

2024 – 2019 Nurturing for Community

Selections may be from the 2019-2024 Reading lists if not included in previous reports, children and youth titles can be read for credit in all plans of the Reading Program.

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A Little Piece of Light: A Memoir of Hope, Prison and Life Unbound

Donna Hylton. Hachette Books. 2018

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe, EPub, Kindle. 6 print copies.

Donna Hylton's early life was a nightmare of abuse. In 1986, she took part in a horrific act and was sentenced to 25 years to life for kidnapping and second-degree murder. This tells the tale of her journey back to life as she faced the truth about the crime that locked her away for 27 years, as well as the family she found inside prison that ultimately saved her. Alongside this generation's most infamous criminals, she learned to fight, then thrive. Since her release in 2012, she has emerged as a leading advocate for criminal justice reform and women's rights.

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The ABCs of Diversity: Helping Kids (And Ourselves) Embrace Our Differences.

Carolyn B Helsel and Y. Joy Harris-Smith. Chalice Press 2020.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe, EPub, Kindle. 1 print copy.

How do we raise the next generation to respect and learn from people who look or believe differently than they do? From two educators who are also moms comes a guide to help parents and other teachers navigate conversations about all kinds of diversity. This practical resource includes activities to build compassion and empathy among differing religions, classes, races, genders, abilities, political affiliations, sexual orientations, nationalities, and more.

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Blessed Youth: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness with Children and Teens.

Sarah Griffith Lund. Chalice Press. 2022.

Mental illness can be tremendously isolating. This book helps remove the barriers of stigma and shame associated with mental illness in children and teens, helping them understand they are worthy. In addition to a helpful collection of stories, the book includes practical resources such as prayers and a guide for age-appropriate talks about warning signs and how to get help for themselves and friends. The author, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund, is an ordained minister who also serves on the national staff of the United Church of Christ as the Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice.

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Choosing Us: Marriage and Mutual Flourishing in a World of Difference

Gail Song Bantum and Brian Bantum. Brazos Press. 2022

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 print copy.

For years, people have asked the Bantums to reveal the secret to their marriage as a multiracial Christian couple, each with a high-profile ministry calling. The book tackles the mistakes, lessons, and principles that have helped the Bantums navigate 20-plus years of marriage, while inspiring readers to pursue mutual flourishing in their relationships. Choosing Us reflects the realities and demands of modern marriage and respects the callings and ambitions of both partners to build a relationship that thrives and reflects the kingdom of God.

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Crying in H Mart: A Memoir.

Michelle Zauner. Knopf. 2021.

Wayne County Library clevnet: 38 print copies

This memoir spent more than a year on the New York Times bestseller list. Penned by Michelle Zauner, the Korean American indie rockstar behind the solo musical act Japanese Breakfast, the book explores family, food, grief, love, and growing up Korean American. Particularly, it addresses mother-daughter relationships, as it was her mother's diagnosis of terminal cancer when Michelle was 25 that forced a reckoning with her identity and brought her to reclaim the gifts of taste, language, and history her mother had given her.

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In My Grandmother's house: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit.

Yolanda Pierce. Broadleaf Books. 2021

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe, EPub, Kindle. 5 print copies.

From Yolanda Pierce, dean of Howard University School of Divinity, comes this gripping and honest reflection of the genuine faith she experienced at the knee of her Black grandmother. Born on a former cotton plantation, Pierce's grandmother raised her in the deep, steadfast faith inherited from those once enslaved. Here, Pierce reflects on the Divine she encountered in the everyday womanist theology she grew up in—rooted in liberating scriptures, experiences in the Black church, and truths. Alongside this run the tensions of race, spirituality, trauma, freedom, resistance, and memory, all contributing to the deep wells of faith and wisdom that continue to drive her.

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The Loneliness Epidemic: Why So Many Of Us Feel Alone—And How Leaders Can Respond.

Susan Mettes. Brazos Press. 2021.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 2 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 1 print copy.

Why are so many people experiencing deep loneliness? And how can the church respond? That is the crux of this new book from behavioral scientist and researcher Susan Mettes, who delves into the profound toll of loneliness in the United States. Mettes reveals that it is not the oldest Americans but the youngest adults who are loneliest. Social media can play a positive role in alleviating loneliness, helping to cultivate belonging and friendship. She offers meaningful ways the church can minister to lonely people, going far beyond simplistic solutions to addressing their inner lives and the God who understands them.

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Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and A Mother's Will to Survive.

Stephanie Land. Legacy Lit. 2019

This raw and unflinching book explores the lives of the working poor through the perspective of one single mother, Stephanie Land, forced to work as a housekeeper and survive on food stamps to support herself and her young daughter. Desperate to fulfill her own dreams, Land worked days and took classes online to earn a college degree and began to write relentlessly, sharing the true stories that weren't being told: the stories of overworked and underpaid Americans. She wrote to remember the fight, to eventually cut through the deep-rooted stigmas of the working poor.

