

CALS Book Club Kits by Genre

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BIOGRAPHIES

- The Eighty-Dollar Champion by Elizabeth Letts
- Ida B. the Queen by Michelle Duster
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson
- The King's Speech by Mark Logue
- Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee by Charles J. Shields
- Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
- The Watchmaker's Daughter: The True Story of World War II Heroine Corrie ten Boom by Larry Loftis
- The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman

GRAPHICS (VISUAL NOVELS & MEMOIRS)

- Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic by Alison Bechdel (memoir)
- Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe (memoir)
- Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations by Mira Jacob (memoir)
- March, Book 1 by John Lewis (memoir)
- March, Book 2 by John Lewis (memoir)
- March, Book 3 by John Lewis (memoir)
- Maus I: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman (memoir)
- Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi (memoir)
- The Watchmen by Alan Moore (fiction)

MIDDLE GRADE & YOUNG ADULT

- All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
- The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- The City of Ember by Jeanne Duprau
- Crossing the Line by Bibi Belford
- The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass
- The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio

MYSTERY/THRILLER

- All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda
- Bringing Maggie Home by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin
- Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith (pen name of J.K. Rowling)
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon
- Dark Places by Gillian Flynn
- The Dinner by Herman Koch
- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
- Flight of Dreams by Ariel Lawhon
- The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
- The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
- Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
- Homecoming by Kate Morton
- In the Woods by Tana French
- Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn
- A Land More Kind than Home by Wiley Cash
- The Life We Bury by Allen Eskens
- Little Black Lies by Sharon Bolton
- Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz
- Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear
- The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman
- Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross
- Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult
- The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
- Ordinary Grace by William K. Krueger
- The Other Typist by Suzanne Rindell
- People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

- The Round House by Louise Erdrich
- Still Life by Louise Penny
- Still Missing by Chevy Stevens
- The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley
- The Tainted Cup by Robert Jackson Bennett
- The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
- The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield
- Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
- Where'd You Go, Bernadette by Maria Semple
- The Widows of Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

NOVELS

- 22 Britannia Road by Amanda Hodgkinson
- The 100-Year-Old Man who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson
- The Alice Network by Kate Quinn
- All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg
- All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler
- Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
- Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin
- Back When We Were Grownups by Anne Tyler
- Bastard Out of Carolina by Dorothy Allison
- Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter
- Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
- Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue
- Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
- Belgravia by Julian Fellowes
- Beloved by Toni Morrison
- The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
- The Book of Bright Ideas by Sandra Kring
- Book Lovers by Emily Henry
- The Boston Girl by Anita Diamant
- Breakfast with Buddha by Roland Merullo
- Breathing Lessons by Anne Tyler
- Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks
- Camp Nine by Vivienne Schiffer
- Cantoras by Carolina de Robertis
- The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway
- Circe by Madeline Miller
- The Circle by Dave Eggers
- Circling the Sun by Paula McLain
- The Condition by Jennifer Haigh
- A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole
- The Coral Thief by Rebecca Stott
- The Crying Tree by Naseem Rakha
- Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
- Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
- Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
- The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
- Emma by Jane Austen
- Enemies: A Love Story by Isaac Bashevis Singer
- Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave
- Exit West by Mohsin Hamid
- Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
- Fourth of July Creek by Smith Henderson
- Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen
- A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
- The Ginger Tree by Oswald Wynd
- The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah
- The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows
- Half Broke Horses by Jeannette Walls
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- Her Daughter's Dream by Francine Rivers
- Her Fearful Symmetry by Audrey Niffenegger
- Her Mother's Hope by Francine Rivers
- Here on Earth by Alice Hoffman
- The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent
- History of Love by Nicole Krauss
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
- Horse by Geraldine Brooks
- Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

