

New Book Recommendations from Roseburg Library
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It's always a great time to pick up a new book, and I highly recommend these recent releases.

"Everything Is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection" by John Green is a dynamic read for teens and adults.

Green, who became famous for writing young adult novels such as "The Fault in Our Stars" and "Looking for Alaska," recently has pivoted to nonfiction. "Everything Is Tuberculosis" is the culmination of his deep dive into the disease since he traveled to Sierra Leone in 2019 and met a teenager named Henry.

Henry had multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, and despite tuberculosis being a curable, treatable disease, Henry was dying because he lacked access to the healthcare required to cure him.

Green examines the science and social history of tuberculosis, from when it was romanticized in the 1800s to stigmatized and racialized in modern times. And we see how that transition affected Henry and his mother.

"Sunrise on the Reaping" is the latest book in the Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins and my favorite entry since the first book. I recommend reading the books in the order they were published for the best experience.

"Sunrise" is Haymitch's story, and we meet him as a 16-year-old living in District 12 with his mom and brother. He also has a sweetheart with a subversive side. In a chilling scene, Haymitch is selected for the 50th Hunger Games, where he endures the indescribable violence readers have come to expect.

We already know Haymitch "wins" the Hunger Games. It's his losses that make this a stunning read.

"Three Days in June" by Anne Tyler is a short, satisfying novel for fans of Ann Patchett and Richard Russo.

Gail is a school administrator who may or may not be out of a job. It's her daughter's wedding weekend, and the arrival of her ex-husband – with a cat in tow – and the revelation of her future son-in-law's transgression resurrect joyful and sorrowful memories.

Tyler excels at pulling back the curtain on families to expose their messy, beautiful relationships.

Patron Picks Due

Submissions for our special Patron Picks prize are due by 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 30.

Readers may pick up a Patron Picks form at the front desk or go to the library's website at www.roseburgpubliclibrary.org and click on the link titled "Patron Pick form."

Completed forms may be returned in person or submitted by email to library@roseburgor.gov.

Participants will be eligible to win a \$25 gift card to a local store, made possible by Friends of the Roseburg Public Library.

Next week's library events

Tuesday, April 29, 3-5 p.m. – Maker Space Time

Thursday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. – Celtic Harps, Rare Instruments and Wondrous Stories featuring Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter