

Summertime and The Reading Is Easy!

Whether you're lounging at the pool, sitting on the beach or waiting in an airport there's a good chance you'll use some of that time to catch up on your reading. Southern Maryland-This is Living asked some local librarians to offer up ideas for what to read this summer, for both adults and youth. Hopefully you'll have some free time on your hands and you can dive into a good book!

Here are some suggestions from **Mariana Sprouse**, branch manager at the P.D. Brown Memorial Branch in Waldorf; **Karen Wilson**, mobile services associate for the Mobile Services Branch of the Charles County Public Library; and **Melissa Lauber**, public services librarian at the Waldorf West Branch.

BOOKS FOR ADULTS

"The Summerhouse" by Jude Deveraux

Three best friends with the same birthdays are celebrating by going to a summerhouse in Maine. None of them expect what awaits them: the chance to turn their "what-might-have-beens" into reality.

"Bourbon Kings" by JR Ward

The Bradford Family have long been kings in the bourbon industry. When Tulane comes home the past comes with him and no one in his family is untouched.

"Stars of Fortune" by Nora Roberts

Sasha Riggs is having visions of stars, goddesses and one evil mistress. She joins friends in Corfu, Greece, to study and train to face off against the dark. Each one holds secrets and until they share them they have no chance of solving the mystery.

"Witch With No Name" by Kim Harrison

Rachel is tasked with finding a way to save the souls of vampires. With the power she has as both witch and day-walking demon, it is her responsibility to save the world and the demon ever after.

"Delusion in Death" by J.D. Robb

Lt. Eve Dallas is called to the aftermath of a bloody battle at a downtown bar. She and her

partner are faced with a sea of bodies. After another attack the body count is rising. They are racing to find who is behind these attacks before another one occurs.

“Emperor’s Revenge” by Clive Cussler

A bank heist during the Grand Prix race in Monaco ends up draining Corporation funds. Juan and his crew come up against a world-class hacker and a mastermind scheme based on some documents from the era of Napoleon.

“The Rumor” by Elin Hilderbrand

Madeline and Grace are best friends and the envy of Nantucket for their perfect marriages, their beautiful kids and their Sunday night double dates with their devoted husbands. But this summer, something’s changed, and if there’s anything Nantucket likes better than cocktails on the beach at sunset, it’s a good rumor.

YOUTH BOOKS

“Ladybug Girl at the Beach”

by David Soman and Jacky Davis

The ocean is big and loud. Lulu builds sandcastles, flies a kite, and gets ice cream to stay out of the water until the ocean snatches her pail. As Ladybug Girl, Lulu is able to face her fears and learn just how much fun the beach (and ocean) can be.

“Pirates Past Noon (Magic Tree House Book 4)” by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie travel to a deserted island where they enjoy the beach until pirates show up! Will they find treasure or be forced to walk the plank?

“The Maze of Bones”

by Rick Riordan

What would you choose: one million dollars or a clue – a clue that leads to more clues in a scavenger hunt that could lead to all the power in the world?

“All Summer Long”

by Hope Larson

Bina is facing summer without her best friend. Bina watches bad TV, plays guitar and is generally bored. Then Bina finds an unlikely companion in her friend’s older sister.

BOOKS FOR TEENS

“Forgotten” by Cat Patrick

Each night London Lane’s memory is erased while she sleeps and all she “remembers” is the future. She must rely on notes she leaves herself, her best friend and her mother to get through. Things get complicated when she meets a new boy. She has no notes about him and no memory of him in her future.

“One of Us is Lying”

by Karen M. McManus

Five students walk into detention but only four walk out. Simon, the outcast and creator of a notorious gossip app, never makes it out and everyone else is a suspect.

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