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NYC Adult Summer Reading 2016 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

Bertie Plays the Blues

by Alexander McCall Smith
A six-and-a-half-year old unhappy with his mother-driven schedule of yoga, Italian lessons and psychotherapy puts himself up for adoption on eBay.

Big Girl Panties

by Stephanie Evanovich
A chance meeting with a personal trainer starts an overweight widow on a course to shed some grief,

lose some pounds, and find a second chance at love.

The Book of Unknown Americans

by Cristina Henriquez
The Rivera family confronts cultural barriers when they move from Mexico to the U.S. to find help for their daughter's difficult recovery from a traumatic brain injury.

Boston Girl

by Anita Diamant

Addie Baum, the daughter of Jewish immigrants, recalls family tragedies and personal triumphs from her beginnings in a Boston tenement in the early 1900s.

The Children Act

by Ian McEwan

The decision of a judge presiding over the case of a youth refusing medical treatment that could save his life has momentous consequences for them both.

Dissident Gardens

by Jonathan Lethem

A fractured New York family struggles to follow their idealistic dreams from the parlor communism of the 1930s to the Occupy movement of the 2010s.

Euphoria

by Lily King

Three young anthropologists in the New Guinea of the 1930s are caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and, ultimately, their lives.

Everything I Never Told You: a novel

by Celeste Ng

In 1970s Ohio, a Chinese-American family falls apart when their missing teenage daughter is discovered dead at the bottom of a lake.

God Help the Child

by Toni Morrison

The sufferings of childhood shape, and misshape, the life of Bride, a dark-skinned child born to a light-skinned mother.

A God in Ruins

by Kate Atkinson

Teddy, a would-be poet and heroic WWII RAF pilot, survives the war and faces the future he never expected to have, becoming a husband, father and grandfather.

Lock In

by John Scalzi

Scientists who developed a virtual reality world for people who are paralyzed in body, but not in mind, find there are unexpected consequences.

The Marriage of Opposites

by Alice Hoffman

In a small community of Jews in St. Thomas in the 1800's, Rachel scandalously falls in love with her late husband's nephew and achieves the life she always wanted in Paris.

Perfect Touch

by Elizabeth Lowell

An art dealer falls for the rancher whose inherited paintings she is appraising, but a missing painting and murder threaten her life and livelihood.

Ruby: a novel

by Cynthia Bond.

An African-American woman survives her sordid past and the Southern town bent on her destruction through the power of love.

Station Eleven: a novel

by Emily St. John Mandel

A night at the theater turns deadly when the entire world is struck by a catastrophic flu pandemic.

Non-Fiction

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

by Daniel Brown

Aided by their coach and a legendary boatbuilder, nine working-class U.S. college students pull together to defeat their elite rivals at the 1936 Olympics.

(797.123B)

Dataclysm: Who We Are (When We Think No One's Looking)

by Christian Rudder

The cofounder of online dating site OkCupid uses statistical analysis to explore how the science of human behavior is dramatically evolving.

(155.28R)

Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession, and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship

by Robert Kurson

Join the high-stakes adventure of two archaeologists as they search for the seventeenth century Golden Fleece, the greatest pirate ship that ever sailed. (910.9163K)

The Power of Habit

by Charles Duhigg

A business reporter takes us to the thrilling edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed.

(152.33D)

Yes Please

by Amy Poehler

The actress and comedienne shares personal stories and offers her unique and hilarious perspective on love, friendship, and parenthood. (B POEHLER Y)