

Hello fellow readers!

While the typical month for setting yearly resolutions is past, you can start a reading challenge at any time --- and the Kirkland Town Library's Reading Challenge would be the perfect tool. Created by our staff, there is a challenge for children, teens and adults. The challenges can be found on our website (www.kirklandtownlibrary.org). Click on the programs tab and the appropriate challenge will be at the top of each page. Or, email us at clinton@midyork.org and we will happily send them to you. Of course, you can always stop in and pick one up! Complete the challenge and win a prize!

You can start right now too. Here are three of the twelve challenges from the adult level with suggestions.

Read a book with a green cover.

- 1) "Almost Everything: Notes on Hope" by Anne Lamott (170.44 LAM)
From the book jacket: "In this profound and funny book, Lamott calls for each of us to rediscover the nuggets of hope and wisdom buried with us that can make life sweeter than we ever imagined."
- 2) "Everything Inside: Stories" by Edwidge Danticat (Fiction)
This is a collection of eight stories about family, community and love set in locales from an unmaed country in the Caribbgean to Miami and beyond. It "explores with quiet power and elegance the forces that pull us together or drive us apart, sometimes in the same searing instant."

Read a book that is a memoir.

- 1) "The Art of Resistance: My Four Years in the French Underground" by Justus Rosenberg (B Rosenberg)
Just released, this book received a starred review from *Kirkus Reviews* who calls it a "gripping memoir" and *Publishers Weekly* describes it as "having all the suspense of a tense spy thriller." The author "has spent the past seventy years teaching the classics of literature to American college students. Hidden within him, was a remarkable true story of wartime courage and romance worthy of a great novel." (book jacket)
- 2) "Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: a memoir of going home" by Rhoda Janzen (818 JAN)
"When her husband left her for another man, and that same week a car accident left her with serious injuries, Janzen returns home to her close-knit Mennonite community, which welcomed her with open arms and generous advice. A hilarious and moving memoir." (catalog abstract)

Read a book that has been translated into English from another language.

1. "The Coronation" by Boris Akunin
Boris Akunin is the pen name of Grigory Chkhartishvili, who was born in the Republic of Georgia in 1956. Akunin published his first detective novel in 1998 and has gone on to become one of the most widely read authors in Russia. He is the author of the Fandorin mysteries and in "The Coronation," the "handsome, stuttering Fandorin is back in Moscow--and in for a case that entangles him with the highest echelons of Romanov royalty." (catalog summary)

2. "Death is Hard Work" by Khaled Khalifa

Khaled Khalifa was born in 1964 in a village close to Aleppo, Syria. He has written numerous screenplays and is the author of several novels. He lives in Damascus, a city he has refused to abandon despite the danger posed by the ongoing Syrian civil war. (catalog) "Death is Hard Work" is a tale of three siblings determined to honor their father's last wish to be buried in the family plot in their ancestral village. However, their country is a war zone and fulfilling this request will have consequences for all of them.