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Prey Tell: Why We Silence Women Who Tell the Truth and How Everyone Can Speak Up

Tiffany Bluhm. Brazos Press. 2021

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 4 print copies.

Addressing men and women in all work settings—within the church and beyond—popular author and podcast host Tiffany Bluhm addresses sexual harassment, sexual assault, and the complex dynamics of power and abuse in systems we all find ourselves in. Ultimately, *Prey Tell* seeks to expose the cultural and spiritual narratives that silence women and illuminate the devastating emotional, financial, and social impact of silence in the face of injustice. The book is hailed as a must-read, though a difficult read, for anyone who longs to see justice upheld in the world.

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The Seed Keeper: A Novel.

Diane Wilson. Milkweed Editions. 2021.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 3 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 23 print copies.

Rosalie Iron Wing has grown up in the woods with her father, who tells her stories of plants, of the stars, of the origins of the Dakhóta people. But one morning he doesn't return, and Rosalie is sent to live with a foster family. Years later, Rosalie returns to her childhood home and begins to confront the past on a search for family, identity, and community. In the process, she learns what it means to be descended from women with souls of iron—women who have protected so much through generations of hardship and loss.

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The Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcom X and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation.

Anna Malaika Tubbs. Flatiron Books. 2021

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 1 print copy. 1 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle
Much has been written about Berdis Baldwin's son James, about Alberta King's son Martin Luther, and Louise Little's son Malcolm. But virtually nothing has been said about the extraordinary women who raised them. In her groundbreaking and essential debut *The Three Mothers*, scholar Anna Malaika Tubbs celebrates Black motherhood by telling the story of the three women who raised and shaped some of America's most pivotal heroes. These women used their strength and motherhood to push their children toward greatness, all with a conviction that every human being deserves dignity and respect despite the rampant discrimination they faced.

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Truth's Table: Black Women's Musings On Life, Love and Liberation.

Ekemini Uwan, Christina Edmondson, and Michelle Higgins. Convergent Books. 2022

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 13 print copies.

In their literary debut, co-hosts Christina Edmondson, Michelle Higgins, and Ekemini Uwan offer stories by Black women and for Black women examining theology, politics, race, culture, and gender matters through a Christian lens. These essays deliver a compelling theological re-education and pair the spiritual formation and political education necessary for Black women of faith. A finalist for the NAACP Image Award, this book is for anyone seeking to explore the spiritual dimensions of hot-button issues within the church, or anyone thirsty to deepen their faith.

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Andale, Prieta!: A Love Letter to My Family.

Yasmin Ramirez. Cinco Puntos Press. 2022.

This debut memoir by Mexican-American writer Yasmin Ramirez explores how tough lessons, and even tougher people, can teach us a great deal about love. Ramirez grew up profoundly influenced by the strong women in her life, particularly her grandmother Ita, as well as her great-grandmother, Lupe, and her mother, Leticia. In many ways, the book is also a reclamation of the sometimes-derogatory term prieta, which Grandma Ita used as a loving nickname for her, but is often used in Spanish as a slur to describe people with dark skin.

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Blessed Youth: Survival Guide,

Sarah Griffith Lund. Chalice Press. 2022

This pocket-size companion guide for youth covers topics that today's youth often face, such as anxiety, sadness, depression, phobias, OCD, panic attacks, PTSD, trauma, and therapy. It also helps youth recognize when they are experiencing an issue and encourages them to tell a parent, doctor, or another adult who can help. Youth are encouraged to be proactive with their mental health by developing good overall health practices and taking a pledge to promise to identify three people who they can contact if they begin having thoughts of self-harm and/or suicide.

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Everything Comes Next: Collected and New Poems.

Naomi Shihab Nye. Greenwillow Books. 2020. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 24 print copies 1 Audio disc.

Many are familiar with Naomi Shihab Nye, poet, essayist, and anthologist. Author of more than 20 volumes, Nye was the Poetry Foundation's Young People's Poet Laureate from 2019–2022. This collection offers an introduction to the poet's work for new readers, as well as a comprehensive edition for classroom and family sharing. It features favorites such as "Famous" and "A Valentine for Ernest Mann," as well as widely shared pieces such as "Kindness" and "Gate A-4." Writing prompts and tips by the award-winning poet make this an outstanding choice for aspiring poets of all ages.

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Home is Not A Country.

Safia Elhillo. Make Me A World. 2021. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 39 print copies.

