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STEP OFF THE BEATEN PATH THIS SUMMER BY JOINING OUR ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY 2024 READING CHALLENGE

Embark on a new adventure with books that broaden your horizons. Explore the great outdoors, travel to a nearby land or exotic planet, challenge yourself to learn a new skill or subject, or discover your new favorite author.

Register for the Adult Summer Reading Challenge online or in person.

Pick up a Summer Reading Challenge Kit, (reading challenge info sheet, raffle ticket bookmarks, and suggested reading lists) at the Service Desk beginning Monday, July 1st. Read a book from one of the challenges and let us know what you read by filling out the raffle ticket bookmark. Any completed raffle ticket bookmarks received by Saturday, August 17th will be entered into the Raffle Prize drawing. The more you read, the better your chances of winning!

Can't make it to the library? Register online and print a Summer Reading Challenge Kit from the online registration page. Send a picture of completed bookmark(s) raffle tickets to info@quoguelibrary.org.

CHALLENGE GUIDELINES

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must be registered for the Quoque Library Summer Reading Challenge
- Cannot use the same book for multiple raffle tickets
- Prompts do not have to be completed in order (you may also use your own challenge prompt(s) but please list or include on the raffle ticket)
- Audiobook, eBook, or print formats are all valid for raffle ticket entries
- · Partially completed raffle tickets will not be accepted in raffle drawing
- The potential winner will be selected at random. The winner will receive a large raffle picnic reading basket.
- Raffle ticket(s) must be filled out and submitted by Saturday, August 17th to be included in the raffle drawing. The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible raffle tickets received. Many people may enter, but only one person can win. The more books you read, the better your chances of winning!
- The name of the raffle winner will be announced in Quogue Library marketing

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2024 READING CHALLENGE PROMPTS

☐ 1. A memoir adventure book
2. A book by a new author
3. A book recommended by the library, blog, or friend
4. A nonfiction book exploring a new skill or subject
5. The first book in an adventure/fantasy series
☐ 6. A book reviewed or recommended by your favorite author
7. An adventure book with a strong female protagonist
8. An adventure book that has been adapted into a movie or TV series
9. A book with a magical quest or journey
☐ 10. A book set in a forest or woodland
☐ 11. A book set in a desert or arid landscape
☐ 12. A book based on a sea expedition
☐ 13. A book from a new genre (than you normally read)
14. A travel book or book about a place you have never visited
☐ 15. A book about space or another planet
☐ 16. A book about new discoveries (science, history, technology)
☐ 17. An adventure book with political intrigue
☐ 18. A book by an author you haven't read before
19. An inspirational outdoor adventure book
20. An action-adventure book
21. A book about a historical journey or pilgrimage
22. A book about self-discovery
23. An adventure or outdoor book by a bipoc author
24. An adventure or outdoor book about your local area
25. A book by a foreign author or set in a foreign country

Here are some recommendations—books inspired by adventure, the world, personal development, or all of the above. These are stories of expeditions, challenges, and adventures of many kinds.

Prompt #1 - A Memoir Adventure Book

Educated

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Tara Westover

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

Stay True

Hua Hso

In the eyes of eighteen-year-old Hua Hsu, the problem with Ken with his passion for Dave Matthews, Abercrombie & Fitch, and his fraternity—is that he is exactly like everyone else. Ken represents all that he defines himself in opposition to. The only thing Hua and Ken have in common is that, however they engage with it, American culture doesn't seem to have a place for either of them.

BRIGHT REATURES

SHELBY



Prompt #2 - A Book by a New Author

The Golden Spoon

Jessa Maxwell

Betsy Martin isn't as warm off-screen as on, GOLDEN **SPOON** though no one needs to know that but her. She has always demanded perfection, and gotten it with a smile, but this year something is off. As the baking competition commences, things begin to go awry. At first, it's merely sabotage-sugar replaced with salt, a burner turned too high-- but when a body is discovered, everyone is a suspect.

