2025-2026 Book List Selections

Meeting at 2:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month except for July, August and December in the lounge at St. Laurence Anglican Church

Contact Bruce Middleton at 604-941-4562 for a Zoom Link if you cannot attend in person.

 September 9, 2025

 Chop Suey Nation, by Ann Hui, nonfiction, 282 pages, FVRL 9, CPL 2, PMPL BPL 4

The surprising history and vibrant present of small town Chinese restaurants from Victoria BC to Fogo Island NL.

October 14, 2025

Best Laid Plans, by Terry Fallis, fiction, 314 pages, FVRL 4, CPL 3, PMPL 1, BPL 1

A humorous tale about a long-shot candidate who unexpectedly wins a federal election, and then decides to see what good an honest man who is not interested in being re-elected, can do in Parliament.

November 11, 2025

The Mermaid Chair, by Sue Monk Kidd, fiction, 335 pages, FVRL 2, CPL 1, PMPL 1, BPL 1

A vividly imagined love story between a woman and a monk, a woman and her husband, and ultimately a woman and her own soul, The Mermaid Chair is a transcendent tale of self-discovery.

January 13, 2026

The Myth of Normal, by Dr. Gabor Mate', nonfiction, 562 pages, FVRL 50, CPL 1, PMPL 7, BPL 23,

A bracing critique of how our society breeds disease and a pathway to health and healing.

February 10, 2026

In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote, nonfiction, 343 pages, FVRL 4, CPL 1, PMPL 1, BPL 4

A powerful account of the brutal slaying of a Kansas family by two ex-convicts.

March 10, 2026

The Other Side of the Coin, by Angela Kelly, nonfiction, 304 pages, FVRL 3, CPL 0, PMPL 0, BPL 4

A look at the behind-the -scenes workings of the Queen's wardrobe and the role played by the author who was her personal assistant, dresser and designer.

April 14, 2026

The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig, fiction, 289 pages, FVRL 13, CPL 5 PMPL 2 BPL 12

Between life and death there is a library. When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now her life has been full of misery and regret and she feels that she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change.

May 12. 2026

The Fisherman's Gift, by Julia R. Kelly, fiction, 355 pages, FVRL 4, CPL 1, PMPL 0, BPL 4

 In 1900, on a beach in a small Scottish village, a young boy washes onto a beach, unable to speak and resembling the school teacher's son, who disappeared on the same beach many years before. After the teacher agrees to take in the boy until his parents could be found, strange coincidences begin to happen.

June 9, 2026

Someone Else's Shoes, by Jojo Moyes, fiction, 438 pages, FVRL 21, CPL 1, PMPL 2, BPL 5.

A story of mix-ups, mess-ups and making the most of second chances.

Chose 9 books for next year's list.

FVRL= Fraser Valley Regional Library, CPL=Coquitlam Public Library, PMPL= Port Moody Public Library and BPL= Burnaby Public Library.