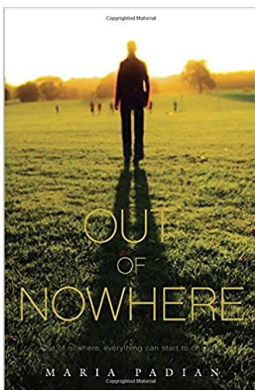


Library Staff Picks Week 4

We at the Norwalk Public Library are continuing to bring interactive, fun content to our patrons through our virtual library. Our doors may be closed, but the Library will always be open online! Here is another week of fantastic staff picks to stock up on in Hoopla and Overdrive (Libby)!

Out of Nowhere by Maria Padian



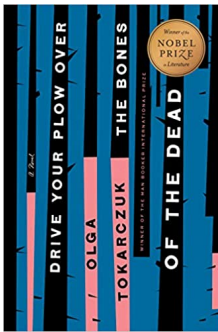
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A realistic fiction set in a small town in Maine. The mostly white, working-class population is grudgingly accepting of newly arrived Somali refugees.

Senior Tom Bouchard doesn't give them much thought until 4 of them join his soccer team. Soon, differences in language, culture and religion start to make themselves felt. Tensions start to rise in the community, and Tom is questioning everything he thought to be true.

- Lisa, Teen Librarian

***Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk**

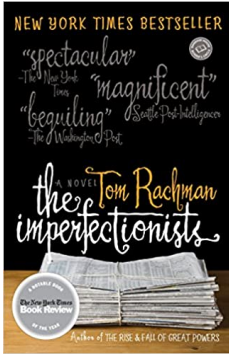


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“Tokarczuk's protagonist is Janina — an aging astrologist who lives in a secluded Polish village right on the Czech-Polish border, who spends her time pontificating in capitalizations (Mankind, Darkness, or Perpetual Light) and translating the poetry of one William Blake. Naturally, everyone around her thinks she's an anarchic crank. It's easy to invest in Janina, so thoroughly imagined is she as a character; even easier to hope that she's right in thinking the dead bodies turning up all around her are acts of revenge — by animals, on the local hunters.” (August 16, 2019 NPR Review, by Kamil Ahsan)

- Sally, Reference

***The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman**



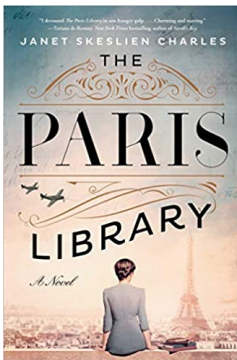
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This isn't a new book, but a funny, delightful read offering food for thought. It's a collection of entwined novellas linking stories of people working in a newsroom of English language paper in Rome. Published in 2010, the book addressed print newspapers' fears of being swallowed by the Internet while presenting a motley crew of hilarious characters. The fact that ten years later the jury is still out makes it an interesting story to revisit.

- Tina, Reference

***The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles**

- Historical fiction based on the WWII story of the heroic librarians of the American Library in Paris. Pub. date 6/2/20.



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Promoted as an "unforgettable" story of romance, friendship, family, and the power of literature to bring us together, I wanted to love this book. Although I did identify with the portrayal of library staff as being completely committed to the wellbeing of their patrons during exceedingly dire circumstances, i thought the writing was too bland to convey the true depth of emotions and horror of that time period. This book's main character, Odile, charmingly Parisian and wise, will engage those who love libraries and books, yet I doubt the book will remain with you as a memorable read.

- Caryn, Reference