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Joliet Public Library's Morning Book Discussion

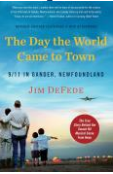
Tues @ 10 AM
Dates inside



2026-2027 Title Guide

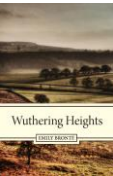
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September 15, 2026 - The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede



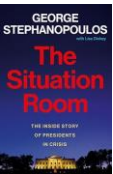
After 9/11, thousands of airline passengers were stranded in a small Newfoundland town. Locals welcomed them with extraordinary kindness, forging deep bonds across cultures. The experience transformed both guests and hosts, highlighting humanity’s capacity for compassion and unity during crisis.

October 20, 2026 - Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë



Experience a haunting tale of passion, revenge, and obsession on the wild English moors. Follow the intertwined fates of two families, where love defies class and vengeance spans generations. Discover a literary classic that explores the darkest depths of the human heart.

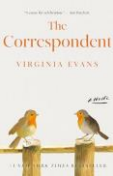
November 17, 2026 - The Situation Room: The Inside Story of Presidents in Crisis by George Stephanopoulos



Go behind the scenes of the White House’s nerve center, where history’s toughest decisions unfold. Discover gripping stories, high-stakes crises, and the people who shape America’s response to global events.

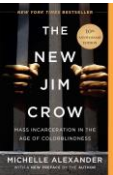
No Meeting in December

January 19, 2027 - The Correspondent by Virginia Evans



Aging, secretive Sybil Van Antwerp’s life unfolds through heartfelt letters to family, friends, and strangers. As she faces loss, regret, and failing eyesight, her correspondence reveals buried truths and hard-won connections in this moving, epistolary exploration of love and forgiveness.

February 16, 2027 - The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander



Discover Michelle Alexander’s powerful exposé on how mass incarceration functions as a modern system of racial control, challenging assumptions about justice, equality, and the true legacy of civil rights in America.

March 16, 2027 - Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall



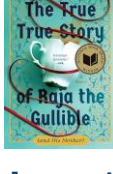
A sweeping literary drama set in rural England, this novel explores forbidden love, family secrets, and the enduring impact of grief across generations—culminating in a tragic shooting and a gripping courtroom reckoning.

April 20, 2027 - Making It So: A Memoir by Patrick Stewart



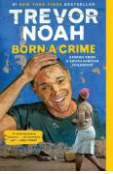
Discover the extraordinary life of Sir Patrick Stewart. From Star Trek and X-Men to Shakespeare and Hollywood, his captivating memoir reveals the journey behind six decades of iconic performances. An inspiring story of talent, resilience, and enduring legacy.

May 18, 2027 - The True True Story of Raja the Gullible (and His Mother) by Rabi Alameddine



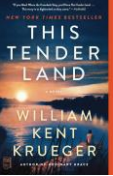
A witty, poignant novel following Raja, a Lebanese teacher, as he navigates family, identity, and resilience amid Lebanon’s political turmoil, financial collapse, and personal transformation.

June 15, 2027 - Born a Crime by Trevor Noah



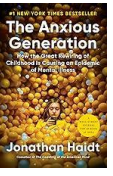
Experience a powerful, funny memoir about growing up mixed-race under apartheid in South Africa. Explore themes of identity, resilience, and family, told through sharp wit and unforgettable stories that reveal both the pain and humor of an extraordinary childhood.

July 20, 2027 - This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger



Four orphans flee a harsh school in Depression-era Minnesota, embarking on a river journey filled with danger, hope, and unforgettable encounters. Discover a moving tale of friendship, resilience, and the transformative power of storytelling.

August 17, 2027 - The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness by Jonathan Haidt



Discover how smartphones and social media are reshaping childhood, fueling a youth mental health crisis, and what we can do to reclaim real-world connection and well-being for the next generation.