The MBLC Wants To Know, "What's Your Four?"

For Immediate Release

Reading just four books over the summer helps kids achieve academic success, that’s why the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), is asking residents "What's Your Four?" First Lady of the Commonwealth Lauren Baker has already posted her four, and many more are expected to do the same. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Attorney General Maura Healey, State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Secretary of Education Jim Peyser and many others all shared their “four” last summer to encourage children, teens, and adults to spend time reading during the summer months.”

Research shows that children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one book or less [1] Summer reading has also been proven to help prevent the summer slide, which “accounts for as much as 85% of the reading achievement gap between lower income students and their middle- and upper-income peers”[2]

"Seeing what others are reading is not only fun, it is also encouraging, especially for young people" said MBLC Chair Mary Ann Cluggish. "Having role models displaying their interest in reading has a positive impact on all residents of the Commonwealth."

Participants are asked to select four books they plan on reading over the summer months, and post them to social media with a picture of them reading using the hashtag "WhatsYourFour?" Readers are also encouraged to tag their friends in the post to ask them to participate as well. Together, these posts will show people from all over Massachusetts sharing in the fun of reading, and will encourage children and teens to read this summer. Last summer, over 550 books were recommended through 408 posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Massachusetts Summer Library Programs are held at local public libraries across the Commonwealth. In addition to hosting reading programs, libraries provide a variety of other events for local residents including story times, author talks and concerts. On average, 350 libraries offer statewide summer reading each year with over 400,000 participants of all ages. Children, teens and adults who are interested in taking part in a summer library program or the "What's Your Four?" initiative can find more information at www.readsinma.org


Here at the Parker Library, the staff is getting involved with sharing their #WhatsYourFour. You can see mine in the photo above. They include The Lace Reader by Brunonia Barry, Open House by Elizabeth Berg, Midwives by Chris Bohjalian, and Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks.

Laura Sanscartier, our Head of Technical Services, has also posted her four. They include The Ode Less Travelled by Stephen Fry, Calypso by David Sedaris, More Fool Me by Stephen Fry, and The Lady Traveler's Guide to Scoundrels and Other Gentlemen by Victoria Alexander.

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**LIBRARIES ROCK! FILM FESTIVAL**

**Monday, July 2nd**
**6:00 PM**
**Rock Star**

A wannabe rock star who fronts a Pennsylvania-based tribute band is devastated when he is kicked out of the group he founded. Things begin to look up for Izzy when he is asked to join Steel Dragon, the heavy metal rockers he had been imitating for so long. This film is loosely based on the true story of the band Judas Priest.

Rated R for language, sexuality, and some drug content. Run time - 1 hr, 46 min.

**Wednesday, July 18th**
**6:00 PM**
**Walk the Line**

Traces Johnny Cash's childhood, including his distant father to his early attempts at a music career. At this point in his life he marries his girlfriend Vivian. During a tour with singer/musicians Elvis and Jerry Lee Lewis, he encounters singer June Carter, and his love for her, and her rejection of him through the years, spurs him into drugs, drinking, and depression. June is both a sassy spitfire singer whose charm breaks hearts and eventually, a sympathetic friend who tries to help Johnny get over her. A true love story of two country music stars.

Rated PG-13 for some language, thematic material and depiction of drug dependency. Run time - 1 hr, 36 min.

**Monday, July 23rd**
**6:00 PM**
**La Bamba**

The life of rock and roll legend Richie Valens bursts across the screen in this celebrated, music-filled movie with star-making performances. Depicts the 17-year-old Mexican-American's rocket rise to fame from field laborer to rock star.

Rated PG-13 for some language, some nudity and violence. Run time - 109 min.

**Monday, July 30th**
**6:00 PM**
**Coal Miner's Daughter**

The story of Loretta Lynn, who rose from the poverty-stricken Appalachian area to become one of the biggest country singers of all time.

Rated PG for mature thematic material, sensuality, language, and some violence. Run time - 125 min.

**BOOKS IN BLOOM**

**Thursday, July 12th**
**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM & Friday, July 13th**
**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

The Dracut Garden Club and the Parker Memorial Library invite you to a display of floral arrangements created by members of the Dracut Garden Club based on books that they have read.

On Friday afternoon, these floral arrangements will be raffled off. Come in, browse, and take a chance to win one of these arrangements*.

*You must be available to pick up your arrangement between 12:00 PM and 4:30 PM on Friday, July 13th if your name is drawn.

