

Discover literary treasures on library shelves

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“What to read, what to read?” That’s the question on every reader’s mind as they hurdle closer to the finish line of their latest book. How do I find my next great read? With hundreds of thousands of books published each year and all of the incredible titles of the past to pick from, it can be a little overwhelming. Fortunately, I’ve got a few tips on how to have the best chance at finding a great book.

Browse the ‘New Book’ and ‘Popular’ shelves

Ah yes, browsing, the old standby! Sometimes it really can be the best way to find a book. You don’t have to read reviews, compare ratings, or look at Goodreads — I’ve found some of my favorite books this way. You also get a better idea of how big a book is and how long it will take you to read. Although I love epic space operas and fantasy, the 1,000-page reads can be a bit daunting — and a

big-time commitment. I can tell right away if it’s a giant book or a book with tiny text.

At Deschutes Public Library you can find a “new” bookshelf in all of our libraries. Look for the books near the front of the library with round yellow stickers on them that indicate a book was published and purchased less than six months ago. Of course, choosing a new book comes with a risk. Unproven to readers, these could be spectacularly good or bad. Ask the staff for a recommendation.

We also have a popular bookshelf for books that have been popular over the last year. Here you can find a lot of books that have been on top lists. This shelf is a little less risky than the new shelf.

Don’t forget about your local independent bookstore. Used and new bookstores are a great place to browse. Herringbone Bookstore in Downtown Redmond is a wonderful place to browse and talk books with the ever-knowledgeable owner Brandon.

Use the library’s “Your Next Book” service and browse reading recommendations

Another option is to submit a

“Your Next Book” request on the library’s website. Go to www.deschuteslibrary.org. Then use the “Books, Movies, and Music” menu to select “Reading Recommendations” and then “Your Next Book.” After filling out a simple request form, a librarian will review the books, authors, and formats you like and email back with 3 to 5 recommendations. The more detail you can fill in, the better the recommendations will be.

As one of the people who fulfill these requests, it’s a real joy to be able to discover and recommend excellent books to people. With ten different librarians staffing the request line, we have experts in almost every genre. Want a real surprise? Check the “place holds for me” option. You’ll get three surprise books on hold for you ready to be picked up. Order yourself a little reading gift!

Online recommendations

Want to do it all yourself? There are plenty of places to vet books and get new book ideas on your own, both through the library and on the internet. Here are a few of my favorites:

- Spend some time on [\[shtueslibrary.org\]\(http://shtueslibrary.org\) “Recommendations”](http://www.de-

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- **NovelList Plus** is an amazing way to find new books. It’s full of lists, genre guides and more. Try searching for a favorite book or author and then look for the read-alikes. You’ll find lots of books and authors recommended that have similar writing and plot styles.

- **NextReads** delivers monthly newsletters to your inbox full of new book recommendations that link directly to the library so you can easily place a hold and get the book delivered to the library for pick-up.

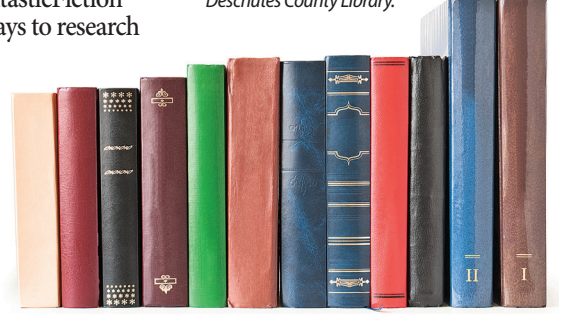
- Check out the “Web Quick Links” on the left. “FantasticFiction” is one of my favorite ways to research book series. Want to know what book is next up? Search for the author to find complete lists.

- Try out **Literary Hub’s BookMarks**. Here, they collect reviews from news outlets and review websites across the

internet to find out which new books are the highest-rated overall. Try out the “Biggest New Books” menu or the “All Categories” to sort by genre. Mouse over any cover to see how many reviews were given overall and if the reviews were “Rave” “Positive” “Mixed” or “Pan.”

- To see what is going on in the world of small publishers and book shops try www.indiebound.org/indie-next-list. You’ll find a nice visual display of recommendations from indie booksellers. Discover a new author or that a favorite old one has a new book out.

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FLASHBACK

Midstate plans to make flight to Klamath Falls in 1947

The Spokesman

100 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1922 — From ‘Local Happenings’

The Tumalo study club gave a mother’s reception at the home of Mrs. R.R. Churchill, Saturday afternoon, May 13. A splendid program was rendered of music and readings pertaining to “Mother.”

The guests were seated at a table beautifully decorated in white and yellow, white carnations being used as favors. Delicious refreshments were served.

75 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1947 — Midstate plans to make flight to Klam-

ath Falls

Redmond, Bend and Prineville pilots will fly to Klamath Falls early Sunday morning on a breakfast hop, leaving at 6 a.m., it was announced today.

Some 12 or 15 planes from the three Central Oregon towns will make the trip, taking more than 30 persons to be guests of the Klamath fliers at the breakfast. Pete Newbill and Ray Royce of Klamath Falls are making arrangements there for the affair.

50 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1972 — Rick Brown elected RHS student proxy

According to results of the Redmond High School student body election, announced during an assembly Monday, Rick Brown will lead the Panthers during the ‘72-’73 school year as student body president, succeeding Bruce Barrett.

Other officers elected were Chris Hallstrom, vice president; Carol Whittier, secretary; Margaret Sturza, treasurer; Nancy Wareing, assistant treasurer; Roberta Eggleston, student store manager; Jack Abbas, student manager, and Dean McClain, assistant student manager.

Heading the varsity rally squad next year will be queen Val Earp. Assisting her cheer the Panthers on will be Betty Audrain, Patty Madden, Jackie

DeLude and Sandy Trowbridge.

The junior varsity rally will be composed of Terry Bergstrom, Jamie Eby, Susie Broadus and Linda Wilde.

25 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1997 — Former officer indicted, plea set

A former Redmond police officer was indicted last week on one count of second-degree official misconduct.

Richard “Dick” Allen Lil, 54, is scheduled to enter a plea and be sentenced on the charge Tuesday.

Little resigned from the Redmond Police Department May 2 following an internal

investigation. He had been on paid administrative leave since mid January, when a Redmond woman filed a complaint alleging inappropriate sexual overtures by Little while he was on duty. According to the indictment, the alleged incident occurred in March 1996.

“The Redmond Police Department has very high moral and ethical standards for its employees,” said Redmond Police Chief Jim Carlton.

Carlton said the investigation began after he received a complaint from a citizen about “behavior that would have reflected on the moral standards of the department.”

Because the complaint was against an employee of a lo-

cal law enforcement agency, the criminal investigation was contacted by an Oregon State Police detective from The Dalles and the Lane County District Attorney’s office.

The nearly four-month investigation ended last Wednesday afternoon when a special grand jury indicted Little on the misconduct charge.

Little joined the department full-time in July 1974 after serving as a reserve officer. He was the department’s first detective and was a corporal for a time before being asked to resign that rank about two years ago.

Little is taking early retirement, after nearly 23 years and the force.

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