Remarkably Bright Creatures Shelby Van Pelt

REMARKABLY After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium. Tova becomes acquainted with Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but

wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Prompt #4 - A Nonfiction Book Exploring a New Skill or Subject

sailing

The Sailing Bible Jeremy Evans

The Sailing Bible is a comprehensive handbook for all sailors, whatever their experience. It takes novice sailors from learning the anatomy of their boat to

handling emergencies while experienced sailors get sound advice and expert tips that will improve their skills, safety and enjoyment on the water.

The Milkweed Lands Eric Lee-Mader

Ecologist Eric Lee-Mäder and noted botanical artist Beverly Duncan have teamed up to create this unique exploration of the complex ecosystem

that is supported by the remarkable milkweed plant, often over-looked or dismissed as a road-side weed. They trace every stage of the plant's changes and evolutions throughout the seasons, including germination, growth, flowering, and seed development. Prompt #7 - An Adventure Book With a Strong Female Protagonist

Lessons in Chemistry

Bonnie Garmus

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, she would be the first to point

1960s and her all-male team at Hastings

Throne of Glass Sarah J. Maas

In a land without magic, an assassin is summoned to the

castle. She has no love for the vicious king who rules from his throne of glass, but she has not come to kill him. She has come to win her freedom. If she defeats twentycompetition, she will be released from

Prompt #5 - The First Book in an Adventure/Fantasy Series

ADVENTURES OF AMINA AL-SIRAFI

The Adventures of Amina al-Sirafi Shannon Chakraborty

Amina al-Sirafi should be content. After a storied and scandalous career as one of the Indian Ocean's most notorious pirates. But when she's tracked down by the wealthy mother of a former crewman, she's offered a job no bandit could refuse: retrieve her comrade's kidnapped daughter for a

kingly sum. The chance to have one last adventure with her crew, do right by an old friend, and win a fortune that will secure her family's future forever? It seems like such an obvious choice that it must be God's will.

Fourth Wing Rabecca Yarros

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general—also known as her tough-astalons mother—has ordered Violet to join the dragon riders.

Friends, enemies, lovers. Everyone at Basgiath War College has an agenda because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die



SARAH J.

THRONE

Dune

Frank Herbert

Set on the desert planet Arrakis, Dune is the story of Paul Atreides—who would become known as Muad'Dib—and of a great family's ambition to bring to fruition mankind's most ancient and unattainable dream.

Seabiscuit

Laura Hillenbrand

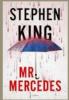


Seabiscuit was one of the most electrifying and popular attractions in receiving more coverage than FDR, Hitler, or Mussolini. But his success was

a surprise to the racing establishment, which had written off the crooked-legged racehorse with the sad tail. Three men changed Seabiscuit's fortunes.

Mr. Mercedes

Stephen King



In the frigid pre-dawn hours, in Midwestern city, hundreds of

for a spot at a job fair. Without warning, a lone driver plows through the crowd in a stolen Mercedes, running over the innocent, backing up, and charging again. Eight people are killed; fifteen are wounded. The

The Shining

Stephen King

Jack Torrance's new job at the Overlook Hotel is the perfect chance for a fresh start. But as the harsh winter weather sets in, the idyllic location feels ever more remote... and more sinister. And the only one to notice the strange and terrible forces gathering around the Overlook is Danny Torrance, a uniquely gifted five-year-old.

Hidden Figures Margot Lee Shetterly



The phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's

Prompt #10 - A Book Set in a Forest or Woodland

The Princess Bride

William Goldman

This adventure story has everything you could want: the good guy, some bad guys, the girl, sword fighting, revenge, romance, of course a happy ending, and rodents of unusual size. Join Westley the plucky farm boy, Buttercup the beautiful young maiden, Inigo Montoya the driven, embittered swordsman, and many other strange and unusual characters in this swashbuckling tale of good-natured silliness.

Gothikana

RuNvx

An outcast her entire life, Corvina Clemm is left adrift after losing her mother. When she receives the admission letter from the mysterious University of Verenmore, she accepts it as a sign from the universe. The last thing she expects though is an olden, secluded castle on top of a mountain riddled with secrets, deceit, and death.

Prompt #9 - A Book With a Magical Quest or Journey

Wendy, Darling

A.C. Wise

Now a grown woman, a mother, a patient and a survivor, Wendy must follow

Peter back to Neverland to rescue her daughter and finally face the darkness at the heart of the island.