Longlisted for the National Book Award, this poetic novel-in-verse centers on one girl, Nima, struggling with identity, loneliness, and acceptance in a culture far from her ancestral land. Caught between cultures and longing for what could be, Nima grasps for a new identity— that of a girl like her, a girl named Yasmeen, the name her parents meant to give her at birth. From acclaimed Sudanese American poet Safia Elhillo comes this reflection on family, home, and what it truly means to belong.

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House of Sticks: A Memoir.

Ly Tran. Scriber. 2021. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 23 print copies. 2 Audio disc.

This coming-of-age memoir addresses what it means to grow up a stranger in a strange land, clinging desperately to hope. After she immigrated with her family from a tiny town along the Mekong river in Vietnam to a two-bedroom railroad apartment in Queens, New York, Tran and her family struggle to survive. Her father spent nearly a decade as a prisoner of war, and all of them battle not only poverty and displacement but war trauma. As she grows up in this new land, Tran finds herself torn between two worlds, blending in while honoring her parents' Buddhist faith and working long hours in the family's nail salon.

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Other Words for Home.

Jasmine Warga. Balzer + Bray. 2019. Youth.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 5 Audio disc. 4 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 3 HTML, Adobe EPub, Kindle. 48 print copies.

This New York Times bestseller and Newbery Honor Book centers on a young girl who moves from Syria to the United States. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. Her new label of "Middle Eastern," an identity she's never known before, is difficult to understand. But American life also brings unexpected surprises— new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

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Alicia and the Hurricane: A Story of Puerto Rico.

Leslea Newman. Children's Book Press. 2022. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 3 print copies.

From bestselling author Lesléa Newman comes this poignant story of a Puerto Rican child facing a hurricane and her concern for the beloved coquíes of her home island. *Alicia and the Hurricane* is a tender look at the resilience of people, and native creatures, whose lives have been disrupted by a natural disaster. With love and support, family and friends come together to share, rebuild, and fill Alicia's heart with hope.

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Josie Dances.

Denise Lajimodiere. Minnesota Historical Society Press. 2021. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 20 print copies.

This rich and colorful tale brings to life the beauty of the powwow through the lens of one young girl, Josie. Josie dreams of dancing at next summer's powwow. But first she needs many special things: a dress, a shawl, a cape, leggings, moccasins, and, perhaps most important of all, her spirit name. To gather all these essential pieces, she calls on her mom, her aunty, her kookum, and Grandma Greatwalker. They have the skills to prepare Josie for her powwow debut, where she will dance to honor her ancestors.

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Juna and Appa.

Jane Park. Lee & Low Books. 2022. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 7 print copies.

From acclaimed children's book author and award-winning podcast and video producer Jane Park comes this magical story featuring young June and her greatest hero, her Appa. Juna loves Saturdays, when she gets to help her father in their dry-cleaning shop. But one Saturday, she witnesses a customer yell at Appa because of a lost jacket. Juna sets off on a magical journey to help find the jacket, encountering remarkable animals that show her the different ways that fathers care for their young. A sweet and touching tale about the love between fathers and their children.

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Milo Imagines the World.

Matt De La Pena. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 2021. Children

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 1 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 74 print copies.

This poignant book takes readers on a journey with Milo and his sister, who are both Black, who take a long subway ride together. While his sister is glued to her cell phone, curious Milo draws pictures of the lives he imagines for other passengers, from the whiskered man with the crossword puzzle to the wedding-dressed woman with a little dog peeking out of her handbag to a boy in a suit. When the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo—walking the same path, going to the exact same place—Milo realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at them.

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See You Soon.

Mariame Kaba. Haymarket Books. 2021. Children.

Wayne Co. Library clevnet: 15 print copies.

How can children cope when people they love have to go to jail? Queenie loves living with Mama and Grandma Louise. Together, they go to the grocery store, eat ice cream, and play games in the park. But sometimes, when Mama is sick, she has to go away. One day, Queenie and Grandma ride the bus with Mama to the county jail. Queenie is worried and afraid to ask questions, overcome with worry and sadness. Yet soon Queenie opens a letter from Mama and savors every word. She knows Mama loves her and looks forward to their upcoming visit. Love is the star of this story.

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The Barber's Cutting Edge. Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert and Illustrated by Raymond Holbert.

Children's Book Press. 2004.

The Barber's Cutting Edge is a touching celebration of the close relationship between a young African American boy and his community mentor. Jam-packed with little boys, big boys, dads, and neighbors, Mr. Bigalow's barbershop is a familiar place to talk, play dominoes, read, and in Rashaad's case, get a little extra help with his schoolwork. For not only does Mr. Bigalow know all the latest styles, but he also knows all the words on Rashaad's vocabulary list. The text drawings capture the lively atmosphere and warm spirit of the barbershop.

