

BOOKS ON THE FRINGE



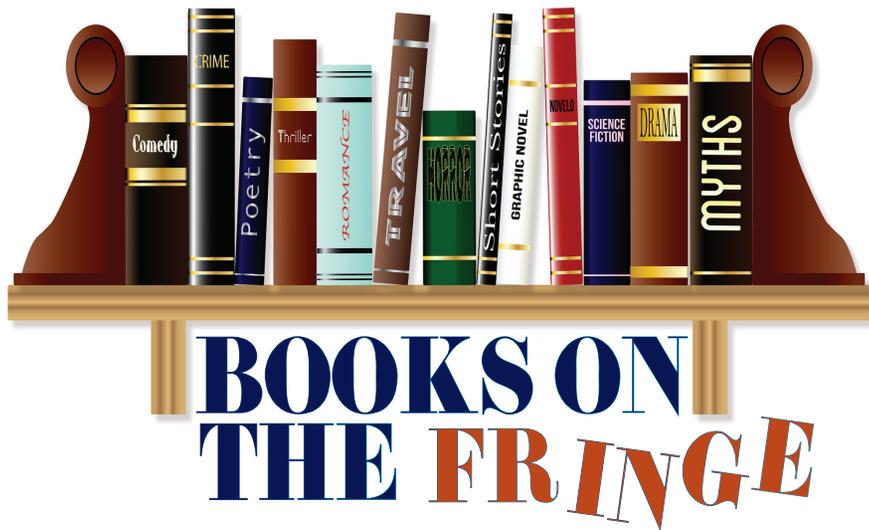
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All fiction and nonfiction titles listed are available
at libraries in the Monroe County Library System.





FICTION

Choose-Your-Own-Adventure for Adults

Are you tired of reading a story once, exactly as written but imagining lots of other possible endings on your own? Did you love choose-your-own-adventure books as a kid? Look for adult “chooseable-path adventures” like Ryan North’s *Romeo and/or Juliet* and *My Lady’s Choosing* by Kitty Curran for something a little bit different that puts the reader in control of the storyline.

Cormier, Robert

I Am the Cheese (1977)

Adam Farmer’s search for his missing father may be more dangerous than he ever imagined. Told through a series of interviews by an unknown authority figure, Adam begins to unravel a secret past that could have devastating consequences.

Enrique, Alvaro

Sudden Death (2016)

A tennis match begins between Italian artist Caravaggio and Spanish poet Quevedo using a tennis ball made of Anne Boleyn’s hair. That’s only the beginning.

Hunt, Samantha

The Dark Dark (2017)

Thirteen pregnant teenagers baffle a high school principal; a sexy robot is sent to kill the Unabomber; a woman wonders how to tell her husband that she transforms into a deer after he goes to sleep; a dog rises from the dead after his owner’s infidelity. Hunt’s genre-bending collection of short stories confronts both the darker parts of human existence and transforms the mundane into the bizarre.

Ishiguro, Kazuo

Never Let Me Go (2005)

Kathy, Tommy, and Ruth are three children who attend a private English boarding school named Hailsham. We watch them grow from younger children to early adulthood. However, there is a catch: Hailsham is not all that it seems. A terrifying question hangs over them: Are their lives truly their own to live?

King, Stephen

Under the Dome (2009)

On a seemingly normal day in rural Maine, a giant dome appears around the town of Chester’s Mill, trapping residents inside and the rest of the world on the outside. As the US military works around the clock to try to find a cause and break through the dome, the residents’ struggle for power and limited resources may end up destroying the town before the mysterious dome does.

Pinborough, Sarah

Behind Her Eyes (2017)

This novel starts out as a tangled web of romance, lies, and secrets. Louise meets David at a bar and then finds out he’s her new boss. Next she meets his wife Adele, and they become friends. When Adele starts helping Louise with her night terrors things become a bit freaky!

Rowley, Steven

Lily and the Octopus (2016)

Ted loves his dog, Lily. When Lily gets an octopus on her head, Ted calls into question all of his past and present choices. Is the octopus karma because of the things he’s done in life? This quirky book will have you laughing, crying and questioning reality.

Schweblin, Samanta

Fever Dream (2017)

Fever Dream is a nightmare come to life, a ghost story for the real world, a love story and a cautionary tale. One of the freshest new voices to come out of the Spanish language and translated into English for the first time; Samanta Schweblin creates an aura of strange psychological menace and otherworldly reality in this absorbing, unsettling, taut novel.

Vandermeer, Jeff

Annihilation (2014)

In this first part of *The Southern Reach Trilogy*, a narrator identified only as The Biologist, tells the story of an all-female expedition to a mysterious, uninhabited region called Area X. Previous missions to Area X have all ended badly and this new team of explorers may be wandering into a world they could not have anticipated.

Williams, Katie

Tell the Machine Goodnight (2018)

Will the machine’s recommendations—such as, for one man, to eat tangerines, receive morning light, and amputate part of his finger—make people happier?

NON-FICTION

Chapman, Marina with Vanessa James and Lynne Barrett-Lee

The Girl with No Name: The Incredible Story of a Child Raised By Monkeys (2012)

This is a true story about a woman who, as a young child, is kidnapped from her Columbian village and released in the rain forest far from home. Four years old at the time, she explores the forest, finds a band of monkeys, receives companionship from them, mimics what they eat, how they communicate, and how they otherwise survive in the forest. Paying careful attention to detail, mood, and sensation, the storytellers offer a vivid account of life in the forest and what came afterwards for this unusual, determined woman.