**YOUR HEARING: WHY YOU’RE LOSING IT AND WHY WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW MAY HURT YOU**

**Friday, July 13th at 10:00 AM**
This program goes beyond hearing aids and covers cochlear implants; assisted listening devices; movie theater access; Bluetooth streaming; amplified & captioned phones and making your home accessible.

Join presenter Jonathan O'Dell, Assistive Technology Manager and Training Specialist for the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, for an enlightening and life changing program.

Registration is requested but not required.

DEADLY PLEASURES MYSTERY BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 17th
6:30 PM

We are a group of mystery readers that meet monthly to discuss mysteries. Alternating months, we either all read the same title, or all read within the same sub-genre. In July, we will be reading Ritual Bath by Faye Kellerman.

[A report of rape in a Los Angeles yeshiva brings police detective Peter Decker into an insular Orthodox Jewish community, but the strict religious practices and customs of the community prevent him from following his standard investigative procedures.]

JULY 2018 NEW FICTION

Christian
- Coble, Colleen. The House at Saltwater Point
- Dekker, Rachielle. When Through Deep Waters
- Woods, Suzanne Fisher. Minding the Light [Nantucket Legacy, Bk. #2]
- Wiseman, Beth. Amish Celebrations: Four Novellas

Historical
- Ashley, Jennifer. Scandal Above Stairs [Cat Holloway, Bk. #2]
- Atherton, Nancy. Aunt Dimity and the King's Ransom [Aunt Dimity, Bk. #21]
- Brown, Eric. Murder Takes a Turn [Langham & Dupris, Bk. #5]
- Carter, Ali. A Brush with Death [Susie Mahl, Bk. #1]
- Castillo, Linda. A Gathering of Secrets [Kate Burkholder #10]
- Davis, Linda. Pandora's Boy [Flavia Albia, Bk. #6]
- Day, Maddie. Death Over Easy [Country Store Mysteries, Bk. #5]
- Early, Hank. In the Valley of the Devil [Earl Marcus, Bk. #2]
- Fanning, Diane. Sabotage in the Secret City [Libby Clark, Bk. #3]
- Fesperman, Dan. Safe Houses
- Gerber, Daryl Wood. A Souffle of Suspicion [French Bistro, Bk. #2]
- Hammer, Lotte and Soren. The Night Ferry [Sean Stranahan, Bk. #7]
- Rosenfelt, David. Rescued [Andy Carpenter, Bk. #17]

Fantasy
- Carriger, Gail. Competence [Custard Protocol, Bk. #3]
- Dawson, Delilah S. Kill the Farm Boy
- Dimitri, Francesco. The Book of Hidden Things
- Headley, Maria Dahvana. The Mere Wife
- Jacka, Benedict. Marked [Alex Versus, Bk. #9]
- Levine, David. Arabella the Traitor of Mars [Adventures of Arabella Ashby, Bk. #3]

General Fiction
- Al-Shaykh, Hanan. The Occasional Virgin
- Franqui, Lea. America for Beginners
- Heng, Rachel. Suicide Club
- Hughes, Caoilinn. Orchid and the Wasp
- Mazur, Grace Dane. The Garden Party
- Moran, Caitlin. How to Be Famous
- Parker, Miriam. The Shortest Way Home

Comics | Graphic Novels
- Feiffer, Jules. The Ghost Script: a Graphic Novel

Romance
- Brooks, Karen. The Locksmith's Daughter
- Galen, Shana. An Affair with a Spare [The Survivor's, Bk. #3]
- McCarty, Monica. Off the Grid [Lost Platoon, Bk. #2]
- Miller, Louise. The Late Bloomer's Club
- Spencer, Minerva. Dangerous [Outcast, Bk. #1]
- Walsh, Rosie. Ghosted
- Wilde, Lori. Valentine, Texas
- Williams, Beatriz. The Summer Wives
- Yates, Maisey. Untamed Cowboy [Gold Valley, Bk. #2]

Suspense | Thrillers
- Abbot, Megan. Give Me Your Hand
- Alger, Cristina. The Banker's Wife
- Arsenault, Emily. The Last Thing I Told You
- Atkins, Lucy. The Night Visitor
- Barclay, Linwood. A Noise Downstairs
- Bauer, Belinda. Snap
- Bell, David. Somebody's Daughter
- Berry, Flynn. Double Life
- Campbell, Michele. She Was the Quiet One
- Coes, Ben. Bloody Sunday [Dewey Andreas, Bk. #8]
- Cooper, Ellison. Caged
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Good Evening Friends of the Parker Memorial Library,

We are very excited to have the opportunity to win $1,500 from Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union! We need your help to win. All you have to do is visit this page and vote for us. $1,500 can certainly go a long way in helping us Support Programming at The Parker Memorial Library.

https://www.weshareacommont hread.org/Give-a-Click/

Click on the link to watch a video where I talk about who we are, what we do and why YOU should make us the winners of Jeanne D’Arc Credit Union’s Give-A-Click program.

