

Andover Libraries Page

Andover Public Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

At the Heart of Christmas, Jill Monroe
Missing in France, J.D. Mallinson
Blood of Elves, Andrzej Sapkowski
The Last Wish, Andrzej Sapkowski
Sword of Destiny, Andrzej Sapkowski
Dune, Frank Herbert
Dune Messiah, Frank Herbert
Never, Ken Follett
Mercy, David Baldacci
Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone,
 Diana Gabaldon
The Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles
The Mountain Between Us,
 Charles Martin
Cloud Cuckoo Land, Anthony Doerr
Law of the Land, Elmer Kelton
State of Terror, Louise Penny
 and Hillary Clinton
The Butler, Danielle Steel
Autopsy, Patricia Cornwell
The Midnight Lock, Jeffery Deaver
The Stranger in the Lifeboat,
 Mitch Albom
Wish You Were Here, Jodi Picoult
The Dark Hours, Michael Connolly
Game On: Tempting 28,
 Janet Evanovich

These Silent Woods,
 Kimi Cunningham Grant
Fear No Evil, James Patterson
Flying Angels, Danielle Steel

Adult Nonfiction

Pathway to Heaven,
 Helen LaPlante Duchesne
Differently Wired, Deborah Reber
Betrayal, Jonathan Karl
Light For The World to See,
 Kwame Alexander
Undo It!, Dean Ornish, MD
 and Anne Ornish
Children's Books
Escape From Falaise, John Flanagan
I Funny, James Patterson
White Fox, Chen Jiatong
The Beatryce Prophecy,
 Kate DiCamillo
The Never Girls #9 through #13,
 Kiki Thorpe
The Year We Learned to Fly,
 Jacqueline Woodson
Love, Violet,
 Charlotte Sullivan Wild
The Snowman's Song,
 Marilee Joy Mayfield
Daniel and Max Play Together,
 Amy Rosenfeld-Kass
The Nutcracker, Jan Brett
Frozen, Disney

Bachelor Library New Acquisitions

Adult Fiction

The Anomaly, Herve Le Tellier
Benevolence, Meredith Hall
Dead by Dawn, Paul Doiron
An Elderly Lady Is Up To No Good,
 Helene Tursten
*An Elderly Lady Must Not Be
 Crossed*, Helene Tursten
Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone,
 Diane Gabaldon
God Rest Ye, Royal Gentlemen,
 Rhys Bowen
Great Circle, Maggie Shipstead
Hell of a Book, Jason Mott
The Joy and Light Bus Company,
 Alexander McCall Smith
Mercy, David Baldacci
Adult Nonfiction
*The Chancellor: The Remarkable
 Odyssey of Angela Merkel*,
 Kati Marton
Crying in H Mart, Michelle Zauner
*Deep Presence: 13,000 Years of Na-
 tive American History*, Robert G.
 Goodby
Nature's Best Hope,
 Douglas W. Tallamy
*Organic Gardening (Not Just) in the
 Northeast: A Hands-On Month-
 By-Month Guide*, Henry Homeyer
The Salt Path: A Memoir,

Raynor Winn
Wild Silence: A Memoir,
 Raynor Winn
The Stars: A New Way to See Them,
 H.A. Rey
There is Nothing For You Here,
 Fiona Hill
Middle Grade/Young Adult
The Beatryce Prophecy,
 Kate DiCamillo
*Gone to the Woods: Surviving a Lost
 Childhood*, Gary Paulsen
Himawari House, Harmony Becker
The Okay Witch, Emma Steinkellner
*The Okay Witch and the Hungry
 Shadows*, Emma Steinkellner
Children's Books
Darling Baby, Maira Kalman
Fluffy McWhiskers,
 Stephen W. Martin
The Guinea Pig ABC, Kate Duke
Have You Seen Gordon,
 Adam Jay Epstein
*Make Meatballs Sing: The Life and
 Art of Corita Kent*,
 Matthew Burgess
The Mermaid, Jan Brett
The Three Snow Bears, Jan Brett
This Little Baby, Tony Bradman
 and Jenny Williams
Ten Cats Have Hats, Jean Marzollo
Wonky Donkey's Big Surprise,
 Craig Smith

Andover Libraries' Winter Newsletter

Book Club, walking,
and much more

Lee Wells and Priscilla Poulin
Andover Libraries

Happy New Year! We wish everyone a healthy, happy, and successful 2022!

We have been working on compiling lists of the "Best Books of 2021." Both libraries have compiled a list of the 10 most frequently checked out books from our libraries.

What is especially fascinating about these lists is that there is no overlap between the two Andover libraries. At both libraries, the number two book is a kid's book: At the Andover Library, the number two book is Christopher Columbus. At the Bachelor Library, it is Lego: Star Wars.

We have also compiled lists of books that have made several high profile "Best Books of 2021" lists. We looked at lists from newspapers, book stores, online booksellers, literary and library journals, etc, to compile the lists. We will put the books that we own that made the various lists out on display.

Stop by to see how many of the "Best of 2021 Books" you have read; perhaps

there are a few you'd like to check out and read. Spoiler alert: a good number of these books are, not too surprisingly, currently checked out, so you might need to wait before you can check them out. Other books are part of a series, so you might be tempted to start at the beginning of the series.

We also wanted to pass on the news that Hoopla, our digital media supplier, has started a new program called BingePass. When you check out something that is part of Hoopla's BingePass collection – for now, just magazines and the Great Courses collections – the library is charged for one "borrow," but you have unlimited "borrows" from the magazine collection or Great Courses collection for one week. They will be expanding their BingePass collections so stay tuned.

If you scroll down to the bottom of Hoopla's homepage, you will see a link for BingePass. Check it out (or go directly to [HooplaDigital.com/collection/14617](https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/14617)). Please remember that the State Library also has a great collection of digital magazines on Libby. If you haven't signed up for Hoopla or Libby

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Through the Reading Glasses February 2022

Janet Moore, Andover Libraries

When the century turned at midnight on December 31, 1999, no technological protocols and systems were overturned, and the world didn't come to a complete stop. But while my family was inside watching the ball drop, I stubbornly stood outside in the bitter cold, wondering if the stars would remain in alignment.

To my profound relief, the North Star was visible off the handle of the Big Dipper while the sky glittered with heavenly bodies: I've always found the winter sky a clearer window into the wonders of the universe.

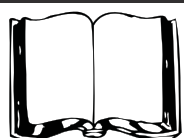
Not so with astrobiologist Theo Byrne and his son, Robin, in Richard Powers' new novel, *Bewilderment*. After his wife's untimely death, Theo is left to raise Robin on his own, not an easy feat with a boy under the sometimes destructive spell of an autistic-like brain and emotional bereavement. But they both love the stars and the clear skies of the Great Smoky Mountains.

As Theo tries ever harder to get Robin through school without the help

of psychoactive drugs, he learns of an experimental treatment involving neurofeedback that sounds promising. There's just one catch: Theo and his wife participate in the same friend/scientist's brain research, and Robin will be trained on the recorded patterns of his mother's brain.

There's just one catch, again. As long as the project is funded, Robbie will take on all the best traits of his mother. As Theo struggles to digest the worsening news of a president gone mad with power, of pandemics, extinctions, and finally, the withdrawal of his own space telescope funding, Robbie chooses homeschooling and sets out to detail his minute observations. And then there's the final catch. The experimental project funding is halted.

If you've read *Flowers for Algernon* you'll know what's coming. Read *Bewilderment* anyway. The story encompasses the full range of human emotions, and, in Theo and Robbie's story, you may find yourself looking up at the stars and down into your heart and discovering hope.



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