Suitable for children.

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Eyes That Kiss in the Corners. Joanna Ho and Illustrated by Dung Ho. Harper Collins. 2021.

A celebration of diversity, this lyrical, stunning picture book tells a story about learning to love and celebrate your Asian-shaped eyes. A young Asian girl notices her eyes look different from those of her peers and realizes her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's eyes. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future. Drawing from the strength of these powerful women in her life, she recognizes her own beauty and discovers a path to self-love and empowerment. This powerful, poetic picture book will resonate with readers of all ages. Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 1 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 2 HTML Kindle. 40 print copies. 10 audiobook

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Firekeeper's Daughter – Novel. Angeline Boulley. Henry Holt and Co. 2021.

Angeline Boulley's debut novel is a groundbreaking YA thriller about a Native teen who must root out the corruption in her community. When family tragedy strikes, 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine puts her future on hold to look after her mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the dashing hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug. Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the search for truth is more complicated than Daunis imagined, exposing secrets and old scars. Suitable for youth.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 79 print copies. 7 audiobook.

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The Land is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery. Sarah Augustine. Herald Press. 2021.

In this prophetic book, author Sarah Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate Indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on Indigenous Peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven.

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Magic Like That. Samara Cole Doyon and Illustrated by Geneva Bowers. Lee & Low Books. 2022.

In this celebratory book, a young Black girl finds confidence and excitement in the versatility of her natural hair and the way her different hairstyles reflect the natural world. Natural hair is magical, but magic isn't easy. As the girl patiently waits for her mother to finish her newest hairstyle, she wonders what stunning, majestic, awe-inspiring form her hair will take next. With radiant illustrations by Geneva Bowers and beautiful, poetic text by Samara Cole Doyon, Magic Like That will inspire young readers of all textures to believe in the beauty of their natural selves. Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 33 print copies

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Nevertheless: American Methodists and Women's Rights. Ashley Boggan Dreff. Wesley's Foundry Books. 2020.

This book tells the story of American Methodist women's efforts to fight for women's rights, beginning with the Women's Christian Temperance Union and ending with the #MeToo movement. Each chapter documents particular Methodist women and provides the reader with a basic historic context of the time or situation as it shows how Methodist women engaged and fought for women's equality and women's rights in American society and American Methodism. These Methodist women addressed the causes of oppression, and by stepping out of "their place," they made a place for others.

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The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy. Timothy Keller. Viking. 2018.

The story of Jonah is one of the most well-known but most misunderstood parables in the Bible.

In *The Prodigal Prophet*, pastor and New York Times bestselling author Timothy Keller reveals the hidden depths within the book of Jonah. Keller makes the case that Jonah was one of the worst prophets in the entire Bible. And yet there are unmistakably clear connections between Jonah, the prodigal son, and Jesus. Keller provides an answer to the extraordinary conclusion of this biblical parable—and shares the powerful Christian message at the heart of Jonah's story.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 1 Audiobook. 6 print copies.

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Stay This Way Forever. Linsey Davis and Illustrated by Lucy Fleming. Zonderkidz. 2021.

Celebrate the joy, wonder, and innocence of being a child with this love letter to the loved ones in your life, encouraging and affirming their own special qualities now and always. It is the third picture book authored by Emmy Award-winning ABC News correspondent and bestselling author Linsey Davis, beautifully and authentically celebrating diversity in its characters with whimsical, joy-filled illustrations from bestselling artist Lucy Fleming.

Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 1 HTML, Kindle. 15 print copies.

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Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World. Vivek H. Murthy. Harper Wave. 2020.

In this groundbreaking book, the 19th surgeon general of the United States Dr. Vivek Murthy makes a case for loneliness as a public health concern: a root cause and contributor to many of the epidemics sweeping the world today—from alcohol and drug addiction to violence to depression and anxiety. Loneliness, he argues, is affecting not only our health, but also how our children experience school, how we perform in the workplace, and the sense of division and polarization in our society. His message underscores the importance of human connection, the hidden impact of loneliness on our health, and the social power of community.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 7 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 3 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 30 print copies. 4 audiobook.

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Vail's Tales. Vail Johnson and Ed Payne and Illustrated by Britt Sekulic. Proverbial Girl Publishing. 2019.

Vail Johnson, a 9-year-old writer, died suddenly in her sleep before she could turn 10, but she left pages of profound insight for someone so young. These four stories by Vail, teamed with storytelling skills of veteran journalist and children's author Ed Payne, are memorable tales that will leave her imprint on your heart. Suitable for children.

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White Fragility: Why it's so hard For White People to Talk About Racism. Robin DiAngelo. Beacon Press. 2018.

