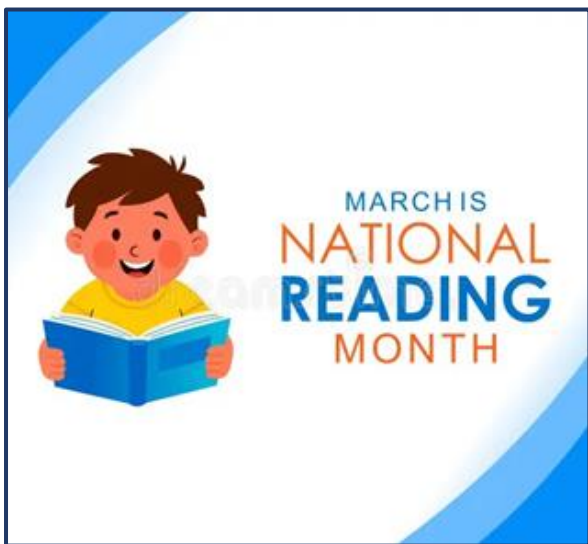




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National Reading Month with Beaumont Library by reading our e-books and our regular books!



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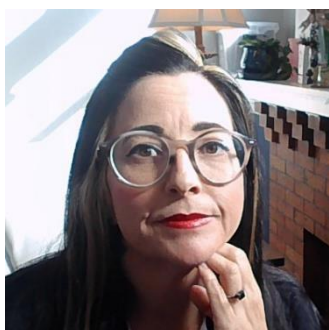


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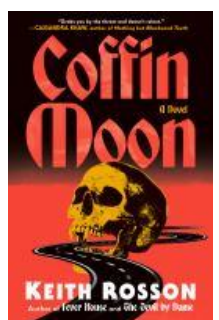
## Beaumont Library Staff Members Give Their Book Reading Recommendations

by Luren Dickinson, Director Emeritus

Now is the time to celebrate libraries for the variety of books they provide while recognizing they also offer other resources, digital access, community events, and a welcoming space for discovery to all ages.



**Kelly Van Valkenburg, Director**—I recommend *Coffin Moon*, by Keith Rosson. Part horror and part thriller, with some crime fiction thrown in, it is a book of vengeance that is not your typical vampire read but it will appeal to readers who



enjoy tales of immortal souls. According to Stephen King, “It will keep you awake long after you turn the last page!”

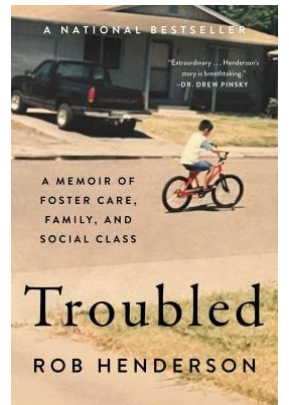
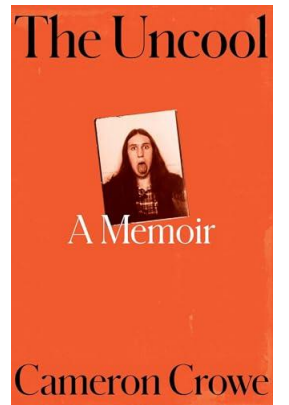
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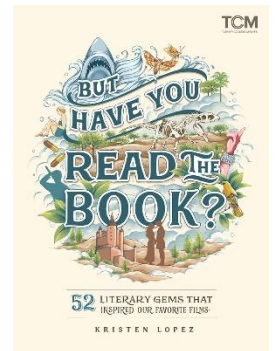
Recently, I came across a couple of excellent memoirs. *The Uncool*, by Cameron Crowe, covers the life of *Rolling Stone*'s youngest teen journalist, later profiled in the movie, *Almost Famous*. *Troubled*, by Robert Kim

Henderson, chronicles a boy's journey from foster care to a B.S. degree from Yale and Ph.D. from Cambridge. Along the way, he came up with the term "luxury beliefs" about families and morality that the wealthy help perpetuate, and that end up contributing to broken families, poverty, addiction, and imprisonment among the less than wealthy.



