

Library Lines 2.0

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Hello Fellow Readers and Happy 2020!

The Kirkland Town Library is starting the New Year with new hours. As a thank you for all the support you give us throughout the year, and particularly in May with the passing of our first budget vote, we are excited to open our doors for more visits, more explorations and more discoveries.

Through March 29, the library will be open:

Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sundays from 12 to 4 p.m.

Please check our website for special activities on these days as we welcome you to come in from the cold and conquer the winter blues at your library.

I like reviewing the "Best of" or "Top 10" lists of 2019, regardless of the subject: the best movie, the best song, the top 10 athletes or the top 10 news stories.

The list of the top 19 books circulated at the Kirkland Town Library in 2019 includes two biographies (B) and a non-fiction book, two juvenile books (J), one of which is written in verse form, four mysteries and 10 fiction books.

One book was published in 1999, 2011, 2012 and 2016. Two were published in 2017 and 2019 respectively, and all the rest in 2018.

Settings range from England and Australia, to Idaho and Colorado, to Manhattan and Los Angeles.

Six of the titles are the author's debut work, and three are from authors who have written over 40.

Here's the list, along with

where the book placed in Mid-York Library's System top circulated books of 2019:

19) Wonder by R.J. Palacio (J)

18) Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks

17) Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai (J, verse form)

16) The Wedding Guest by Jonathan Kellerman

15) Becoming (No. 2 in Mid-York) by Michelle Obama (B)

14) The Boy by Tami Hoag

13) Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

12) The Silent Patient (No. 8 in Mid-York) by Alex Michaelides

11) The Library Book by Susan Orlean (Call number 027.479.0RL)

10) The Reckoning (No. 3 in Mid-York) by John Grisham

9) Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty

8) Dark Sacred Night by Michael Connelly

7) Plainsong by Kent Haruf

6) The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg

5) There, There by Tommy Orange

4) Past Tense by Lee Child

3) A Gentleman in Moscow my Amor Towles

2) Educated: A Memoir (#5 in Mid-York) by Tara Westover (B)

1) Where the Crawdads Sing (also No. 1 in the Mid-York Library System) by Delia Owens.

This list could be a fun reading challenge for 2020. How many have you read? And if you like reading challenges, stop by or email us for the "KTL Staff Reading Challenge," created by members of the KTL staff. There's one for adults and one for children.

Here's to a year chock-full of good reads!