This New York Times bestselling book by antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo explores the counterproductive reactions White people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. Referring to the defensive moves White people make when challenged racially, White fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentativeness and silence. DiAngelo examines how White fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 61 MP3, Overdrive Listen. 166 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 106 print copies. 6 audiobook. 2 Self-playing digital audio book.

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World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments. Aimee Nezhukumatathil. Milkweed Editions. 2020.

From award-winning poet Aimee Nezhukumatathil comes a debut work of nonfiction—a collection of essays about the natural world and the way its inhabitants can teach, support, and inspire us. As a child, Nezhukumatathil called many places home. But no matter where she was transplanted—no matter how awkward the fit or forbidding the landscape—she was able to turn to our world's fierce and funny creatures for guidance. The axolotl teaches us to smile, even in the face of unkindness; the touch-me-not plant shows us how to shake off unwanted advances; the narwhal demonstrates how to survive in hostile environments. Even in the strange and the unlovely, Nezhukumatathil finds beauty and kinship. Suitable for children.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 8 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 4 Book on CD. 30 print copies.

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Becoming Grandma: the joys and science of the new grandparenting. Lesley Stahl. Blue Rider Press. 2016.

The author interviews scientists and doctors about physiological changes in women when they have grandchildren, anthropologists about why there are grandmothers in evolutionary terms, and psychiatrists about the therapeutic effects of grandchildren on both grandmothers and grandfathers.

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 20 print copies. 4 Audiobook CD. 1 Pre-loaded Audiobook. 10 Largeprint. 6 Electronic Format: HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 2 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen.

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Before We Were Yours (A Novel). Lisa Wingate. Ballantine Books. 2017.

"Memphis, Tennessee, 1936. The five Foss children find their lives changed forever when their parents leave them alone on the family shantyboat one stormy night. Rill Foss, just twelve years old, must protect her four younger siblings as they are wrenched from their home on the Mississippi and thrown into the care of the infamous Georgia Tann, director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society. South Carolina,

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet –15 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen. 45 Electronic Format: HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle. 150 Print copies. 4 Largeprint.

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The Boy Who Delivered Joy. Marvin Bartlett. Gatekeeper Press. 2019.

A rare bone cancer robbed Jarrett Mynear of a normal childhood when he was two years old, but it didn't steal his spirit. This extraordinary boy captivated crowds with his courage, faith, and humor in the face of adversity.

Instead of feeling sorry for himself, Jarrett got busy. By delivering thousands of toys to sick children, the pint-sized Santa Claus traveled a path that led to national television appearances, prestigious awards, and a chance meeting with the President of the United States.

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Brave Face, A: Two Cultures, Two Families, and the Iraqi Girl Who Bound Them Together.

Barbara Marlowe and Teeba Furat Marlow with Jennifer Keirn. Thomas Nelson. 2019.

"The inspirational story of a woman who moved mountains to provide medical care for an Iraqi girl badly burned during a roadside attack, Barbara Marlowe's determination to fight for her future daughter highlights the way love can reach across both cultures and continents."

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 16 Print copies. 1 Audiobook CD. 2 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen. 2 Electronic Format: 2 HTML, Adobe EPUB, Kindle

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House on Lowell Street, the (A Novel). Linda A. Keane. Deep River Books. 2019.

Rose Morrison's comfortable life as a banker's wife is upended when her husband suddenly dies. His secret and formidable debts are now hers to somehow pay. To support herself and her son, Rose takes in boarders

Anyone who has struggled to do the right thing, even when the cost was high, will be heartened by this story of perseverance against all odds. History buffs will enjoy an insider's look at a little-known strike that reveals the challenges faced by union workers before legislation protected them.

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Rewired: An Unlikely Doctor, A Brave Amputee, and the Medical Miracle That Made History.

Ajay K. Seth. Thomas Nelson. 2019.

Rewired is the inspirational, miraculous story of Dr. Seth's revolutionary surgery that allows Melissa to not just move a prosthetic arm simply by thinking, but to actually feel with the prosthetic hand, just as she would with her natural arm. This resulted in what others have recognized as the world's most advanced amputee, all done from Dr. Seth's private practice in a community hospital, using a local staff, and with no special training or extensive research funding. Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 5 Print copies.

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Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion. Gregory Boyle. Free Press. 2010.

As a pastor working in a neighborhood with the highest concentration of murderous gang activity in Los Angeles, Gregory Boyle created an organization to provide jobs, job training, and encouragement so that young people could work together and learn the mutual respect that comes from collaboration. Tattoos on the Heart is a series of parables distilled from his twenty years in the barrio.

Wayne Co Public Clevnet – 5 Audiobook CD. 23 Print copies. 2 Electronic Format: HTML Adobe EPUB, Kindle.

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Grit in Juarez: Beyond the Wall. Marion Surles. Love and Literary. 2019.

Pastors Miguel and Pati want to lead a different kind of church, one responsive to the needs of their community. Life is hard in this newly-formed neighborhood on the border. Can the local church help the families learn to work together as Christ's family to ease each other's burdens?

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She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman. Erica Armstrong Dunbar. 37 ink. 2019.

"She Came to Slay reveals the many complexities and varied accomplishments of one of our nation's true heroes and offers an accessible and modern interpretation of Tubman's life that is both informative and engaging."

Wayne Co. Library Clevnet – 5 Audiobook CD. 39 Print copies. 2 Electronic Format: MP3, Overdrive Listen. 2 Electronic Format: HTML Adobe EPUB, Kindle.

2021 Nurturing for Community

Babbit and Joan, A Rabbit and a Phone. Denise Turu. Flyaway Books. 2020. Picture Book.

Sometimes friends are best off with a little time apart. That's true for Babbit, a rabbit, and Joan, his phone. Yet Babbit has never left Joan at home before. Does he dare go out on a solo excursion? How will he know what to do? What if he gets lost? This charming, low-tech tale reveals that a small adventure can open up big possibilities.

Elementary fiction. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 3 print copies.

2021 Nurturing for Community

Binkle's Time to Fly. Sharmila Collins. Carolina Rabei, Illus. Flyaway Books. 2020. Picture book. Binkle can't wait until he turns from caterpillar to butterfly. He'll finally have strong, beautiful wings to take him high into the sky. But when the day comes, something is terribly wrong. Why are Binkle's wings so wispy and weak? How will he ever fly like the other butterflies if his wings are nothing like theirs? With some help and creativity, maybe there is a way to fly. . .
Elementary fiction. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 3 print copies.

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Dangling: I May Have Cancer, But Cancer Doesn't Have Me! Amy Carr. Westbow Press. 2016. Are you or someone you love facing cancer? Perhaps you are coping with a chronic illness or facing one of the biggest disappointments of your life. Have you ever wondered how such a trial could change your life for the better? This is a personal story about how sometimes God teaches life-changing lessons that we otherwise would not have learned.

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The Hate U Give. Angie Thomas Balzer & Bray. 2017. 499 P.
Starr, 16, moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and her fancy suburban prep school. This uneasy balance is shattered when she witnesses the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil. Soon after, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, a drug dealer or a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets. Cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What really went down that night? The only person who can answer that is Starr.
African American teenagers – Juvenile fiction. Wayne County Public Clevnet - 2 ebooks[Adobe, EPUB, HTML, Kindle]. 20 MP3 Overdrive Listen. 247 print copies. 25 Largeprint copies. 15 Pre-loaded Audiobook 39 Audiobook CD.

2021 Nurturing for Community

Indian No More. Charlene Willing McManis with Traci Sorell. Tu Books. 2019. 211p.
Regina Petit's family has always been Umpqua, and living on the reservation is all 10-year-old Regina has ever known. But when the federal government enacts a law that says Regina's tribe no longer exists, Regina becomes "Indian no more" overnight. For the first time in her life, Regina comes face-to-face with the viciousness of racism when her family moves to Los Angeles. In this moving middle-grade novel, Regina must find out: Who is Regina Petit? Is she Indian, American, or both? And will she and her family ever be okay?
Historical - Juvenile fiction Wayne County Library Clevnet – 22 print copies

2021 Nurturing for Community

Let's Work! Mexican Folk Art: Trabajos. Cynthia Weill and Bryant Boucher. Cinco Puntos Press. 2019.
This early-concept bilingual book brings every kind of job to life, including the work of the dedicated palm weavers of Flavio Gallardo's workshop, whose miniature palm weavings illustrate this playful book while teaching words for "work" in two languages. You can hold the woven illustrations in the palm of your hand—most pieces are no bigger than a dime! (Please use caution with children under three.)
Elementary Picture Book. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 8 print copies.

2021 Nurturing for Community

The Lifesaving Church: Faith Communities and Suicide Prevention. Rachael A. Keefe. Chalice Press. 2018.

Is your church prepared to save lives? Pastor Rachael Keefe shares her own painful story of depression and suicidality to help churches recognize and respond to those who are suffering. Each chapter includes actions to become a lifesaving community; an additional study guide is available for download. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy.

2021 Nurturing for Community

A Living Gospel: Reading God's Story in Holy Lives. Robert Ellsberg. Orbis Books. 2019.

These reflections on the lives of saints, prophets and spiritual masters draw particular attention to models of holiness that speak to the needs of our time. Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen and Flannery O'Connor are among those examined, as well as holy people who charted their own paths. In learning how to read the "living gospel" in their stories, we may learn to read our own lives in the same light. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 2 print copies.

