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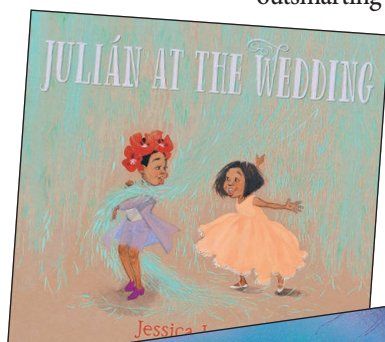
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Reading recommendations from Deschutes librarians

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"Julian at the Wedding," by Jessica Love

"Julian at the Wedding" is a delightful follow up to Love's "Julian is a Mermaid." With the warm breeze of summer and love in the air, the cake is cut and two friends sneak away from the wedding and their abuelitas to make their own fun in the forest. Julian brings us along, imagining, dreaming and creating, this time with a friend, Marisol. You can listen and play along with Julian and Marisol. This book is available in physical book, DVD read along and Hoopla digital read along.



"Stella's Stellar Hair," by Yesenia Moises

If you are looking for a moment of dazzling adventure, "Stella's Stellar Hair" is just for you. This romp through the solar system follows Stella on her quest for the perfect hairstyle. Stella seeks guidance from her intergalactic aunts on a morning that her "hair's not acting right," and finds a style all her own in the end. This picture book contains bright vibrant colors, beautifully illustrated characters and a science-inspired guide to hairstyles best suited for all areas of the Milky Way. Yesenia Moises' first picture book as both author and illustrator is gorgeous and delightful.



—Carly Garzón Vargas, Deschutes Public Library
Latino services coordinator

TEEN BOOKS

"The Way Back," by Gavriel Savit

Two youth journey through the land of the dead in this historical fantasy set in an Eastern European "shtetl," or village. Yehuda searches for a soul he hopes to save while outsmarting demons and valiantly finding his way through an unknown land; Bluma finds herself in the Far Country, burdened with a mysterious spoon that holds unknown powers. The two stories intertwine in a Jewish folklore inspired world that feels both original and timeless.

"Winterkeep," by Kristen Cashore

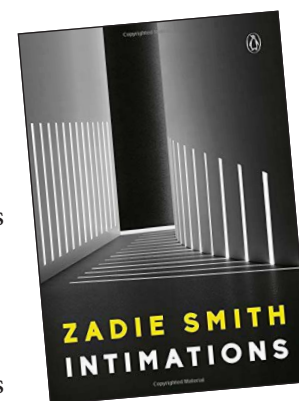
Queen Bitterblue of Monsea has spent her reign healing her country from her father's horrific rule. When she becomes aware of a new country across the Winter Sea and her envoys disappear under suspicious circumstances, the queen must investigate regardless of the consequences. Meanwhile, a parallel coming-of-age story unfolds in the country she leaves behind. The complex plot, set in the Graceling universe and told from multiple perspectives, is challenging in the best of ways. Cashore weaves a tale that seamlessly combines threads of our modern political climate and a completely fantastical realm.

—Josie Hanneman, Deschutes Public Library
community librarian

ADULT BOOKS

"Intimations: Six Essays," by Zadie Smith

How are you navigating the world around you? Smith shares two invaluable intimations: "Talking to yourself can be useful. And writing means being overheard." In an essay format written during the early months of the pandemic, Smith explores her time in isolation, questioning



both significant moments and routine experiences that have drastically changed during the past months. For example: "What is the relationship between time and work? In our isolation, what do people mean to us?" During the pandemic, Smith observes things differently, including a tulip at Jefferson Market City

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