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Book List

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at libraries in the Monroe County Library System.

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**Pachinko** by Min Jin Lee (2017)

Sunja is rescued from the shame of her pregnancy by an offer of marriage that takes her to Japan. What follows is her family’s story over generations, from 1800’s Korea to present day.

**The Reading List** by Sara Nisha Adams (2021)

After losing his beloved wife, Mukesh worries about his granddaughter, Priya. Aleisha works at her local library and discovers a list of novels that she’s never heard of before. Intrigued, she impulsively decides to read every book on the list. Aleisha passes along the reading list to Mukesh, slowly, the shared books create a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.

**The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett (2020)

The Vignes twins grew up inseparable in the ‘60s in Mallard, Louisiana, a small town reserved for black residents with light skin. Stella and Desiree Vignes are tall and beautiful, and they dream of lives beyond the lynching of their father and housekeeping for white people, like their mother does. When they flee to New Orleans as teenagers, Stella discovers that she can pass as white, and so begins the fracture that will forever separate the twins.

**The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett (2019)

The novel follows a brother and sister who grow up in a fairy tale—a huge house, a loving father, and a caring staff. The only thing that’s missing is their mother, who had a more fraught existence, and fled the pressures of managing the household when they were young. When their father dies and leaves his fortune to their stepmother, the kids are left to fend for themselves, going on to live a drastically different life than they had imagined.

**We are the Brennans** by Tracey Lange (2021)

Five years after Sunday Brennan deserted her family without explanation, she is injured in a drunk driving accident. Sunday returns home to meet her resentful brothers and ex-fiancé. When a dangerous man from her past brings her family’s pub business to the brink of financial ruin, the only way to protect the Brennan’s is to upend all their secrets. In the aftermath, the Brennans are forced to confront painful mistakes and find a way forward together.

**The Good Earth** by Pearl Buck (1958)

This moving, classic story of the honest farmer Wang Lung and his selfless wife O-Lan is must reading for those who would fully appreciate the sweeping changes that have occurred in the lives of the Chinese people during the last century.

**Malibu Rising** by Taylor Jenkins Reid (2021)

Four famous siblings throw an epic party to celebrate the end of the summer. But over the course of twenty-four hours, their lives will change forever.

**Guncle**, by Stephen Rowley (2021)

What does it mean to be a family? Follow Gay Uncle Patrick’s journey as he unexpectedly becomes primary guardian for his 6-year-old nephew and 9-year-old niece one summer.

**Apples Never Fall** by Liane Moriarty (2021)

The Delaney family love one another dearly—it’s just that sometimes they want to murder each other . . . If your mother was missing, would you tell the police? Even if the most obvious suspect was your father? This is the dilemma facing the four grown Delaney siblings.