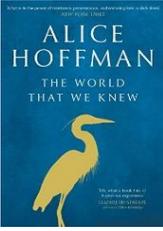
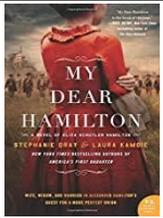
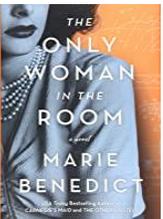
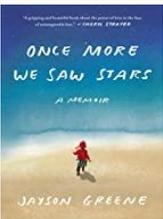
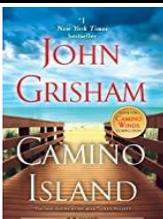
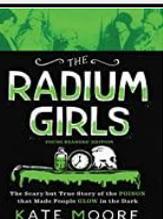


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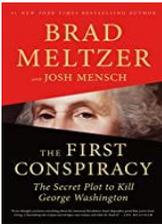
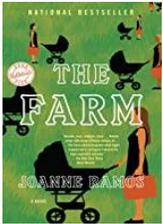
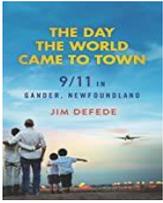
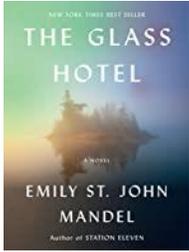
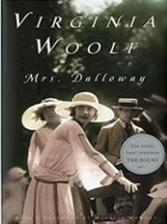
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We provide a library copy of each month's title to borrow.

<b>January 4</b>	<b><i>The World That We Knew</i> by Alice Hoffman</b>
	At the time when the world changed, Hanni Kohn knows she must send her twelve-year-old daughter away to save her from the Nazi regime. Her desperation leads her to Ettie, the daughter of a rabbi whose years spent eavesdropping on her father enables her to create a mystical Jewish creature, a rare and unusual golem, who is sworn to protect Hanni's daughter, Lea. Once Ava is brought to life, she and Lea and Ettie become eternally entwined, their paths fated to cross, their fortunes linked.
<b>February 1</b>	<b><i>My Dear Hamilton</i> by Stephanie Dray &amp; Laura Kamoie</b>
	The epic story of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton—a revolutionary woman who, like her new nation, struggled to define herself in the wake of war, betrayal, and tragedy. Haunting, moving, and beautifully written, Dray and Kamoie used thousands of letters and original sources to tell Eliza's story—not just as the wronged wife at the center of a political sex scandal—but also as a founding mother who shaped an American legacy in her own right.
<b>March 1</b>	<b><i>The Only Woman in the Room</i> by Marie Benedict</b>
	Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side and understood more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star.
<b>April 5</b>	<b><i>Once More We Saw the Stars</i> by Jayson Greene</b>
	A real-life narrative that is as much about hope and healing as it is about grief and loss. Jayson recognizes, even in the midst of his ordeal, that there will be a life for him beyond it--that if only he can continue moving forward, from one moment to the next, he will survive what seems un-survivable. This is an unforgettable memoir of courage and transformation--and a book that will change the way you look at the world.
<b>May 3</b>	<b><i>Camino Island</i> by John Grisham</b>
	A gang of thieves stage a daring heist from a vault deep below Princeton University's Firestone Library. Their loot is priceless, impossible to resist. Mercer Mann is a young novelist with a severe case of writer's block who has recently been laid off from her teaching position. A generous monetary offer convinces Mercer to go undercover and get close to the heist's ringleader, to discover his secrets. But soon Mercer learns far too much, and there's trouble in paradise.
<b>June 7</b>	<b><i>The Radium Girls</i> - true story by Kate Moore</b>
	In the dark years of the First World War, radium makes gleaming headlines across the nation as the fresh face of beauty, and wonder drug of the medical community. Meanwhile, hundreds of girls' toil amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories. The glittering chemical covers their bodies from head to toe; they light up the night like industrious fireflies. With such a coveted job, these "shining girls" are the luckiest alive — until they begin to fall mysteriously ill. And, until they begin to come forward.

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<b>July 12</b>	<b><i>The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington</i> by Brad Meltzer</b>
	In this historical page-turner, New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer teams up with American history writer and documentary television producer, Josh Mensch to unravel the shocking true story behind what has previously been a footnote in the pages of history. Drawing on extensive research, Meltzer and Mensch capture in riveting detail how George Washington not only defeated the most powerful military force in the world, but also uncovered the secret plot against him in the tumultuous days leading up to July 4, 1776.
<b>August 9</b>	<b><i>The Farm</i> by Joanne Ramos</b>
	THE FARM takes the idea of the business of surrogacy to a whole new level. Imagine that poor women were recruited to carry rich people's babies, sent to a farm upstate for nine months, were not allowed to leave, and had to do all the things the "expecting" parents wanted: eating only specific foods, ignoring cravings, spending a certain number of hours with headphones blasting classical music on their bellies . . . their every move controlled.
<b>September 13</b>	<b><i>The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander Newfoundland</i> by Jim Defede</b>
	The True Story Behind the Events on 9/11 that Inspired Broadway's Smash Hit Musical <i>Come from Away</i> . Over the course of those four days, many of the passengers developed friendships with Gander residents that they expect to last a lifetime. This book recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness have touched the lives of thousands of people and been an example of humanity and goodwill.
<b>October 4</b>	<b><i>The Glass Hotel</i> by Emily St. John Mandel</b>
	A hooded figure scrawls a message on the lobby's glass wall: "Why don't you swallow broken glass." In this captivating story of crisis and survival, Emily St. John Mandel takes readers through often hidden landscapes: campgrounds for the near-homeless, underground electronica clubs, the business of international shipping, service in luxury hotels, and life in a federal prison. Rife with unexpected beauty, <i>The Glass Hotel</i> is a captivating portrait of greed and guilt, love and delusion, ghosts and unintended consequences, and the infinite ways we search for meaning in our lives.
<b>November 1</b>	<b><i>Three Things About Elsie</i> by Joanna Cannon</b>
	There are three things you should know about Elsie. The first thing is that she's my best friend. The second is that she always knows what to say to make me feel better. And the third thing...might take a bit more explaining. Eighty-four-year-old Florence has fallen in her flat at Cherry Tree Home for the Elderly. As she waits to be rescued, she thinks about her friend Elsie and wonders if a terrible secret from their past is about to come to light. If the charming new resident is who he claims to be, why does he look exactly like a man who died sixty years ago?
<b>December 6</b>	<b>MUPFL CLASSIC READ - <i>Mrs. Dalloway</i> by Virginia Woolf</b>
	Heralded as Virginia Woolf's greatest novel, this is a vivid portrait of a single day in a woman's life. When we meet her, Mrs. Clarissa Dalloway is preoccupied with the last-minute details of party preparation while in her mind she is something much more than a perfect society hostess. As she readies her house, she is flooded with remembrances of faraway times. And, met with the realities of the present, Clarissa reexamines the choices that brought her there, hesitantly looking ahead to the unfamiliar work of growing old.