2021 Nurturing for Community

Sulwe. Lupita Nyong'o. Vashti Harrison, Illus. Simon & Schuster Books. 2019.

Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything.

Elementary Picture Book Wayne County Library – 5 ebook [HTML, Kindle]. 80 print copies.

2020 Nurturing for Community

#RUHooked: Teens & Social Media, For Teens and the People Who Care About Them. Jonathan Smith. Tristan Publishing. 2017.

This faith-focused paperback booklet is about helping teens think (or think differently) about how they use social media. #RUHooked is a great resource for parents, teachers, pastors, youth group leaders, or anyone who cares about teens and social media. Suitable for youth.

Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy.

2020 Nurturing for Community

The Aging of Aquarius: Igniting Passion and Purpose As An Elder. Helen Wilkes. New Society Publishers. 2018.

Your career has wound down, the kids have moved out and your schedule is clear... for the next 30 years. Now, with the rest of your life ahead, you can make this next stage of your life the most powerful yet. But where to start? Helen Wilkes, a retired professor and activist, takes readers on an inspiring journey to find renewed purpose in retirement, helping readers as they transition to a post-work identity. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy

2020 Nurturing for Community

The End of the Island: Finding Life in the Movements of Human Suffering, Pain, and Loss. Jeffrey C. Tucker. WIPF and Stock Publishers. 2016.

An old man on an island seeks answers to his pain and loss. The journey takes unexpected turns as he learns new ways to walk and to live in the midst of his pain. Fresh, creative, and provocative, this highly readable book offers thought-provoking and transforming ideas for people of every walk of life and faith. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy.

2020 Nurturing for Community

Glory Happening: Finding the Divine In Everyday Places. Kaitlin B Curtice. Paraclete Press. 2017.

These stories and prayers will remind you to take a closer look, find the magical beauty in everyday experiences, and live deeply in every moment, expecting that something good will find you. Once you experience glory, you have words to speak, a prayer to pray, and a story to tell. And so glory grows from person to person and community is created in the reality that God is in our midst.

Wayne County Library Clevnet – 2 print copies

2020 Nurturing for Community

Heartbeat of a Mother: Encouragement for the Lifelong Journey. Jane Rubietta. Wesleyan Publishing House. 2018.

Many mothers experience the joy, laughter and hope of parenting— and yet are riddled with shame, doubt, guilt and anxiety because of their past and fear of the future. Through discipleship and intimate fellowship, mothers of all ages will enjoy diving into this six-week group study that provides interactive vulnerability and truth

2020 Nurturing for Community

How the Woman at the Well, Became the Well Woman. Donna Rhodes. Amazon Digital Services. 2016.

This is a poignant memoir of a woman's desperate journey to find love. Inspired by the biblical account of the woman at the well, this remarkable testament to God's faithfulness and the power of God's redemption is transformative for those who think their lives will never change and for those who are afraid to hope again.

2020 Nurturing for Community

The Life and Ministry of Mary Webster. Anne Mathews-Younes. E. Stanley Jones Foundation. 2017.

This is a short biography of Mary Webster, a witness in the evangelistic ministry of Dr. E. Stanley Jones. It prominently features six of Mary's selected sermons, Dr. Jones' sermon on Mary's life and ministry, and a "conversation" between the two. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy

2020 Nurturing for Community

Owen and Eleanor Move In. H. M. Bouwman and Charlie Adler, Illustrator. Sparkhouse Family Publishing. 2018.

When eight-year-old Eleanor moves into a duplex with her family, she is not happy. Her old home was way better. In her old home, she didn't have to share a bedroom with her big sister. Owen, age seven, is excited when Eleanor moves in—finally, someone to play with who isn't his little brother! They become friends. But when Eleanor asks Owen to help her escape back to her old house, he's not sure what to do. Suitable for children. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 13 print copies.

2020 Nurturing for Community

Tilly and the Crazy Eights. Monique Gray Smith. Second Story Press. 2018.

Tilly impulsively agrees to drive eight elders on their ultimate bucket-list road trip. This adventure with “the Crazy Eights” will transform them all in ways they could not predict. The Crazy Eights each choose a stop on the way to their ultimate destination, the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque. The trip proves to be powerful medicine as they laugh, heal, argue and dream along the way. Suitable for children. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 2 print copies.

2020 Nurturing for Community

Who is My Neighbor? Amy-Jill Levine, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Denise Turu, Illustrator. Flyaway Books. 2019.

Blues and Yellows just don't mix, and that's how it's always been. No one remembers why. But then comes the day Midnight Blue takes a tumble along the road. His friends Navy and Powder Blue don't even stop to help! It's only when Yellow comes along that everything changes—forever. Suitable for children. Wayne County Interlibrary loan – 2 print copies.

