

125 BOOKS for 125 YEARS



Jeffersonville Township
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating 125 years the best way we know how: with our favorite books!

125 years ago, JTPL opened with a collection of 1,700 books. Now we serve our community with more than 105,000 volumes and two locations!

To celebrate, our librarians have put together a list of 125 books we love from across the years.

Dive into our shelves to find out why we love what we do.

LITERARY FICTION

- YELLOWFACE
RF. KUANG (2023)
- THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES
TOM WOLFE (1987)
- TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW
GABRIELLE ZEVIN (2022)
- WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY
MICHIKO AOYAMA (2020)
- TRUST
HERNAN DIAZ (2022)
- THE NIGHT WATCHMAN
LOUISE ERDRICH (2020)
- SHARK HEART
EMILY HABECK (2023)
- THE OTHER BLACK GIRL
ZAKIYA DALILA HARRIS (2021)
- THE BULLET SWALLOWER
ELIZABETH GONZALEZ JAMES (2024)
- THE POISONWOOD BIBLE
BARBARA KINGSOLVER (1998)

"THE LIBRARY IS AN ARENA OF POSSIBILITY, OPENING BOTH A WINDOW INTO THE SOUL AND A DOOR ONTO THE WORLD"
- RITA DOVE

ROMANCE

- HOPE BETWEEN THE PAGES
PEPPER BASHAM (2021)
- BEFORE I CALLED YOU MINE
NICOLE DEESE (2020)
- RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE
CASEY MCQUISTON (2019)
- THE OBSESSION
NORA ROBERTS (2016)
- BEFORE I LET GO
KENNEDY RYAN (2022)
- YOU SHOULD BE SO LUCKY
CAT SEBASTIAN (2024)

HISTORICAL FICTION

- HOMEGOING
YAA GYASI (2016)
- EMPTY VOWS
MARY MONROE (2022)
- BELOVED
TONI MORRISON (1987)
- THERE ARE RIVERS IN THE SKY
ELIF SHAFAK (2024)
- THE SUN IS MY UNDOING
MARGUERITE STEEN (1941)
- THE MADNESS OF JOHN TERRELL
STEPHEN TERRELL (2024)
- TIME OF THE CHILD
NIALL WILLIAMS (2024)
- THE BOOK THIEF
MARKUS ZUSAK (2005)

MYSTERY & SUSPENSE

- GALWAY'S EDGE
KEN BRUEN (2025)
- MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
AGATHA CHRISTIE (1934)
- THE WAITING
MICHAEL CONNELLY (2024)
- A TIME TO KILL
JOHN GRISHAM (1989)
- NONE OF THIS IS TRUE
LISA JEWELL (2023)
- FAIRY TALE
STEPHEN KING (2022)
- THE MISERY HOUSE
DAVID KUMMER (2023)
- LONG BRIGHT RIVER
LIZ MOORE (2020)
- ALONG CAME A SPIDER
JAMES PATTERSON (1993)
- HOW CAN I HELP YOU
LAURA SIMS (2023)
- NEW YORK DEAD
STUART WOODS (1991)

"THE TRUE REASON I READ IS TO FEEL LESS ALONE, TO MAKE A CONNECTION WITH A CONSCIOUSNESS OTHER THAN MY OWN."
- ZADIE SMITH

AROUND THE WORLD

- THE HOUSE OF THE SPIRITS
ISABEL ALLENDE (1982)
- THE THREE MUSKETEERS
ALEXANDRE DUMAS (1844)
- THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH
KEN FOLLETT (1989)
- IN AN ANTIQUE LAND
AMITAV GHOSH (1992)
- A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS
KHALED HOSSEINI (2007)
- THE THREE-BODY PROBLEM
CIXIN LIU (2008)
- ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE
GABRIEL GARCIA MARQUEZ (1967)
- MEXICAN GOTHIC
SILVIA MORENO-GARCIA (2020)
- THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS
ARUNDHATI ROY (1997)
- AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 GAMES
MARCUS DU SAUTOY (2023)
- WHITE TEETH
ZADIE SMITH (2000)

SHARING THE JOY OF LIFELONG LEARNING FOR 125 YEARS

FANTASY & SCI-FI

THE LEFT HAND OF DARKNESS
URSULA K. LE GUIN (1969)

A MURDER IN TIME
JULIE MCELWAIN (2016)

MISTBORN
BRANDON SANDERSON (2006)

THE HOBBIT
J.R.R. TOLKIEN (1937)

THE MARTIAN
ANDY WEIR (2011)

**"A BOOK IS PROOF THAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF WORKING MAGIC."
- CARL SAGAN**

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY
DOUGLAS ADAMS (1979)

LIGHT FROM UNCOMMON STARS
RYKA AOKI (2021)

THE SEER
LOVE TASHIA ASANTI (2024)

KINDRED
OCTAVIA BUTLER (1979)

CHILDHOOD'S END
ARTHUR C. CLARKE (1953)

THE CITY WE BECAME
N.K. JEMISIN (2020)

THE HOUSE IN THE CERULEAN SEA
TJ KLUNE (2020)

PICTURE BOOKS

GOD BLESS THE GARGOYLES
DAV PILKEY (1996)

THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD
WATTY PIPER (1930)

EL FANDANGO DE LOLA
ANNA WITTE (2011)

MIDDLE GRADE

AMARI AND THE NIGHT BROTHERS
B.B. ALSTON (2021)

