

2015 NOTABLE BOOKS LIST
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Gere BooksTalk – November 2, 2015
Bethany BooksTalk – November 6, 2015
Presented by Pat Leach, Director – Lincoln City Libraries



FICTION

[All My Puny Sorrows](#) by Miriam Toews
How much sacrifice does the love of a sister require?

[All the Light We Cannot See](#) by Anthony Doerr
Navigating the dark of World War II a German boy and a French girl survive using senses other than sight.

[The Bone Clocks: A Novel](#) by David Mitchell
The human condition: bleak but not without moments of redemption.

[The Children Act](#) by Ian McEwan
A deceptively simple story reveals complexities of life choices.

[The Crane Wife](#) by Patrick Ness
A thoughtful exposition of love, in all its endless varieties.

[The Enchanted: A Novel](#) by Rene Denfield
Death row inmates await escape through execution in this weirdly gorgeous tale.

[Narrow Road to the Deep North: A Novel](#) by Richard Flanagan
Australian beaches, Burmese jungles, love and death permeate a story of World War II POWs.

[On Such a Full Sea](#) by Chang-Rae Lee
From fish farm to big pharma, 100 years later it's all the same.

[Orfeo: A Novel](#) by Richard Powers
On the run from Homeland Security, Peter Els reflects on a life of attempted creation and immortality through music and chemistry.

[Something Rich and Strange: Selected Stories](#) by Ron Rash
A brutal and beautiful collection of human tales set in the Carolinas.

[Station Eleven: A Novel](#) by Emily St. John Mandel
Love, music, and Shakespeare sustain survivors of a global pandemic.

[Tigerman](#) by Nick Harkaway
Funny, strange, and dangerous, the island of Mancreu may be beyond saving, but perhaps a superhero can bring redemption. "Full of win."

NONFICTION

[The Birth of the Pill: How Four Crusaders Reinvented Sex and Launched a Revolution](#) by Jonathan Eig
The not-so-immaculate conception of the first oral contraceptive. (618.1 Eig)

[Blood Royal: A True Tale of Crime and Detection in Medieval Paris](#) by Eric Jager

Political intrigue that starts with a murder and ends with a throne. (944.026 Jag)

[**Dark Invasion: 1915 Germany's Secret War and the Hunt for the First Terrorist Cell in America**](#) by Howard Blum
German spies collaborate to unleash a campaign of terror in the United States at the start of World War I. (940.4 Blu)

[**Factory Man**](#) by Beth Macy
Made in America vs Made in China — is it too late to save one of these labels? (338.76 BasYm)

[**In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeanette**](#) by Hampton Sides
Glory and heartbreak on the rocks. (910.452 Sid)

[**Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story**](#) by Rick Bragg
Can a man play rock and roll and still go to heaven? (B Lewis Jerry Leo)

[**Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption**](#) by Bryan Stevenson
A searing indictment of institutionalized racism and state-sanctioned death. (B Stevenson Bryan)

[**The Most Dangerous Book: The Battle for James Joyce's Ulysses**](#) by Kevin Birmingham
Biography of a notorious classic which changed the landscape of literature and launched the Modernist movement. (823.9 YoyYb)

[**No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S. Surveillance State**](#) by Glenn Greenwald
A real life spy thriller and a cautionary tale about government data gathering. (327.12 Gre)

[**Pandora's DNA: Tracing the Breast Cancer Genes Through History, Science, and One Family Tree**](#) by Lizzie Stark
One woman's face-off with her genetic fate.

[**The Secret History of Wonder Woman**](#) by Jill Lepore
Suffering Sappho, we need to teach these girls to have some *fun!* (741.59 Lep)

[**The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History**](#) by Elizabeth Kolbert
Whether it's rats or cockroaches that inherit the earth, this tale of species loss forms a narrative of evolution and annihilation. (576.84 Kol)

POETRY

[**The Blue Buick: New and Selected Poems**](#) by B.H. Fairchild
A regional American experience through myth and memory.

[**Gabriel: A Poem**](#) by Edward Hirsch
A father's lament.

Annotations from American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/02/2015-notable-books-announced-year-s-bestfiction-nonfiction-and-poetry>