Prompt #11 - A Book Set in a Desert or Arid Landscape

The Wild One

Colleen McKeegan

Amanda Brooks is a born-and-bred New Yorker with an envious life: she's in a great graduate school program, lives in a cozy Tribeca apartment, and is head-over-heels for her handsome, committed boyfriend. But Amanda's life isn't as picture perfect as it seems. For

over a decade she's been hiding a dark secret and the truth threatens to explode the tightly controlled façade of her life.

Stolen

Lucy Christopher

Sixteen-year-old Gemma is on a layover at Bangkok Airport, headed to Vietnam with her parents. Then the vaguely familiar Ty drugs Gemma's drink and steals her away. Her head swirling in confusion, Gemma soon finds herself fighting to survive in the unforgiving Outback.



T.R.R. TOLKIEN

snug hole in the ground, dining on a sumptuous dinner in front of a fire. But when a wandering wizard captivates him with tales of the unknown, Bilbo becomes restless. Soon he joins the wizard's band of homeless dwarves in search of giant spiders, savage wolves, and other dangers.

A Day in the Life of Abed Salama

Nathan Thrall

Five-year-old Milad Salama is excited for a school trip to a theme park on the outskirts of Jerusalem. On the way, his bus collides with a semitrailer. His father, Abed, gets word of the crash and rushes to the site. The scene is chaos—the children have been taken to different hospitals in Jerusalem and the West Bank; some are missing, others cannot be identified. Abed sets off on an odyssey to learn Milad's fate. It is every parent's worst nightmare, but for Abed it is compounded by the maze of physical, emotional, and bureaucratic obstacles he must navigate because he is Palestinian.

Prompt #12 - A Book Based on a Sea Expedition

The Wager David Grann

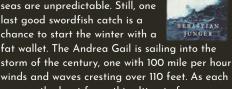
On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of WAGER Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated

men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. They were survivors of His Majesty's Ship the Wager, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain.

The Perfect Storm

Sebastian Junger

In late October, North Atlantic seas are unpredictable. Still, one last good swordfish catch is a chance to start the winter with a



winds and waves cresting over 110 feet. As each man on the boat faces this ultimate foe, Sebastian Junger gives the account an immediacy that fills The Perfect Storm with suspense and authenticity.





Shackleton

Ranulph Fiennes

To write about Hell, it helps if you have been there. In 1915, Sir Ernest Shackleton's attempt to traverse the Antarctic was cut short when his ship, Endurance, became trapped in ice. The disaster left Shackleton and his men alone at the frozen South Pole, fighting for their lives. Their survival and escape is the most famous adventure in history.

<u>Wavewalker</u>

Suzanne Heywood

Aged just seven, Suzanne Heywood set sail with her parents and brother on a three-year voyage around the world.

What followed turned instead into a decade-long way of life, through storms, shipwrecks, reefs and isolation, with little formal schooling. No one else knew where they were most of the time and no state showed any interest in what was happening to the children.

Empire of Ice and Stone Buddy Levy

Just six weeks after the Karluk departed, giant ice floes closed in around her. As the ship became icebound, Stefansson disembarked

with five companions and struck out on what he claimed was a 10-day caribou hunting trip. Most on board would never see him again.

STONE

LYNDA RUTLEDGE

Giver

Stars

Prompt #15 - A Book About Space or Another Planet

The Martian Andv Weir

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor on a desperate, last-chance mission - and if he fails, humanity and the Earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. All he knows is that he's been asleep for a very, very long time. And he's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company.

Girlfriend on Mars Deborah Willis

Deborah Willis Amber Kivinen is moving to Mars. Or at least, she will be if she wins a chance to join MarsNow. She and twenty-three reality TV contestants from around the worldincluding attractive Israeli soldier Adam, endearing fellow Canadian Pichu, and an assortment of science nerds and wannabe influencers—are competing for two seats on the first human-led mission to Mars, sponsored by billionaire Geoff Task.

