

Summer on Blossom Street* by Debbie Macomber (Fiction, Large Print)

Upbeat cancer survivor Lydia and her pragmatic sister, Margaret, start a "Knit to Quit" group in their Blossom Street yarn store in Seattle, bringing in a delightful assortment of customers for weekly self-help sessions, including a local baker who wants a baby as much as Lydia does, a super-stressed chocolate magnate who takes the knitting class after his doctor suggests it, and a young woman who is trying to quit obsessing about a broken engagement.

The Sunflower by Richard Paul Evans* (Fiction, Large Print)

After her fiancé calls off their marriage a week before the wedding, heartbroken Christine Hollister reluctantly agrees to accompany her friend Jessica to Peru to do volunteer work in an orphanage, where she meets American doctor Paul Cook.

The Tea House on Mulberry Street* by Sharon Owens (Fiction)

Struggling with a stale marriage and the outdated atmosphere of their tea house, Penny and Daniel Stanley serve a host of refuge-seeking customers, including a star-struck artist and a mysterious woman who seeks a long-lost companion.

Ties of Affection by Tessa Barclay (Fiction)

After none of her employees want to clean for the eccentric Moorfield family, Olivia Fletcher decides to take on the job herself, and finds her life becoming complicated as she becomes emotionally attached to the family.

A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks* (Fiction, Paperback)

A nostalgic look back at the 1950s in a story of first love set in a small North Carolina town.

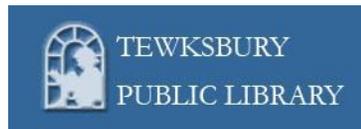
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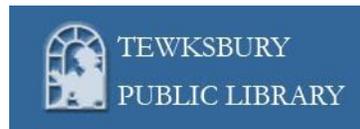
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Aunt Dimity's Death* by Nancy Atherton (Fiction & Paperback)

Summoned from her latest dreadful temp job by her lawyers, Lori Shephard discovers that **Aunt Dimity**--her mother's favorite bedtime story heroine--was a real person who has left her millions and the challenge to solve an eerie mystery.

At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon (Fiction, Large Print, audio)

A portrait of the mysteries and miracles of everyday life introduces the small North Carolina town of Mitford and its colorful inhabitants, including Tim, a bachelor rector, who is falling in love with his neighbor.

Christmas Cookie Club by Ann Pearlman (Large Print)

This riveting debut novel follows the rich and complicated friendships among thirteen women who meet for a cookie exchange every year on the first Monday of December. Everyone has to bring a dish, a bottle of wine, and their stories.

Civil and Strange by Clair Ni Aonghusa (Fiction)

Tells the story of three very different people in modern-day Ireland, each confronting a cross-road in life: 38-year-old Ellen, escaping a failed marriage and Dublin to recapture her magical youth in Ballindoon; her uncle Matt, a local farmer; and Beatrice, a widow recovering from the suicide of her elder son.

Country Wives* by Rebecca Shaw (Fiction)

Kate is recovering from a broken love affair by settling into her job as a receptionist at the local vets' office until the arrival of Dan, a brusque, no-nonsense vet from the big city, joins the practice, setting everyone on edge.

Farewell to Fairacre by Miss Read* (Fiction)

The much-loved headmistress of Fairacre School, in bad health, retires and finds that she must somehow deal with an unwanted suitor, nosy neighbors, and Mrs. Pringle, her cleaning woman.

Julie and Romeo: A Novel* by Jeanne Ray* (Fiction)

Meet the Cacciamanis and the Rosemans, rival florists and bitter enemies for as long as either family can remember, until one day when divorced Julie Roseman and widowed Romeo Cacciamani meet by chance at a small business seminar in the Boston Sheraton.

The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love* by Joan Medlicott (Fiction)

Grace, Amelia, and Hannah decide that the last thing they want to do is live out their lives in a group home, and so, to the dismay of *their* children, they pool their resources and move to Covington, North Carolina, and new lives.

Lake Wobegon Days* by Garrison Keillor (Fiction)

A young narrator chronicles his coming-of-age in Minnesota's Lake Wobegon, a fictitious small town where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.

Leah's Choice* by Marta Perry (Large Print)

An Amish woman relies on her faith as she is courted by both Daniel Glick, widower and newcomer to Pleasant Valley, and Johnny Kile, her former fiance, who seeks reconciliation after choosing to leave the community.

The Life All Around Me By Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons (Fiction)

Fifteen-year-old Ellen settles into a permanent home with a new mother, where she manages conflicted feelings through her ritual visits to the county fair, her poetry, and her growing relationship with marriage-oriented Stuart.

Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind* by Ann B. Ross (Fiction)

Recently widowed and newly wealthy, Miss *Julia* is visited one day by Hazel Marie, who claims that her nine-year-old son is the child of Julia's late husband, and when Julia is left to care for the child, she reveals the scandal that precipitated her husband's death.

Prayers for Sale by Sandra Dallas (Fiction)

Set in the high country of Colorado during the Depression, this is the story of an unforgettable friendship between two women--eighty-six-year-old Hennie Comfort and seventeen-year-old Nit Spindle--and the deepest hardships and darkest secrets they shared with each other.

P.S. I love you by Celia Ahearn (Fiction)

Holly has always depended on her husband's practical advice to keep her going and despairs when she loses him to brain cancer, until a package arrives filled with advice for carrying on with her life without her beloved husband.

The Quilter's Apprentice* by Jennifer Chiaverini (Fiction, Playaway)

Sarah, struggling to find a job and a sense of place in her new town, finds herself learning how to quilt from a cantankerous old woman who also teaches her about the deep love that can exist between friends.

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