Please share this link with your family and Friends. Voting ends September 30th at 5pm! One click is all it takes to make a big difference!

Sincerely,

Gretchen Mayall,
President, Friends of the Dracut Library

HELP CHOOSE AMERICA’S FAVORITE BOOK

The Great American Read: a new multi-platform PBS series, reveals a List of America’s 100 Favorite Novels.

THE GREAT AMERICAN READ, hosted by television personality and journalist Meredith Vieira, launched with a two-hour episode on Tuesday, May 22nd on PBS stations. The show will introduce viewers to the full list of America’s 100 favorite novels selected through a demographically representative national survey conducted by YouGov. The series will also feature interviews with celebrities, authors, super-fans and everyday Americans discussing the way particular books have influenced them and their significance in American popular culture. Then, after a multi-platform initiative throughout the summer, which will include live public events, social media components and national reading clubs, the series will resume in the fall with several themed episodes, including an exciting finale, culminating in the first-ever national vote to choose “America’s Best-Loved Novel.”

The list of 100 titles and more information about The Great American Read can be found at http://www.pbs.org/about/blogs/news/the-great-american-read-reveals-americas-100-favorite-novels/
Off the Shelf : Newsletter of the Parker Library

- Jennings, Ken. Planet Funny: How Comedy Took Over Our Culture
- Jennings, Timothy R., M.D. The Aging Brain: Proven Steps to Prevent Dementia and Sharpen Your Mind
- Khakpour, Porochista. Sick: a memoir
- Larimore, Taylor. The Bogleheads' Guide to the Three-Fund Portfolio: How a Simple Portfolio of Three Total Market Index Funds Outperforms Most Investors With Less Risk
- Lester, CN. Trans Like Me: Conversations for All of Us
- Livey, Penelope. Life in the Garden
- Pfeiffer, Dan. Yes We (Still) Can: Politics in the Age of Obama, Twitter, and Trump
- Thomson, Helen. Unthinkable: An Extraordinary Journey Through the World's Strangest Brains
- Warner, Vikki. Tenemental: Adventures of a Reluctant Landlady

Adult Fiction e-Books

- Backman, Fredrik. Us Against You
- Blum, Jenna. The Lost Family
- Burton, Isabella. Social Creature
- Butcher, Jim. Brief Cases
- Clinton, Bill and James Patterson. The President Is Missing
- Connolly, John. The Woman in the Woods
- Cussler, Clive. The Gray Ghost [Fargo, Bk. #10]
- Delinsky, Barbara. Before and Again
- Gardiner, Meg. Into the Black Nowhere: an UNSUB novel
- Giffin, Emily. All We Ever Wanted
- Hilderbrand, Elin. The Perfect Couple
- Hillier, Jennifer. Jar of Hearts
- Hoang, Helen. The Kiss Quotient
- Horowitz, Anthony. The Word Is Murder
- House, Silas. Southernmost
- Jackson, Lisa. Liar, Liar
- Kepnes, Caroline. Provence
- Kehlmann, Daniel. You Should Have Left
- Kennedy, Eliza. Do This for Me
- Knecht, Rosalie. Who Is Vera Kelly?
- Li, Lillian. Number One Chinese Restaurant
- MacLean, Sarah. Wicked and the Wallflower [Bareknuckle Bastards, Bk. #1]
- Maden, Mike. Tom Clancy Line of Sight [Jack Ryan, Jr., Bk. #4]
- Mah, Ann. The Lost Vintage
- Makkai, Rebecca. The Great Believers
- Markowitz, Michelle. Hey Ladies!: The Story of 8 Best Friends, 1 Year, and Way Too Many Emails
- McLaughlin, James A. Bearskin
- Meyerson, Amy. The Bookshop of Yesterdays
- Michaels, Fern. Truth or Dare
- Mirza, Fatima Farheen. A Place for Us
- Murata, Sayaka. Convenience Store Woman
- Nors, Dorothe. Mirror, Shoulder, Signal
- Nugent, Liz. Lying in Wait
- Orange, Tommy. There There
- Paris, B.A. Bring Me Back
- Patterson, James. Murder in Paradise
- Regan, Katy. Little Big Love
- Taylor, Brad. All Necessary Force [Pike Logan, Bk. #2]
- Shalvis, Jill. Rainy Day Friends
- Steadman, Catherine. Something in the Water
- Taylor, Brad. The Callsign: a Taskforce Short Story
- Taylor, Brad. Enemy of Mine [Pike Logan, Bk. #3]
- Taylor, Brad. The Infiltrator: a Taskforce Story
- Taylor, Brad. The Recruit
- Thayne, RaeAnne. The Cottages on Silver Beach [Haven Point, Bk. #8]
- Tremblay, Paul. The Cabin at the End of the World
- Weir, Meghan MacLean. The Book of Essie
- Weisberger, Lauren. When Life Gives You Lululemons
- White, Karen. Dreams of Falling
- Wiggs, Susan. Before You and Me
- Winman, Sarah. Tin Man
- Wolfe, Tom. The Bonfire of the Vanities
- Woods, Stuart. Turbulence
- Zanetti, Rebecca. Vampire's Faith

