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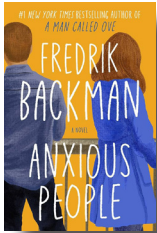
at the
Liverpool Public Library

EACH BOOK BAG CONTAINS :

- **12 copies of the book**
(those that are part of the Books & Movie bag also include a DVD of the book)
- **Some book bags come in two parts due to the size of the material**
 - **Discussion questions**
 - **Author information**

Book bags can be checked out for up to 6 weeks.

Fiction Books in a Bag

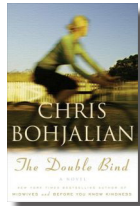


Anxious People by Fredrik Backman

Anxious People is a poignant, charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined.

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie tells two stories simultaneously; the first of how Archie and Agatha met and how they gradually fell out of love with one another. The second plot line sheds light on Archie's day-to-day life during the eleven days of Agatha's disappearance.

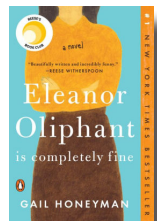


The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian

Working at a homeless shelter, Laurel Estabrook encounters Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of secret photos, but when Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel embarks on an obsessive search for the truth behind the photos.

The Guest List by Lucy Foley

Appearances can be deceiving as pretty boy Will Slater and the elegant Jules Keegan appear to be the perfect couple, but there is a dark side of Will lurking below the surface. The past and the present collide as old high school and college friends reminisce their wilder days, uncovering secrets Will has tried to keep hidden.



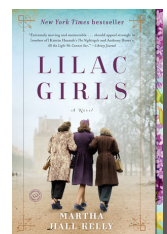
Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine

by Gail Honeyman

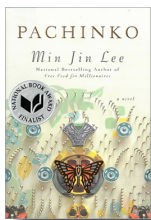
Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office.

Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

Based on a true story of a New York socialite who championed a group of concentration camp survivors known as the Rabbits, *Lilac Girls* reveals a story of love, redemption and terrible secrets that were hidden for decades.



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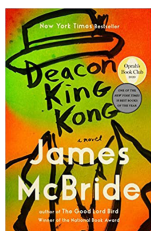
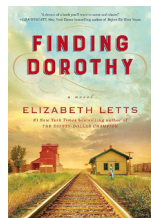


Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja falls for a wealthy stranger but when she discovers she is pregnant and that her lover is married she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. Her decision to abandon her home and reject her son's powerful father sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.

Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts

When learns that M-G-M is adapting her late husband's masterpiece for the screen, 77-year-old Maud Gage Baum sets about trying to finagle her way onto the set to help the producers stay true to the spirit of the book. The moment she hears Judy Garland rehearsing the first notes of "Over the Rainbow," Maud recognizes the yearning that defined her own life story. Judy reminds Maud of a young girl she cared for and tried to help, a dreamer who never got her happy ending. Now, with the young actress under pressure from the studio as well as her ambitious stage mother, Maud resolves to protect her—the way she tried so hard to protect the real Dorothy.

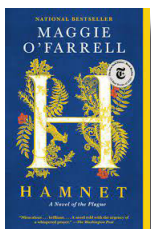
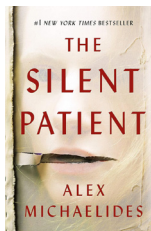


Deacon King Kong by James McBride

In September 1969, a fumbling, cranky old church deacon known as Sportcoat shuffles into the courtyard of the Cause Houses housing project in south Brooklyn, pulls a .38 from his pocket, and in front of everybody shoots the project's drug dealer. McBride brings to vivid life the people affected by the shooting. As the story deepens, it becomes clear that the lives of the characters—caught in the tumultuous swirl of 1960s New York—overlap in unexpected ways. When the truth does emerge, McBride shows us that not all secrets are meant to be hidden, that the best way to grow is to face change without fear, and that the seeds of love lie in hope and compassion.

The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

Alicia Berenson is a well-known painter who murdered her husband six years ago and hasn't spoken a word since. He was found bound to a chair with gunshot wounds to his face, and she was convicted soon thereafter. Her psychotherapist, Theo Faber, hopes to treat Alicia and uncover the mystery behind her motives for killing her husband.



