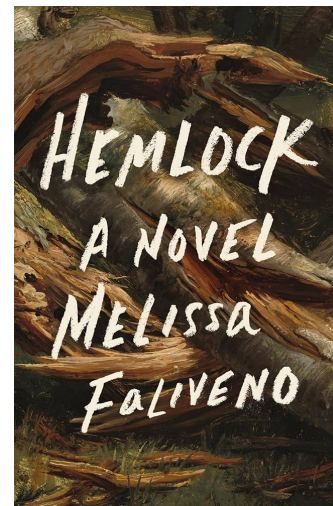
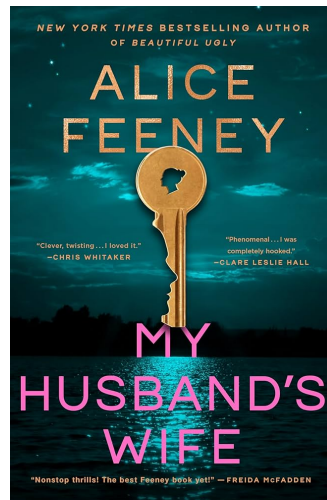
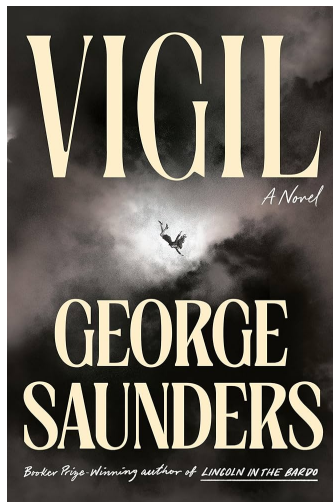
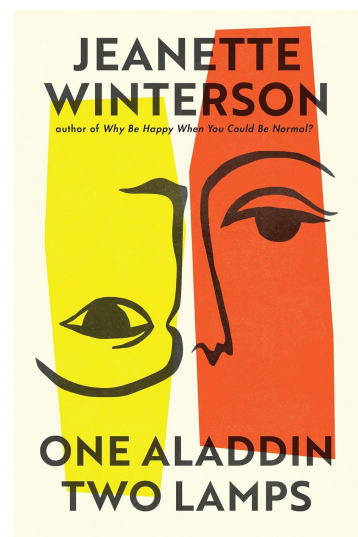
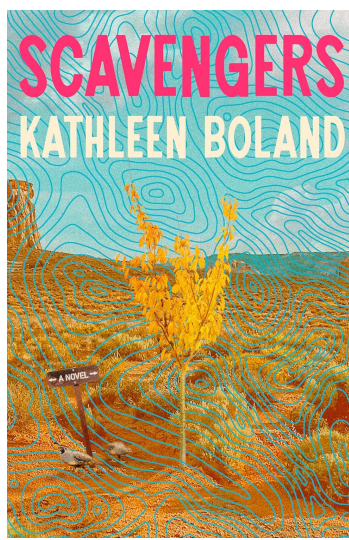
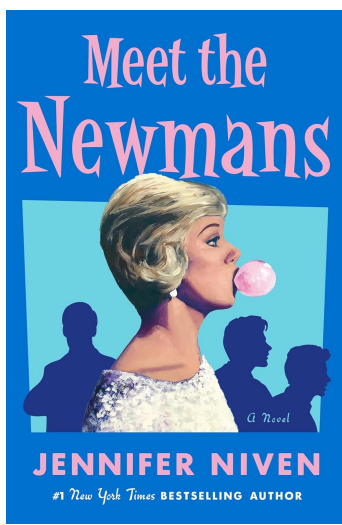
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The Westwood Public Library Readers' Services Newsletter