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Large Print Fiction

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- Coble, Colleen. The House at Saltwater Point [Lavender Tides, Bk. #2]
- Cohen, Nancy J. Hair Brained
- Delinsky, Barbara. Before and Again
- Giffin, Emily. All We Ever Wanted
- Howell, Hannah. When You Love a Scotsman
- Mallery, Susan. When We Found Home
- Meyerson, Amy. The Bookshop of Yesterdays
- McNees, Kelly O'Connor. Undiscovered Country
- Patterson, James. Home Sweet Murder
- Thor, Brad. Spymaster [Scott Harvarth, Bk. #17]

Large Print Nonfiction

- Scottoline, Lisa. I See Life through Rose-Colored Glasses
- Stanton, Mike. Unbeaten: Rocky Marciano's Fight for Perfection in a Crooked World

Books on CD - Fiction

- Abbot, Megan. Give Me Your Hand
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- Johansen, Iris. Double Blind
- Kellerman, Jonathan. A Measure of Darkness
- Sefton, Maggie. Dyeing Up Loose Ends

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JULY 2018 AUDIOBOOKS

Autobiography | Biography

- Brockes, Emma. An Excellent Choice: Panic and Joy on My Solo Path to Motherhood
- Feek, Rory Lee. Once Upon a Farm: Lessons on Growing Love, Life, and Hope on a New Frontier

Computers


Cooking

- Tack, Karen. Make It Easy, Cupcake: Fabulously Fun Creations in Four Simple Steps

July 2018 Nonfiction

Health | Fitness


History

- Conary, Ryan William. The House of Seven Gables
- Robb, Graham. The Debatable Land: the Lost World Between Scotland and England
- Vincent, Lynn. Indianapolis: the True Story of the Worse Sea Disaster in U.S. Naval History and the Fifty-Year Fight to Exonerate an Innocent Man
- Warren, James A. God, War, and Providence: the Epic Struggle of Roger Williams and the Narragansett Indians against the Puritans of New England

Life Sciences

- Epstein, Randi. Aroused: The History of Hormones and How They Control Just about Everything
- Offitt, Paula A. Bad Advice: On Why Celebrities, Politicians, and Activists Aren't Your Best Source of Health Information

Parenting

- Reber, Deborah. Differently Wired: Raising an Exceptional Child in a Conventional World

Political Science

- Hanna-Attisha, Mona. What the Eyes Don't See: a Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City
Rhodes, Ben. *The World as It Is: A Memoir of the Obama White House*
Sanger, David E. *Perfect Weapon: War, Sabotage, and Fear in the Cyber Age*

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Schenck, Robert L. *Costly Grace: an Evangelical Minister's Rediscovery of Faith, Hope and Love*

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Sherman, Casey. *12: the Inside Story of Tom Brady's Season of Redemption*

**True Crime**
Dean, Aimen. *Nine Lives: My Time as Mi6's Spy Inside Al-queda*
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Goff, Lauren. *Florida*
Goodman, Joanna. *The Home for Unwanted Girls*
Hilderbrand, Elin. *The Perfect Couple*
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