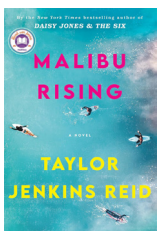
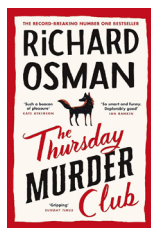
HAMNET by Maggie O'Farrell

Drawing on Maggie O'Farrell's long-term fascination with the little-known story behind Shakespeare's most enigmatic play, *HAMNET* is a luminous portrait of a marriage, at its heart the loss of a beloved child. Warwickshire in the 1580s. Agnes is a woman as feared as she is sought after for her unusual gifts. She settles with her husband in Henley street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet.

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The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends called The Thursday Murder Club meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes. When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first case.

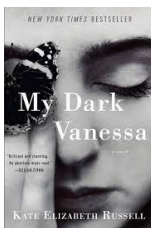


Malibu Rising by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Malibu Rising is the story of the Riva family—surfer siblings Nina, Jay, Hud, and Kit, as well as their mother June and their father, the famous singer, Mick Riva. It takes place over the twenty-four hours leading up to Nina Riva's infamous Riva Party, but it is also a culmination of generations of secrets and traumas.

My Dark Vanessa by Kate Elizabeth Russell

Exploring the psychological dynamics of the relationship between a precocious yet naïve teenage girl and her magnetic and manipulative teacher, a brilliant, all-consuming read that marks the explosive debut of an extraordinary new writer.

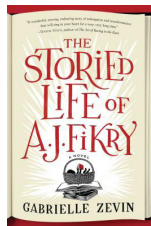


The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan

Two years into World War II, Britain is feeling the damage: lost battles, destroyed cities, and food supplies cut off. To help housewives with food rationing, a BBC radio program called "The Kitchen Front" is holding a cooking contest, and the grand prize is a job as the program's first ever female co-host.

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

A middle-aged bookseller mourning his lost wife, a feisty publisher's rep, and a charmingly precocious abandoned child come together on a small island off the New England coast in this utterly delightful novel of love and second chances.



Books & Movie in a Bag

Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver

Samantha Kingston (Zoey Deutch) seems to have it all: popularity, a loving boyfriend (Kian Lawley) and a seemingly perfect future. Everything changes in the blink of an eye when she dies in a car crash but then magically wakes up to find herself reliving the same day over and over again.



Starring: Zoey Deutch, Halston Sage, Cynthia Wu. PG-13; 98min

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Sethe was born a slave and escaped to Ohio, but 18 years later she is still not free. She has too many memories of Sweet Home, the beautiful farm where so many hideous things happened. Her new home is haunted by the ghost of her baby, who died nameless and whose tombstone is engraved with a single word: Beloved.



Starring: Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover, Yada Beener. Rated R; 172min

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Death tells the story of a young German girl, Liesel, whose book-stealing and story-telling talents during World War II help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.



Starring: Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush, Emily Watson. PG-13; 135min

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

When writer Nick Carraway leaves the Midwest for New York City in the spring of 1922, he lands next door to the mysterious, party-giving millionaire Jay Gatsby, drawing him into the world of the ultra-rich and their illusions, loves and deceits.



Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan, Joel Edgerton. PG-13; 143min

Books & Movie in a Bag

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history.

Starring: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe. PG; 127min



A Street Cat Named Bob: And How He Saved My Life by James Bowen

James is a street musician struggling to make ends meet. Bob is a stray cat looking for somewhere warm to sleep. When James and Bob meet, they forge a never-to-be-forgotten friendship that has been charming readers from Thailand to Turkey.

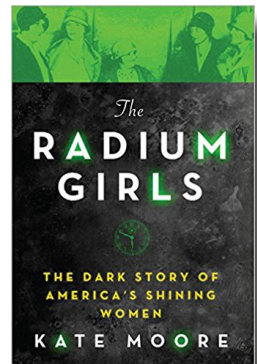
Starring: Luke Treadaway, Bob the Cat, Ruta Gedmintas. 103min



Non-Fiction Books in a Bag

The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

This is the story of hundreds of young, vibrant women who were sentenced to death by their employers. The so-called "Radium Girls" painted luminescent faces on clock and watch dials using a paint mixture that contained radium. Instructed to "lip-point" their brushes as they painted, they absorbed high doses of radium into their bodies. When the effects of the radium led to horrific disfigurement and pain, the company refused to take responsibility.



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