January Books for your TBR List

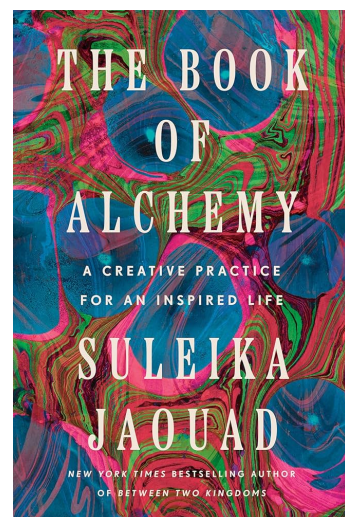
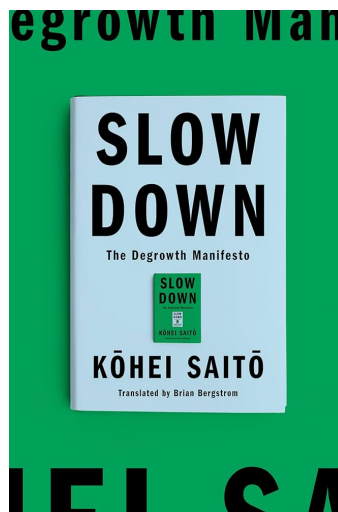
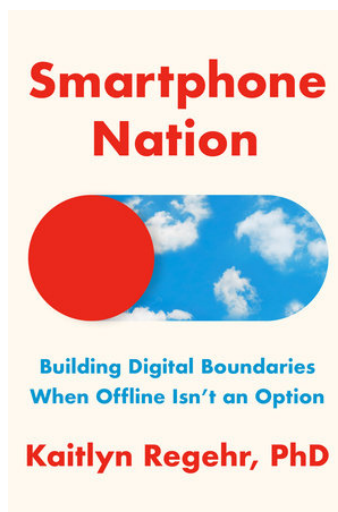
Here are the most anticipated and recommended books of the month. Get your name on the waitlists now!

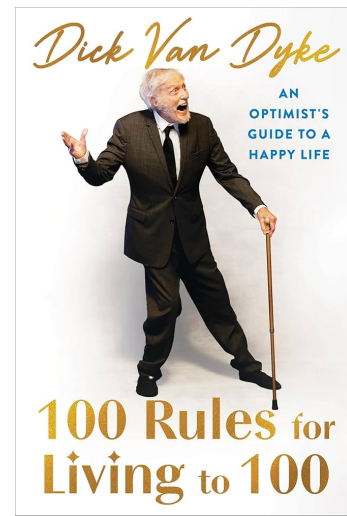
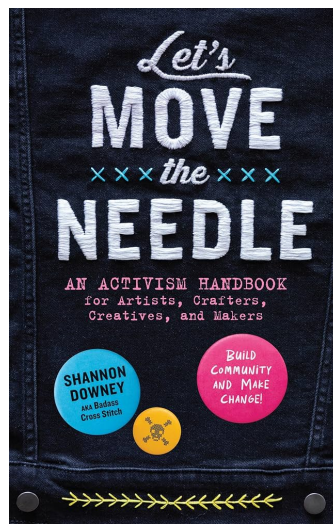
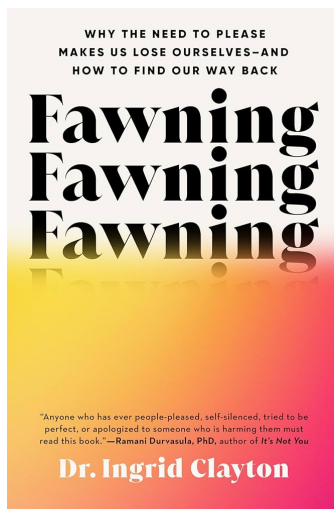




Start the Year off on the Right Book

Whatever your New Year's goals are, we've got new and noteworthy books for you!





Escape into a Fantasy

Winter is the perfect time to pretend you're elsewhere. Immerse yourself in these fantasy settings recommended by your favorite librarians.



A dark and mysterious forest, shrouded in mist; a fascinating and unique magical system; swirling cloaks and stolen glances...what's not to love? This gothic fantasy romance follows a young woman, Elspeth, who must team up with a mysterious highwayman to find a cure for a magical plague infecting her kingdom, all while battling a dangerous, ancient spirit living inside her head
- Kristy, Director of Reader Services

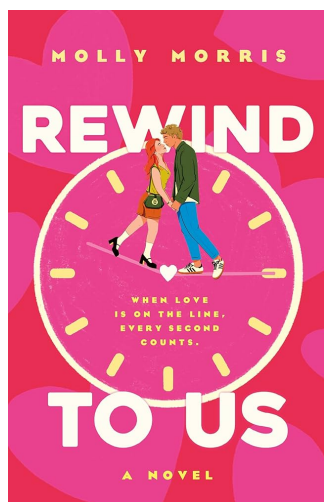


This cozy fantasy follows Linus, a straight-laced case worker for the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, who is in charge of overseeing the care of magical youth in their orphanages. His most recent assignment includes a were-Pomeranian, gnome, sprite, an amorphous blob, and Lucy. Short for Lucifer. Meaning the reincarnation of the devil. Full of humor and love, this book gives me the warm fuzzies every time I read it! Great on audio and available on Hoopla! - Caityln, Youth Services Librarian



