

TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	PUBLICATION DATE	DESCRIPTION
Looking for Lorraine : the radiant and radical life of Lorraine Hansberry	Imani Perry	Biography	September 18, 2018	A revealing portrait of one of the most gifted and charismatic, yet least understood, Black intellectuals of the 20th century traces the extraordinary life of Lorraine Hansberry, a force of nature who died at age 34 and is known primarily for her work, "A Raisin in the Sun".
Smoke screen	Terri Blackstock	Christian Fiction	November 5, 2019	Reluctantly returning to his hometown when his father is released from prison amid murderous accusations, a smoke jumper reconnects with his former love, who is fighting a painful custody battle. By the award-winning author of Intervention.
The red address book	Sofia Lundberg	Fiction	January 8, 2019	Living alone in her Stockholm apartment, a 96-year-old woman reminisces through the pages of a long-kept address book before starting to write down stories from her past, unlocking family secrets in unexpectedly beneficial ways. A first novel.
Lot : stories	Bryan Washington	Fiction	March 19, 2019	Coming of age in his family's Houston restaurant, a mixed-heritage teen navigates bullying, his newly discovered sexual orientation and the ripple effects of a disadvantaged community impacted by an affair, a youth baseball season and displaced hurricane survivors.
Twenty-one truths about love	Matthew Dicks	Fiction	November 19, 2019	The best-selling author of Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend presents a novel written entirely in lists that convey the struggles of a man whose limits are tested by the risks he must take to save his family and failing bookstore.
The water dancer : a novel	Ta-Nehisi Coates	Historical Fiction	September 24, 2019	A Virginia slave narrowly escapes a drowning death through the intervention of a mysterious force that compels his escape and personal underground war against slavery. By the National Book Award-winning author of Between the World and Me. (historical fiction).
The world that we knew	Alice Hoffman	Historical Fiction	September 24, 2019	Sent away to 1941 Paris when Berlin becomes too dangerous for Jewish families, a young girl bonds with her protective mystical golem; while her friend, a rabbi's daughter, rises to become a defender of their people. (historical fiction).
<i>The four highlighted books below have been chosen for the 2020 Longwood Gardens Community Read</i>				
Semiosis: a novel (Semiosis Duology Book 1)	Sue Burke	Longwood Gardens Community Read - Adult pick		A science fiction tale of first contact, Sue Burke's debut science fiction novel follows a group of colonists forced to land on a planet they aren't prepared for, where plants are the dominant life forms and humans are their pawns. Semiosis is a generation-spanning sci-fi tale, told through the lens of multiple perspectives across the first 107 years of settlement.
Interference: a novel (Semiosis Duology Book 2)	Sue Burke	Longwood Gardens Community Read - sequel to Adult pick	October 1, 2019	In this sequel to Semiosis, Burke picks up the story a century after the end of Semiosis as a new expedition from Earth arrives on the planet, which threatens to upset the balance between Stevland, the Glassmakers, and humanity.
Wild Plants	Chris Thorogood	Longwood Gardens Community Read - Teen pick		This compilation book showcases weird, mysterious and bizarre plants from around the globe. Through the combination of author Chris Thorogood's jarring illustrations and botanical expertise, these fantastic plants seem to leap off the page and come to life.
The Enormous Potato	Aubrey Davis	Longwood Gardens Community Read - Kids pick		This humorous tale begins with a farmer who plants an eye—a potato eye. It grows and grows into an enormous potato. Harvest time comes, but the potato is so big that the farmer can't pull it out. So he calls for help, first to his wife, then to their daughter, then to the dog, and so on.
Whiskers in the dark	Rita Mae Brown	Mystery	June 4, 2019	A massive nor'easter on the eve of an annual National Beagle Club benefit finds Harry Harristeen and her crime-solving kitties linking the murder of a foreign services officer to an unsolved killing from the 18th century.

Strange harvests : the hidden histories of seven natural objects	Edward Posnett	Nature and Science	August 6, 2019	Explores the possibility of a more mutually beneficial relationship with nature through the stories of the small-scale harvests of seven uncommon products. Illustrations.
Because internet : understanding the new rules of language	Gretchen McCulloch	Non-Fiction		Because Internet is for anyone who's ever puzzled over how to punctuate a text message or wondered where memes come from. It's the perfect book for understanding how the internet is changing the English language, why that's a good thing, and what our online interactions reveal about who we are.
<i>Heartland is the book choice for the One Book, One Community 2020</i>				
Heartland: a memoir of working hard and being broke in the richest country on Earth	Sarah Smarsh	One Book, One Community Pick for 2020		Traces the author's turbulent childhood on a Kansas farm in the 1980s and 1990s to reveal her firsthand experiences with cyclical poverty and the corrosive impact of intergenerational poverty on individuals, families and communities. An eye-opening memoir of working-class poverty in the American Midwest. A first book.
There are no bears in this bakery	Julia Sarcone-Roach	Picture Book	January 8, 2019	When Muffin, a cat, hears a suspicious noise at the Little Bear Bakery, his investigation reveals a hungry bear cub
Parker Looks Up: an extraordinary moment	Parker and Jessica Curry	Picture Book	October 15, 2019	A visit to Washington, DC's National Portrait Gallery forever alters Parker Curry's young life when she views First Lady Michelle Obama's portrait. A New York Times bestseller!
The Big Umbrella	Amy June Bates	Picture Book / Local Author		Winner of the Pennsylvania Library Association's Carolyn W. Field award, to recognize outstanding books of authors or illustrators living in Pennsylvania. Carlisle authors Amy June Bates and daughter Juniper Bates co-authored this colorful picturebooks where a spacious umbrella welcomes anyone and everyone who needs shelter from the rain.
Share your smile	Raina Telgemeier	Non-Fiction / Journaling		For slightly older kids with a creative bent, look no further than Raina Telgemeier's Share Your Smile. She's a huge favourite among middle grade readers, but in the excitement of Guts coming out they may have missed this other book of hers – an interactive journal to help them tell their own story.
Guts	Raina Telgemeier	Teen, Graphic Novel / Memoir		Raina wakes up one night with a terrible upset stomach. Her mom has one, too, so it's probably just a bug. Raina eventually returns to school, where she's dealing with the usual highs and lows: friends, not-friends, and classmates who think the school year is just one long gross-out session. It soon becomes clear that Raina's tummy trouble isn't going away... and it coincides with her worries about food, school, and changing friendships.