Burlington Library Beyond the Book-list of books read

December 19, 2024

Foster by Claire Keegan

November 21, 2024

Behind You is the Sea by Susan Muaddi Darraj

October 17, 2024

Independence by Chitra Banerjee Divakarun

September 19, 2024

Happy by Celina Baljeet Basra

August 15, 2024

Little Gods by Meng Jin

July 18, 2024

Small Worlds by Caleb Azumah Nelson

June 20, 2024

How Not to Drown in a Glass of Water by Angie Cruz

May 16, 2024

Enter Ghost by Isabella Hammad

April 18, 2024

8 Lives of a Century-Old Trickster by Mirinae Lee

March 21, 2024

Daddy was a Numbers Runner by Louise Meriwether

February 15, 2024

In the Time of Our History by Susanne Pari

January 18, 2024

Bird Summons by Leila Aboulela

December 21, 2023

Furia by Yamile Saied Mendez (YA)

November 16, 2023

Calling for a Blanket Dance by Oscar Hokeah

October 19, 2023

Purple Hibiscus by Chimananda Ngozi Adichie

September 21, 2023

Last Summer on State Street by Toya Wolfe

August 17, 2023

Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata

July 20, 2023

Paradise by Abdulrazak Gurnah

June 15, 2023

A Man's Place by Annie Ernaux.

May 18, 2023

On the Rooftop by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton

April 20, 2023

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

March 16, 2023

The Neapolitan Sisters by Margo Candela

February 16, 2023

Don't Cry for Me by Daniel Black

January 19, 2023

Five Little Indians by Michelle Good

December 15, 2022

Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan

November 17, 2022

The Tenth Muse by Catherine Chung

October 20, 2022

Love in Color by Bolu Babalola

Sept 15, 2022

The Gone Dead by Chanelle Benz

August 18, 2022

I Will Die in a Foreign Land by Kalani Pickhart

July 21, 2022

The Committed by Viet Thanh Nguyen

June 16, 2022

The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

May 19, 2022

America for Beginners by Leah Franqui

April 21, 2022 The Voting Booth by Brandy Colbert (YA)

March 17, 2022

The Mountains Sing by Nguyen Phan Que Ma

February 17, 2022 Tastes Like War: A Memoir by Grace M Cho

January 20, 2022

A Woman is No Man by Etaf Rum,

December 16, 2021 The Lost Book of Adana Moreau by Micahel Zapata

November 18, 2021

The Lying Lives of Adults by Elena Ferrante

October 21, 2021

Butterflies in November by Auour Ava Olasfsdottir

September 16, 2021

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi

August 19, 2021 Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenidge

July 15, 2021

His Only Wife by Peace Adzo Medie

June 17, 2021

Not So Pure and Simple by Lamar Giles

May 20, 2021

Afterlife by Julia Alvarez

April 15, 2021

Daughters of Smoke and Fire by Ava Homa

March 18, 2021
Freshwater by Akwaeke Emezi

February 18, 2021

Home Making by Lee Matalone

January 21, 2021 The Leavers by Lisa Ko

December 17, 2020 The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo (YA)

November 19, 2020

The Nickel Boys by Coulson Whitehead

October 15, 2020

Book of Little Axe by Lauren Francis-Sharma

September 17, 2020
The Revisioners by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton

August 20, 2020 Braised Pork by An Yu

July 16, 2020

The Atlas of Reds and Blues by Devi S. Laskar

June 18, 2020

The Mountains Sing by Nguyen Phan Que Mai

May 21, 2020

Last Flight of José Luis Balboa: Stories by Gonzalo Barr

April 16, 2020

Funny, You Don't Look Autistic: A Comedian's Guide to Life on the Spectrum by Michael McCreary

March 19, 2020 Stay With Me by Ayobami Adebayo

February 20, 2020
The Grass is Singing by Doris Lessing

January 16, 2020 Welcome to Lagos by Chibundu Onuzo

December 19, 2019 Normal People by Sally Rooney

November 21, 2919 Book Go Went Gone by Jenny Erpenbeck

October 24, 2019

Beartown by Fredrik Bachman

September 19, 2019

I Claudia by Mary McCoy (YA)

August 15, 2019

Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli

July 18, 2019

A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza

June 13, 2019

A Brief History of Seven Killings by Marlon James

May 16, 2019 Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

April 18, 2019

America is Not the Heart by Elaine Castillo

March 21, 2019

Parking Lot Attendant by Nafkote Tamirat

February 21, 2019 *Hummingbird House* by Patricia Henley

January 10, 2019 *There, There* by Tommy Orange

December 6, 2018An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

November 1, 2018

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

September 27, 2018

Behold the Dreamers by Imbulo Mbue

July 26 and August 30, 2018

Artherial Worlds by Tatyana Tolstoya

June 2018

The Year of the Runaways by Sunjeev Sahota

May 2018
Sleeping on Jupiter by Anuradha Roy

April 2018

The Vegetarian by Han Kang

March 2018

Call Me Zebra by Azareen Van der Vliet Oloomi

February 8, 2018
Sing Unburied Sing by Jesmyn Ward

January 4, 2018

The Refugees by Viet Thanh Nguyen

November 2017

Delicious Foods by James Hannaham

October 2017

The Pearl That Broke Its Shell by Nadia Hashimi

September 2017 *The Hate You Give* by Angie Thomas (YA)

July- August 2017

Girls at War by Chinua Achebe

May-June 2017

Crimes of Conscience by Nadine Gordimer

Book Criteria:

Beyond the Book reads fiction that features the development of characters and settings that reflect cultural experience. This can be American culture or worldwide (including translated works), immigrant or native life. Authors chosen are from that culture, not someone looking in. Books are usually fairly current, cutting-edge books that challenge thinking about people, culture, politics, and world events. The group reads short story collections as well as novels and does a YA book about once a year.

The last few years, the group has primarily read titles available on Hoopla, although the Library always gets some interlibrary loan copies as well.