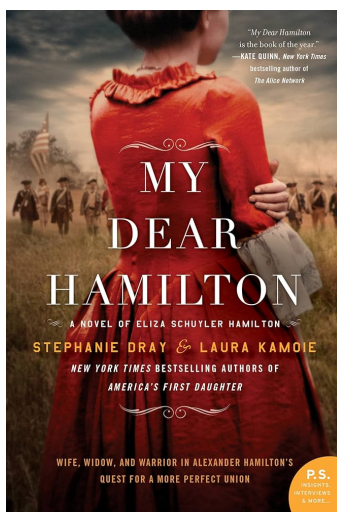
The Everlasting is beautiful, magical, and devastating. Scholar Owen Mallory, falls in love with the tale of Sir Una Everlasting. In his exploration of her myth, he gets tangled in a time loop with Sir Una herself, and finds himself wanting to rewrite the end of her legend. I recommend this book to anyone who loves knights, yearning love stories, and magical settings - Cecilia Viana, Library Assistant.

Staff Recommendations



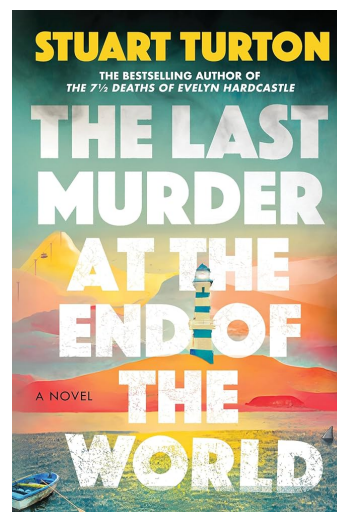
Substitute Librarian Kristen Barenthaler's Pick

Rewind to Us by Molly Morris is a YA romance filled with time traveling antics and just enough confusing teenage angst to create the perfect rom-com. Dixie and Sawyer haven't spoken since their almost-kiss and now that summer is back, it's time to face their feelings...or maybe just jump back to redo that missed spark in Central Park.



Library Assistant Linda Skerry's Pick

This Historical novel tells of the life of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, wife of Alexander Hamilton. The story tells of Eliza's patriotism and strength in the face of political and social turmoil. It's always interesting to see how important the woman is behind the man."



Substitute Librarian David Vecchioli's Pick

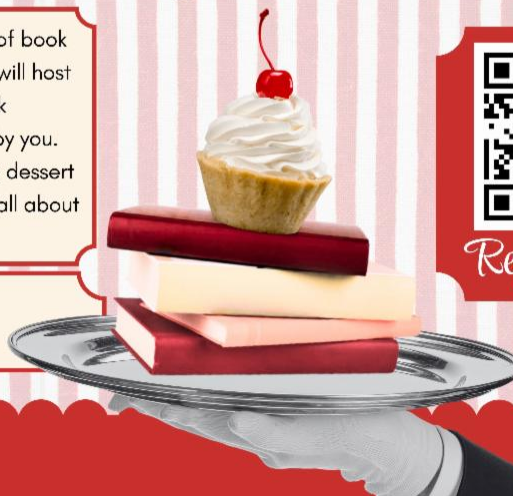
A murder mystery set in the future, it proved to be a real page-turner, with surprises around every corner and a dauntless natural puzzle solver - turned detective gradually unraveling how events took place. Survival of the earth's people hangs in the balance. At several moments I thought I knew where the plot was headed, but no - it took 'til the end.

LIBRARY AFTER HOURS

Winter Book Tasting *The Dessert Chapter*

Come in from the cold for a cozy evening of book tasting! Your favorite Westwood Librarians will host genre tables, featuring curated book recommendations ready to be devoured by you. Each table will also have an accompanying dessert to enjoy while your librarian-server tells you all about their picks.

Friday, February 6.
6:30pm. Main Library



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Adult Winter Reading Challenge 2026

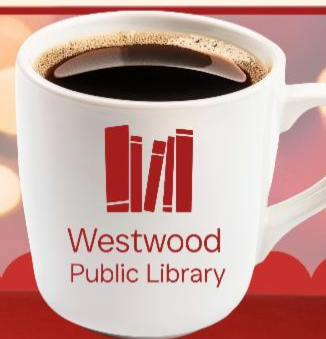
January 1-
February 28

Embrace the season of blankets, candles, and cocoa! This winter, read, relax, and revel in the joy of curling up with a good book.



Log your books read on Beanstack, or stop by the library to pick up a paper Reading Log!

Each book you finish earns you a little more hygge, and the chance to win a **book lovers' prize basket!**



Friday Mornings

January and February 2026.
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Come in from the cold and stop by the first floor to grab a cup of coffee and browse a rotating, curated selection of New & Noteworthy books!

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