- The Hours Count by Jillian Cantor
- The House in the Cerulean Sea by T.J. Klune
- The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd
- James by Percival Everett
- A Jewish Refugee in New York: Rivke Zilberg's Journal by Kadya Moldovskiy
- Kindred by Octavia Butler
- Kitchens of the Great Midwest by J. Ryan Stradal
- The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver
- Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- The Last Girls by Lee Smith
- Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison
- The Leavers by Lisa Ko
- Less by Andrew Sean Greer
- Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
- Liberating Paris by Linda Bloodworth Thomas
- Light in the Ruins by Chris Bohjalian
- Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly
- Little Bee by Chris Cleave
- Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
- Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult
- Loving Frank by Nancy Horan
- Lucky Boy by Shanathi Sekaran
- The Magicians by Lev Grossman
- The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki
- Maine by J. Courtney Sullivan
- Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson
- A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
- March by Geraldine Brooks
- Me Before You by Jojo Moyes
- The Mistress of Spices by Chitra Divakaruni
- The Moonflower Vine by Jetta Carlton
- Mostly Dead Things by Kristen Arnett
- Mrs. Everything by Jennifer Weiner
- Mudbound by Hillary Jordan
- Music Shop by Rachel Joyce
- The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
- Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
- News of the World by Paulette Jiles
- The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
- Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly
- Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson
- Olympus, Texas by Stacey Swann
- On Beauty by Zadie Smith
- The Once and Future Witches by Alix E. Harrow
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
- Outer Banks by Anne Rivers Siddons
- Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
- The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
- The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender
- The Paying Guests by Sarah Waters
- Peace Like a River by Leif Enger
- Perfect Peace by Daniel Black
- The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict
- The Piano Tuner by Daniel Mason
- A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Red Tent by Anita Diamant
- Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier
- Room by Emma Donoghue
- The Rosie Project by Graeme C. Simsion
- Salvage the Bones by Jesmyn Ward
- Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay
- Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman
- The Second Life of Mirielle West by Amanda Skenandore
- The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- The Shack by William P. Young
- The Shadow Catcher by Marianne Wiggins
- Sharks in the Time of Saviors by Kawai Strong Washburn
- Short History of Women by Kate Walbert
- Silver Linings Playbook by Matthew Quick
- Silver Sparrow by Tayari Jones
- Slaughterhouse-Five by Kurt Vonnegut

- Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
- The Snow Child by Eowyn Ivey
- Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
- A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
- A Star for Mrs. Blake by April Smith
- The Stars are Fire by Anita Shreve
- The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
- Sugar by Bernice McFadden
- Swamplandia! by Karen Russell
- Tevye the Dairyman and Motl the Cantor's Son by Sholom Aleichem
- There, There by Tommy Orange
- The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
- This Is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper
- This Motherless Land by Nikki May
- A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
- The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht
- The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
- Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
- True Grit by Charles Portis
- The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows
- The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis
- The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
- The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
- Wandering Stars by Tommy Orange
- Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
- We Need to Talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver
- We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates
- The Wednesday Sisters by Meg Waite Clayton
- The Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown
- What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty
- When All Is Said by Anne Griffith
- The Whistling Season by Ivan Doig
- Wicked by Gregory Maguire
- The Windfall by Diksha Basu
- Wish You Well by David Baldacci
- Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald by Therese Ann Fowler

MEMOIRS

- All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson
- All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg
- Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver
- Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua
- Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- The Bookmaker's Daughter by Shirley Abbott
- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
- Bossypants by Tina Fey
- Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan
- Buffalo for the Broken Heart: Restoring Life to a Black Hills Ranch by Dan O'Brien
- Call the Midwife by Jennifer Worth
- Carry On, Warrior by Glennon Doyle Melton
- Climbing the Mango Trees by Madhur Jaffrey
- The Color of Water by James McBride
- Crazy Brave by Joy Harjo
- Dad is Fat by Jim Gaffigan
- The Dirty Life by Kristin Kimball
- Dispatches from Pluto by Richard Grant
- Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
- Educated by Tara Westover
- Flat Broke with Two Goats: A Memoir of Appalachia by Jennifer McGaha
- The Forgotten Girls: A Memoir of Friendship and Lost Promise in Rural America by Monica Potts
- Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic by Alison Bechdel (Visual/Graphic)
- Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe (Visual/Graphic)
- Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations by Mira Grant (Visual/Graphic)
- H is for Hawk by Helen MacDonal
- The Hemingway Book Club of Kosovo by Paula Huntley
- Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance
- I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- I Feel Bad About My Neck by Nora Ephron

- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
- I Was Told There'd be Cake by Sloane Crosley
- In the Dream House by Carmen Maria Machado
- Just Kids by Patti Smith
- Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain
- The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson
- March, Book 1 by John Lewis (Visual/Graphic)
- March, Book 2 by John Lewis (Visual/Graphic)
- March, Book 3 by John Lewis (Visual/Graphic)
- Maus I: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman (Visual/Graphic)
- Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris
- The Middle Place by Kelly Corrigan
- My Dog Skip by Willie Morris
- My Life As an Experiment by A. J. Jacobs
- My Life in France by Julia Child
- New York Regional Mormon Singles Halloween Dance by Elna Baker
- North Toward Home by Willie Morris
- An Odyssey: A Father, a Son, and an Epic by Daniel Adam Mendelsohn
- The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
- Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood by Marjane Satrapi (Visual/Graphic)
- The Pioneer Woman by Ree Drummond
- The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio by Terry Ryan
- Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi
- Rise: How A House Built a Family by Cara Brookins
- Same Kind of Different as Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, with Lynn Vincent
- Shri!l: Notes from a Loud Woman by Lindy West
- Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder
- Tender at the Bone by Ruth Reichl
- This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage by Ann Patchett
- Trials of the Earth by Mary M. Hamilton
- Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Beals
- Wild by Cheryl Strayed
- Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod by Gary Paulsen
- The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

NONFICTION – GENERAL

- Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
- The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma by Bessel van der Kolk
- The Boys in the Boat by Daniel J. Brown
- Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson
- Cinderella Ate My Daughter by Peggy Orenstein
- Citizens of London by Lynne Olson
- The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting a Generation Up for Failure by Greg Lukianoff
- Confederates in the Attic by Tony Horwitz
- Daring Greatly by Brene Brown
- Dead Wake by Erik Larson
- The Die is Cast: Arkansas Goes to War, 1861 edited by Mark Christ
- The Dressmakers of Auschwitz: The True Story of the Women Who Sewed to Survive by Lucy Adlington
- Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne
- Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond
- Five Days at Memorial by Sheri Fink
- Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family by Robert Kolker
- How Doctors Think by Jerome Groopman, M.D.
- The Lost City of Z by David Grann
- Lost in Shangri-La by Mitchell Zuckoff
- Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will by Stephanie Land
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
- Nine Parts of Desire by Geraldine Brooks
- Nomadland by Jessica Bruder
- The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11 by Garrett M. Graff
- Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
- Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
- So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
- South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon Line to Understand the Soul of a Nation by Imani Perry
- Tiny Beautiful Things by Cheryl Strayed
- Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All by Martha S. Jones
- The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine F. Weiss

SHORT FICTION/ANTHOLOGIES

- The Arabian Nights
- Birds of America by Lorrie Moore
- The Complete Stories by Flannery O'Connor
- Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America 1619-2019 edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain
- Going Away Shoes by Jill McCorkle
- Her Body and Other Parties by Carmen Maria Machado
- The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
- Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri
- The Love of a Good Woman by Alice Munro
- Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
- The Secret Lives of Church Ladies by Deesha Philyaw
- Too Much Happiness by Alice Munro
- Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri

TRUE CRIME

- The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson
- Devil's Knot: The True Story of the West Memphis Three by Mara Leveritt
- The Forgotten Girls: A Memoir of Friendship and Lost Promise in Rural America by Monica Potts
- Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee by Casey Cep
- Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
- Manhunt: The 12-Day Hunt for Lincoln's Killers by James L. Swanson
- Murder in Matera by Helene Stapinski