2020 Nurturing for Community [Bonus Book two books in Nurturing for Community]

Women United for Change; 150 Years In Mission. Ellen Blue. United Methodist Women. 2019.

Explore and celebrate the history of United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations. Despite serious resistance from churchmen, our foremothers formed foreign missionary societies and home missionary societies and helped establish the deaconess program. As United Methodist Women celebrates its 150th anniversary, members can step out with creative ministries because the women who came before them laid a strong foundation.

2019 Nurturing for Community –Youth [credit for all reading plans]

Dear Ijeawele, or a Feminist Manifesto in Fifteen Suggestions. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Penguin Random House. 2017. +

A few years ago, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie received a letter from a dear friend from childhood, asking her how to raise her baby girl as a feminist. Dear Ijeawele is Adichie's letter of response. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 6 Audiobook CD, 35 print copies, 4 ebook [Adobe EPub HTML Kindle], 3 MP3 Overdrive Listen.

2019 Nurturing for Community

Hope for the Future – Answering God’s Call to Justice for Our Children. Shannon Daley-Harris. Westminster John Knox Press. 2016. +

Twelve meditations for those working to create a better world for our children. Each meditation focuses on passages of Scripture and weaves together moving stories of children, startling statistics about the challenges facing children. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 1 print copy

2019 Nurturing for Community

The Hidden Life Awakened. Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp, PhD. Cairns Resources. +
When Betty Skinner was 42, her doctor told her, "You have a hole in your soul."

In the 50 years that followed, Betty, now in her 90s, clinging only to her faith and a glimmer of hope, journeyed from desperate clinical depression to wholeness and profound wisdom well before anti-depressants and mindfulness were mainstream.

2019 Nurturing for Community

The Same Sky: A Novel. Amanda Eyre Ward. Penguin House. 2015. +

Carla is a strong-willed young girl who’s had to grow up fast, acting as caretaker to her six-year-old brother Junior. Years ago, her mother left the family behind in Honduras to make the arduous, illegal journey to Texas. But when Carla’s grandmother dies and violence in the city escalates, Carla takes fate into her own hands—and with Junior, she joins the thousands of children making their way across Mexico to America, facing great peril for the chance at a better life.

Wayne County Library Clevnet 24 print copies, 2 audiobook CD copies, 4 ebook [Adobe EPub HTML Kindle].

2019 Nurturing for Community

When Did Everybody Else Get So Old? Jennifer Grant. Herald Press, 2017. +

The author plumbs the physical, spiritual, and emotional changes unique to the middle years: from the emptying nest to the sagging effects of aging. Magnetic, good-humored, and full of hope in the sustaining power of the Spirit, this is a must-read for anyone facing the flux and flow of middle age. Wayne County Library Clevnet– 1 print copy

2019 Nurturing for Community – Children [credit for all reading plans]

All the Colors We Are – The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color. Katie Kissinger. RedLeaf Press. 2017. +

Magnificent color photographs and simple, engaging language capture the essence of one way we are special and different from one another--our skin color! Answers the "what and why" questions that children love to ask. Includes unique activity ideas.

Wayne County Library Clevnet – 4 print copies. 1 ebook [PDF, HTML, Kindle].

2019 Nurturing for Community – Children [credit for all reading plans]

No One Else Like You. Siska Goeminne. Westminster John Knox Press. 2016. +

There are so many people in the world. Over seven billion! They come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, and colors. Some are happy, and some are grumpy. Some live in tall towers in the city, while others live in cottages in the field. Some like to read, and some like to sing. And yet, even with so many people in this world, there is no one quite like you!

Juvenile Fiction. Wayne County Library Clevnet – 5 print copies

2019 Nurturing for Community – Children [credit for all reading plans]

NOBODY! – A Story About Overcoming Bullying in Schools. Erin Frankel. Free Spirit Publishing, 2015. +

Thomas feels like no matter what he does, he can't escape Kyle's persistent bullying. At school, at soccer--nowhere feels safe! "Mom said Kyle would grow over the summer and stop picking on me, but he didn't grow up, he just grew." Juvenile Reading . Wayne County Library Clevnet – 2 print copies.

2019 Nurturing for Community – Recommended Reading

Deep Denial – The Persistence of White Supremacy in United States History and Life. David Billings. Crandall, Dostie & Douglas Books. 2016.

Deep Denial, part popular history and part personal memoir, documents the 400-year racialization of the United States and how people of European descent came to be called white. Author David Billings focuses primarily on the deeply embedded notion of white supremacy, and tells us why, despite the Civil Rights Movement and an African-American president, we remain, in the words of the author, a nation hard-wired by race.