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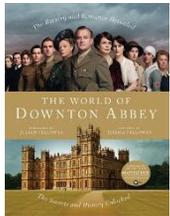
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Staff members of the Benson Public Library share some of their favorite books...

Recommended by Peggy:

The World of Downton Abbey **by: Jessica Fellows**

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A lavish look at the real world--both the secret history and the behind-the-scenes drama--of the spellbinding Emmy Award-winning Masterpiece TV series Downton Abbey

April 1912. The sun is rising behind Downton Abbey, a great and splendid house in a great and splendid park. So secure does it appear that it seems as if the way it represents will last for another thousand years. It won't. Millions of American viewers were enthralled by the world of Downton Abbey, the mesmerizing TV drama of the aristocratic Crawley family--and their servants--on the verge of dramatic change. On the eve of Season 2 of the TV presentation, this gorgeous book--illustrated with sketches and research from the production team, as well as on-set photographs from both seasons--takes us even deeper into that world, with fresh insights into the story and characters as well as the social history.

Recommended by Kelli:

"C" is for Corpse (Kinsey Millhone Mysteries)

by: Sue Grafton

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He was young-maybe twenty or so-and he must once have been a good-looking kid. Kinsey could see that. But now his body was covered in scars, his face half-collapsed. It saddened Kinsey and made her curious. She could see he was in a lot of pain. But for three weeks, as Kinsey'd watched him doggedly working out at the local gym, putting himself through a grueling exercise routine, he never spoke.

Then one Monday morning when there was no one else in the gym, Bobby Callahan approached her. His story was hard to credit: a murderous assault by a tailgating car on a lonely rural road, a roadside smash into a canyon 400 feet below, his Porsche a bare ruin, his best friend dead. The doctors had managed to put his body back together again-sort of. His mother's money had seen to that. What they couldn't fix was his mind, couldn't restore the huge chunks of memory wiped out by the crash. Bobby knew someone had tried to kill him, but he didn't know why. He knew he had the key to something that made him dangerous to the killer, but he didn't know what it was. And he sensed that someone was still out there, ready to pounce at the first sign his memory was coming back. He'd been to the cops, but they'd shrugged off his story. His family thought he had a screw loose. But he was scared-scared to death. He wanted to hire Kinsey.

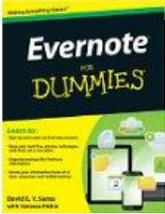
His case didn't have a whole lot going for it, but he was hard to resist: young, brave, hurt. She took him on. And three days later, Bobby Callahan was dead.

Kinsey Millhone never welshed a deal. She'd been hired to stop a killing. Now she'd find the killer.

Recommended by Andrew:

Evernote for Dummies, By: David E. Y. Sarna

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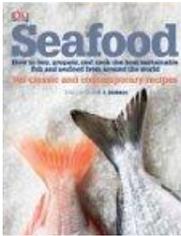
Voicemail, email, things to do, things to get, people you know, places you've been, places to be... Who can remember it all? You can, with Evernote. Evernote is a free suite of software and services that makes it easy to remember things big and small using your computer, phone, tablet, and the web. If you can see it or think of it, Evernote can help you remember it. Type a text note. Clip a web page. Snap a photo. Grab a screenshot. Evernote makes it easy to keep track of it all, and Evernote For Dummies makes Evernote even easier. Written in the fun and informative For Dummies style, Evernote For Dummies introduces you to the key features of Evernote, from getting started and opening your own Evernote account to the essentials of capturing information and creating a simple text note. The book shows you how to capture everything—clip a web page, create a voice note, scan a note, even capture a note from a picture. Author David Sarna reveals the secrets of letting Evernote help you organize all your information including how to synchronize; import, export, and merge notes; and store to-do lists, business cards, even items from Facebook and Twitter—plus find it all superfast. Evernote For Dummies makes it easy to use Evernote everyday. Explains how to download and install Evernote on all your devices, open an account, create notes, clip a web page, save a photo, grab a screenshot, even collect items from social media like Facebook and Twitter. Shares tips on organizing your information by using tags or different notebooks, and on finding what you need—even printed and handwritten text inside images—fast. Includes advice on enhancing Evernote with third-party applications, troubleshooting common problems, and more. Unless you're an elephant who never forgets, you'll want to remember Evernote For Dummies, the most useful guide to the program that remembers it for you.

Recommended by Vicky:

Seafood,

By: C. J. Jackson

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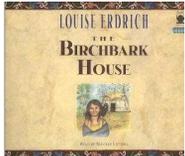
The most comprehensive, fully illustrated cookbook on seafood and freshwater fish available, *Seafood* features all widely available fish and shellfish, explains how to prepare them, how to use them in recipes inspired by the world's great cooking traditions, and the best way to cook them to bring out their flavor.

No other book photographs as many species of fish, has as many illustrated techniques, or explains as clearly the complex issues of ethical commercial fishing and buying responsibly. With more than 300 recipes and using readily available ingredients and quick, simple methods, *Seafood* will have a place on the bookshelf of any chef.

Recommended by Megan:

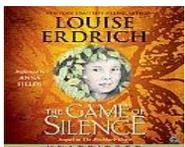
Over the years, the focus of Louise Erdrich's writing has been her Indian heritage of the Upper Midwest. Her childhood was shaped by attending a Bureau of Indian Affairs school in North Dakota where her parents taught (mother was of French-Ojibwe descent and father was of German stock). The author skillfully leads you through the adventures, joys, and adversity faced by the family. You will enjoy listening about a Native American family (Ojibwe tribe or Chippewa), in which tanning moose hides, picking berries, and scaring crows from the cornfield are as commonplace as encounters with bear cubs and fireside ghost stories.

#1 The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich, Jr. Audio Book



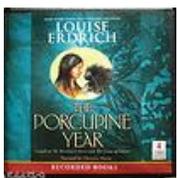
7-year-old Omakayas, or Little Frog, so named because her first step was a hop. The sole survivor of a smallpox epidemic on Spirit Island, Omakayas, then only a baby girl, was rescued by a fearless woman named Tallow and welcomed into an Ojibwa family on Lake Superior's Madeline Island, the Island of the Golden-Breasted Woodpecker. We follow Omakayas and her adopted family through a cycle of four seasons in 1847, including the winter, when a historically documented outbreak of smallpox overtook the island.

#2 The Game of Silence by Louise Erdrich, not available



Omakayas's small community is shocked by the arrival of strangers, other native peoples who have been displaced by chimookomanag, or white people. Frightened, half-starved and angry, the survivors become part of Omakayas's life, and their harrowing stories instill fear and anxiety into everyone's hearts. Could they be the next to lose their homes?

#3 The Porcupine Year by Louise Erdrich, Jr. Audio Book



The Porcupine Year, continues the joys and sorrows of a family of Ojibwe during the mid-19th century, Omakayas, the heroine of the series, is 12 winters old and feels caught in an in-between place.

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**Members of the Benson Friends of the Library
share some of their favorite books...**

Recommended by Patricia Doolan



My Beloved World is a memoir written by Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic justice on the United States Supreme Court, about her childhood, education and life through 1992. With candor and intimacy, Associate Justice Sotomayor recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the Federal bench, a progress that is a testimony to her extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself. She describes her resolve as a young woman to become a lawyer, and how she made this dream become a reality: valedictorian of her high school class, summa cum laude at Princeton, Yale Law School, prosecutor in the Manhattan D.A.'s office, private practice, federal district judge before the age of forty. She writes about her valued mentors, about her failed marriage and about her cherished family of friends. Through her eyes, America's infinite possibilities are envisioned anew.