POSTED
JOHN DAVID ANDERSON (2017)

BEEZUS AND RAMONA
BEVERLY CLEARY (1955)

ARTEMIS FOWL
EOIN COLFER (2001)

THE BLACK BOOK OF COLORS
MENENA COTTIN (2006)

BIGMAMA'S
DONALD CREWS (1991)

HENRY AND THE BUCCANEER BUNNIES
CAROLYN CRIMI (2005)

OH NO! SANTA'S GOING TO THE MOON!
LINCOLN CRUM (2024)

THE DAY OF AHMED'S SECRET
FLORENCE PARRY HEIDE (1995)

ISLANDBORN
JUNOT DÍAZ (2018)

THE QUICKEST KID IN CLARKSVILLE
PAT ZIETLOW MILLER (2016)

NON-FICTION

QUIET
SUSAN CAIN (2012)

OPEN VEINS OF LATIN AMERICA
EDUARDO GALEANO (1971)

OUTLIERS
MALCOLM GLADWELL (2008)

KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON
DAVID GRANN (2017)

A DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY
ERIK LARSON (2003)

CLASSICS

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE
JANE AUSTEN (1813)

JANE EYRE
CHARLOTTE BRONTË (1847)

INVISIBLE MAN
RALPH ELLISON (1952)

1776
DAVID MCCULLOUGH (2005)

JEFFERSONVILLE, INDIANA
GARRY NOKES (2002)

THE SECRET LIVES OF BOOKSELLERS AND LIBRARIANS
JAMES PATTERSON & MATT EVERSMAH (2024)

THE ELECTRIC KOOL-AID ACID TEST
TOM WOLFE (1968)

GILGAMESH
TRANSLATED BY JOHN GARDNER & JOHN MAIER (1985)

THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD
ZORA NEALE HURSTON (1937)

GREGOR THE OVERLANDER
SUZANNE COLLINS (2003)

FOUND
MARGARET PETERSON HADDIX (2008)

MARCH
JOHN LEWIS (2013)

YOUNG ADULT

CHILDREN OF BLOOD AND BONE
TOMI ADEYEMI (2018)

THE MISEDUCATION OF CAMERON POST
EMILY M. DANFORTH (2012)

PET
AKWAEKE EMEZI (2019)

TURTLES ALL THE WAY DOWN
JOHN GREEN (2017)

A WRINKLE IN TIME
MADELEINE L'ENGLE (1962)

YOUR PRESIDENTIAL FANTASY DREAM TEAM
DANIEL O'BRIEN (2016)

BOMB
STEVE SHEINKIN (2012)

MANIAC MAGEE
JERRY SPINELLI (1990)

**"THE LIBRARY IS LIKE A CANDY STORE WHERE EVERYTHING IS FREE."
- JAMIE LEE CURTIS**

THE THINGS THEY CARRIED
TIM O'BRIEN (1990)

THE MERRY ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD
HOWARD PYLE (1883)

HAMLET
WILLIAMS SHAKESPEARE (1603)

MEMOIR

THE MESSAGE
TA-NEHISI COATES (2024)

DIRTBAG QUEEN
ANDY CORREN (2025)

WHO'S THAT GIRL?
EVE (2024)

SOMEBODY'S DAUGHTER
ASHLEY C. FORD (2021)

OUT HERE
BOB HILL (2024)

WHEN BREATH BECOMES AIR
PAUL KALANITHI (2016)

FRANKENSTEIN
MARY SHELLY (1818)

DRACULA
BRAM STOKER (1897)

INFINITE JEST
DAVID FOSTER WALLACE (1996)

MATRIARCH
TINA KNOWLES (2025)

I'M GLAD MY MOM DIED
JENNETE MCCURDY (2022)

TENDER AT THE BONE
RUTH REICHL (1998)

I HEARD HER CALL MY NAME
LUCY SANTE (2024)

CRYING IN H MART
MICHELLE ZAUNER (2021)

FAT CHANCE, CHARLIE VEGA
CRYSTAL MALDANADO (2021)

A MADNESS SO DISCREET
MINDY MCGINNIS (2015)

POETRY

THE POET X
ELIZABETH ACEVEDO (2018)

THE WORLD KEEPS ENDING, AND THE WORLD GOES ON
FRANNY CHOI (2022)

ONE HUNDRED AND ONE FAMOUS POEMS
ROY JAY COOK (1916)

THE SELECTED POEMS OF EMILY DICKINSON
EMILY DICKINSON (1855-65)

BE HOLDING
ROSS GAY (2020)

GAME CHANGER
NEAL SHUSTERMAN (2021)

BLACK ENOUGH
IBI ZOBOI (2019)

20 LOVE POEMS AND A SONG OF DESPAIR
PABLO NERUDA (1924)

THE SONNETS
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (1609)

CONNECTING PEOPLE AND IDEAS SINCE

1900

About the Jeffersonville Township Public Library:

Since its founding on December 17, 1900, on the second floor of Citizens National Bank, JTPL has been dedicated to sharing free resources and programs with our community and connecting people with one another.

This year, we're celebrating how much we've grown with new locations, new spaces, and, of course, new books. Celebrate with us by trying something at the library that's new to you!

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4. Cut out this yellow pocket along the dotted yellow lines.
5. Fold along the solid blue lines so that it forms a pocket with these instructions on the inside.
6. Tape the side flaps to the back of the pocket.
7. Slide your brochure inside and enjoy!