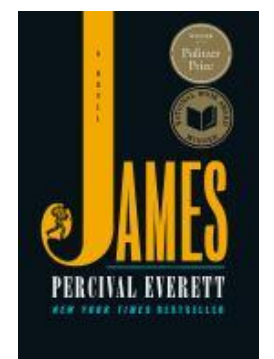
**Tamara Evans, Librarian II—**I read *But Have You Read the Book?: 52 Literary Gems That Inspired Our Favorite Films*, by Kristen Lopez, and was surprised to learn the literary backstory of several of my favorite

movies, including *The Color Purple*, *The Princess Bride*, *Clueless*, and *Crazy Rich Asians*. This is a must read for movie and literature lovers looking for a book/movie pair to enjoy. *The Eagle Huntress: The True Story of the Girl Who Soared Beyond Expectations*, by Aisholpan Nurgaiv with Liz Welch, is an inspiring story of a family's 8th-generation eagle hunter, the youngest and first woman to win the Golden Eagles Festival despite the opposition of male hunters in her country of Mongolia.



**Julia Schumacher, Supervising Librarian—**I liked *The Wedding People*, by Alison Espach. It is a beach-read book without the cloying happy ending. Imagine you are the only person at a hotel not part of a destination wedding there!

And I highly recommend *James*, by Percival Everett. If you have not read this amazing retelling of Huck Finn, it is worth the time. Everett pushes you past what you think you know about enslaved people and brings James to life with dignity and respect. It won the Pulitzer Prize!

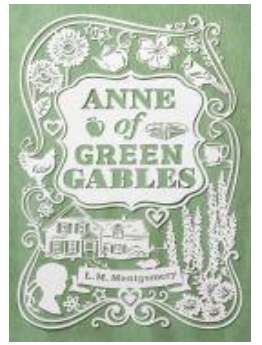


**Annyah McNealy, Library Associate II**—I recommend the



**Annyah's Avatar**

*Anne of Green Gables* series, by Lucy Maud Montgomery, for National Reading Month.



The very first book is *Anne of Green Gables*, followed in order by *Anne of Avonlea*, *Anne*

*of the Island*, *Anne of Windy Poplars*, *Anne's House of Dreams*, and *Anne of Ingleside*. I have read this series dozens of times in my life and have enjoyed it each and every time. It is a true classic with characters that come alive as you read the books.

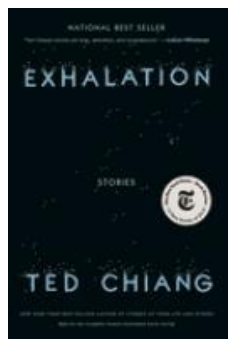


**Devon's Avatar**

**Devon Kimler, Librarian I**—I recommend *Gideon the Ninth*, by Tamsyn Muir, one of the best science-fantasy books about spacefaring necromancers ever. It includes intricate



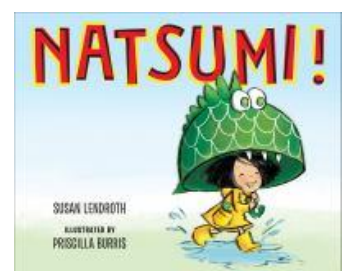
worldbuilding, enemies-to-lovers romance, sword fights, skeletons, and a snarky-but-lovable narrator/protagonist. It is the first in a trilogy, with a fourth on the way. I also recommend *Exhalation*, by Ted Chiang, a collection of short stories by one of the most thoughtful minds in science fiction. Every story hits its mark.



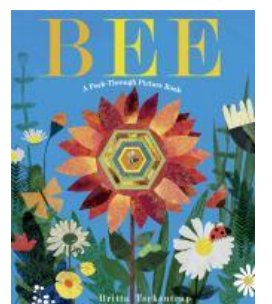
**Jennifer's Avatar**

**Jennifer Perez, Librarian I**—I recommend *Natsumi!*

by Susan Lendroth. Natsumi is a very exuberant young girl, easily relatable to kids. The story is great for excitable toddlers and children up to age 8. I



also recommend *Bee: A Peek-Through Picture Book*, by Britta Teckentrup. It is a lively, rhyming picture book perfect for teaching young readers about the important work of bees. This informative read is for curious preschoolers and children up to age 8.



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### **Library Hours During Construction**

Sunday—1 to 5 p.m.

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Friday—10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday—1 to 5 p.m.

### **Bookmobile Stops**

**Wednesdays**—11 a.m., Chatigny—Storytime

**Thursdays**—11 a.m., Beaumont Presbyterian Church—Storytime

2:30 p.m., Liberty Village

3:30 p.m., Blossom Apartments

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