

**Prairie UU 2022 Summer Reads recommendations**

<b>Your name</b>	<b>Title of the book you recommend</b>	<b>Author of the book you recommend</b>	<b>Fiction or nonfiction?</b>	<b>Brief description and what you liked about this book</b>	<b>Listened to audio version?</b>
Andrea Scott	The Autistic Brain thinking across the spectrum	Temple Grandin and Richard panek	Nonfiction	The primary author has autism so provides a good perspective at least of his autism plus high iq. A ton of new research and ways to find cases all across the spectrum now. Autism is just a way of being differently wired. Ages ago so many cases were dismissed as a mere lack of social skills and now we know more.	Yes
Robin Proud	Search	Michelle Huneven	Fiction	This is the humorous story of a UU church in California looking for a new minister. The main character is a UU food critic who went to seminary for a couple of years (which are all true of the author.) You will swear you know these people and have lived through some of the conflicts between old guard vs. young upstarts, traditionalists vs. risk takers. There are excerpts from interviews and sermons that are totally recognizable. It will be interesting to see if this book gets anyone to check out UU's, or make them run as far away as possible! It does have a serious side and no easy answers. I loved it and I was able to get it from the Madison library without a long wait.	No
Chris Porter	Suriname Job (A Case Lee Nove Book 1)	Vince Milam	Fiction	First book in 8 book series. Thriller mystery novel - like the humor. Has a lot of violence.	No
Tami Bucholtz	Dark Elements series (White hot kiss, stone cold touch and every last breath,	Jennifer Armentrout	Fiction	Demon (Roth is prince of hell) and gargoyle (Layla) fall in love and the drama between two worlds causes conflict between the 2. I like that the demon is the good nice guy helping save the world where usually its vice versa in books so its reversal of roles	Yes
Marie Andrae	The Best We Could Do	Thi Bui	Nonfiction	Graphic novel memoir which looks at one family's journey from their war-torn home in Vietnam to their new lives in America. The book brings together generations of family stories. I enjoyed the story itself and hearing from the different characters' perspectives and voices. Both the words and the illustrations are the art and I often found myself reflecting on the illustrations and why she chose them for each of the parts of her story.	No

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Nancy Wunderlin	The Reading List	Sara Nisha Adams	Fiction	A book about books and how they bring us together. The main characters are from different generations and are going through various struggles in life. In turn they each discover a small scrap of paper and written at the top is "just in case you need it" followed by a list of 8 books. As they read the books, they find ways to connect the stories in the books to their own lives and for some they discover the wonderful escape from reality reading can provide.	Yes
Matt Wise	Psalm for the Wild Built	Becky Chambers	Fiction		No
Evan Fisher	The Image of Man: The Creation of Modern Masculinity	George L. Mosse	Nonfiction	Historical investigation of modern European masculinity. Has offered a strong foundation for my own understanding and research about masculinity	No
PattyStockdale	Washington Black	Esi edugyan	Nonfiction	Historical fiction about a boy Wash who's a slave in Barbados in the early 1800s. The brother of the plantation owner is a abolitionist and helps him escape. The book follows his life as he grows up and travels with the abolitionist who is also a scientist and helps Wash develop his interest in science.	No
Jesse Garst	Shout Out	TO Comix Press	Fiction	An anthology of queer fantasy/sci-fi comics by a variety of authors	No
Suzanne Gernandt	Pachinko	Min Jin Lee	Fiction	saga of 4 generations of a Korean family, relocated to Japan during Korean war era.	No
Suzanne Gernandt	The Nickel Boys	Colson Whitehead	Fiction	Based on an actual place, the story of 2 boys in a Jim Crow era reform school. Powerful story.	No
Pageen Small	The Space Between Worlds	Micaiah Johnson	Fiction	This is a science fiction book about parallel universes. The story centers on a woman who travels between worlds. The book covers themes of oppression, class, justice, and race. It positively portrays LGBTQ+ people and queer relationships.	No
Aileen Nettleton	Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive	Stephanie Land	Nonfiction		No
Barbara Chatterton	Mayflower	Nathaniel Philbrick	Nonfiction		No

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Barbara Chatterton	When We were Very Young	A. A. Milne	Fiction		No
Margit Moses	any of the author's mysteries	Tony Hillerman	Fiction		No
Al Nettleton	Debussy: A Painter in Sound	Stephen Walsh	Nonfiction		No
Gary Gates	Redeeming Justice	Jarrett Adam	Nonfiction	Incarceration in Wisconsin	No
Toby Haines	Singing Wilderness, Runes of the North, or Listening Point	Sigurd Olson		Sig was a naturalist/conservationist born around 1900, was on the national scene for conservation & helped establish the BWCA as a wilderness in Northern Minnesota. He settled in Ely and wrote about the land & history of the waterways and Canadian shield. He was a master canoe & educator. His books are made up of many short stories that captured the essence of what he was passionate about.	
Gary Gates	The Land Remembers	Ben Logan		Growing up in southwestern Wisconsin in the 1920s and 30s	
Tim Scott	Attracting Birds, Butterflies, and Other Backyard Wildlife	David Mizejewski			
Mariann Scott	American Chestnut	Susan Freinkel			
Karen Deaton	The Hand that First Held Mine	Maggie O'Farrell	Fiction	By the author of Hamnet. This book is about motherhood and memory. It has a particularly vivid depiction of how traumatic childbirth can be.	No