

# LET'S GET BOOKISH:

Readers' Advisory in 2021

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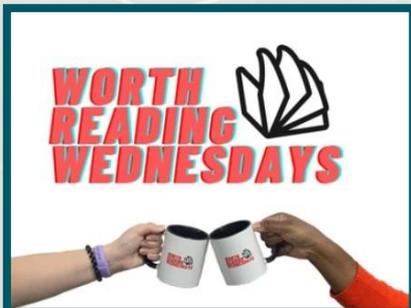
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**Readers' Advisory**  
is providing suggestions  
and guidance in order to help  
patrons find materials that  
are of interest to them.

# Libraries offer RA services **ALL THE TIME!**





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Read this!

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KATE MOORE

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BOOKS that CELEBRATE Diversity  
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Culturally Proficient Reads:  
Latino

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros\*

Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes by Juan Felipe Herrera\*

Red Hot Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Being Young and Latino in the United States by Lori Marie Carlson\*

The Other Side: How Kids Live in a California Latino Neighborhood by Kathleen Krull\*

Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx by Sonia Manzano\*

Gloria Estefan by Janel Rodriguez\*

She's Got Game by Veronica Chambers\*

Latinas Hispanic Women in the United States by Hedda Garza\*

Extraordinary Hispanic Americans by Susan Sinnott\*

Roberto Clemente by Thomas Gilbert\*

\*Indicates Owned & Approved by MHMS or HCPSS

**MYSTERY READALIKES**

LOOKING FOR A GOOD, NON-COZY MYSTERY? DO YOU ENJOY READING LEE CHILD, MARY HIGGINS CLARK & OTHER SIMILAR AUTHORS? FLIP ME OVER TO FIND A FEW SUGGESTED TITLES TO HELP YOU GET STARTED!

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**35 upcoming FANTASY books to read IN 2021**

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# Appeal Factors



Appeal factors help readers decide if a book will fit their style or mood.

# Appeal Factors



- Pacing
- Tone
- Character
- Writing Style
- Story Line

Search Other Databases



Keyword Describe a book Ex. Japan 1930 women Search ?

Basic Search Advanced Search Search History

### Recommended Reads Lists

Fiction Nonfiction

Adult Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

2021 Adult Faves (So Far) »

All Kinds of Lives »

Audiobooks: Fiction »

Australian and New Zealand Fiction »

Book Club Best Bets »

Canadian Fiction »

Fantasy »

Fiction A to Z »

For Fans Of... »

Graphic Novels and Manga »

Historical Fiction »

Horror »

Humorous Fiction »

Literary Fiction »

Mysteries »

Novelist Staff Faves »

Romance »

Science Fiction »

Thrillers and Suspense »

Westerns »

### Let's get programming for the fall

Discover programming advice from trusted experts

From storytimes to book clubs to accessibility, find new tips and ideas.



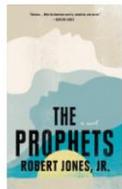
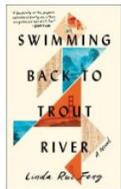
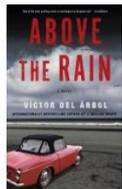
### I'm in the mood for books that are...

Adult Teen Ages 9-12 Ages 0-8

Intricately plotted and Complex Leisured paced and Lush Bittersweet and Hopeful Funny and Banter-filled

### Intricately plotted and Complex

Characters as complicated as the stories they're in.



Want to make your own combo? Try our appeal mixer

# Reading Conversations

Reading Conversations involve talking one-on-one about what they want to read next. A wonderful example of this is a podcast called *What Should I Read Next* with Anne Bogel.



Tell me about a book you disliked. What about it didn't you like?

Tell me about a book you loved. Why did you love it?

What movies or TV shows have you enjoyed lately?

Are you in the mood for anything in particular today?

What author do you wish had a new book out? How come?

# Reading Conversation Pointers

- Listen for those appeal factors
- Never assume reading taste
- Don't use technical terms or library jargon
- Don't censor your suggestions
- Offer diverse authors & titles when possible
- Relax and play each conversation as it happens naturally



LET'S TALK ABOUT  
**CENSORSHIP**  
— IN —  
**READERS' ADVISORY**

# Getting To Know Authors, Genres & Your Collection

GoodReads

NoveList RA Tools

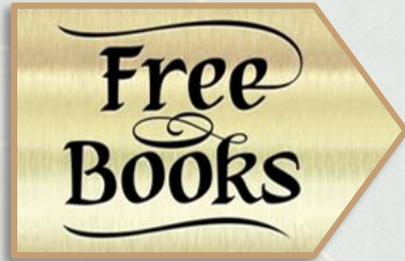
Co-Workers

Keeping your own  
eyes and ears open!

Professional Journals

# NetGalley & Edelweiss

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[Edelweiss](#)

[NetGalley](#)

# MLC Book Match

Need help finding a new read?  
The librarians at MLC want to help!

Answer the questions below and we'll  
send you a list of a few titles we think  
you (or whomever you're answering  
the questions for) might like!



# Helpful Online Tools



[RA for All](#)



[NPR: Books News & Features](#)



[WNDB: We Need Diverse Books](#)



[PLA: Readers Advisory Resources](#)

# Project Ideas

1

Create a handout about NoveList for co-workers and patrons

2

Create a RA display centered around a particular theme

3

Create a RA-related social media post for your library

4

Create a themed RA bookmark or another type of take-away

# THANKS!



**QUESTIONS?**

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