MARGARET ATWOOD

THE SHOWMAN

EXPECTATIONS

VINSON CUNNINGHAM

Prompt #16 - A Book About New Discoveries (science, history, technology)

<u>**Hunting the Falcon**</u> John Guy

desire for Anne Boleyn changed him and his country forever. By closely examining the most recent archival discoveries, and peeling back layers of historical myth and misinterpretation and distortion, Guy and Fox are able to set Anne and Henry's tragic relationship against the major international events of the

A Brief History of Intelligence

Max Bennett

In the last decade, capabilities of artificial intelligence that had long been the realm of science fiction have become our reality. And yet, large gaps remain in what modern Al systems can achieve—indeed, human brains still easily perform intellectual feats that we can't replicate in Al systems. As Max Bennett compellingly argues, finding the answer requires diving into the billion-year history of how the human brain evolved. Not only do our brains have a story to tell—the future of Al may depend on it.

How the World Really Works

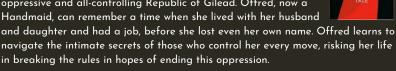
Vaclay Smil

We have never had so much information at our fingertips and yet most of us don't know how the world really works. This book explains seven of the most fundamental realities governing our survival and prosperity. From energy and food production, through our material world and its globalization, to risks, our environment and its future, How the World Really Works offers a much-needed reality check—because before we can

Prompt #17 - An Adventure Book With Political Intrigue

The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood

After a staged terrorist attack kills the President and most of Congress, the government is deposed and taken over by the oppressive and all-controlling Republic of Gilead. Offred, now a Handmaid, can remember a time when she lived with her husband



Prompt #19 - An Inspirational Outdoor Adventure Book

The Lost Pianos of Siberia

Sophy Roberts

Dotted throughout this remote land are pianos—grand instruments created during the boom years of the nineteenth century, as well as humble, Soviet-made uprights that found their way into equally modest homes. They tell the story of how, ever since entering Russian culture under the westernizing influence of Catherine the Great, piano music has run through the country like blood.

The Showman Simon Shuster

Time correspondent Simon Shuster chronicles the life and wartime leadership of Volodymyr Zelensky from the dressing rooms of his variety show in Ukraine to the muddy trenches of his war with Russia. The Showman tells an intimate and eye-opening story of the President's evolution from a slapstick actor to a symbol of resilience, revealing how he managed to rally the world's democracies behind his cause.

West with Giraffes

Lynda Rutledge

West. It's 1938. The Great Depression lingers. Hitler is threatening Europe, and world-weary Americans long for wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a twelve-day road trip in a custom truck to deliver Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo.

Great Expectations

Vinson Cunningham

When David first hears the Senator from Illinois speak, he feels deep ambivalence. Intrigued by the Senator's idealistic rhetoric, David also wonders how he'll balance the fervent belief and inevitable compromises it will take to become the United States' first Black president.

The Giver of Stars

Jojo Moyes

Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve jojo hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town moves Kentucky guickly proves equally claustrophobic, especially living alongside her overbearing father-in-law. So, when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically.

The Drifter

Nick Petrie

Peter Ash came home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with buzzing claustrophobia due to post-traumatic stress that has driven him to spend a year roaming in nature, sleeping under the stars. When a friend from the marines commits suicide, Ash returns to civilization to help the man's widow with home repairs. Under her porch, he finds more than he bargained for. He finds himself at the center of a plot that is far larger than he could have imagined...and it may lead straight back to the world he thought he'd left for good.



The Iliad

Homer, translated by Emily Wilson

Dating to the ninth century B.C., Homer's timeless poem still vividly conveys the horror and heroism of men and gods wrestling with towering emotions and battling amidst devastation and destruction, as it moves inexorably to the wrenching, tragic conclusion of the Trojan War.



The Song of Achilles

Madeline Miller

When word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, the men of Greece, bound by blood and oath, must lay siege to Troy in her name. Seduced by the promise of a glorious destiny, Achilles joins their cause, and Patroclus follows. Little do they know that the Fates will test them both as never before and demand a terrible sacrifice



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Prompt #21 - An Book About a Historical Journey or Pilgrimage

The Odyssey

Homer, translated by Emily Wilson

When the wily warrior-king Odysseus sets off for home after the Trojan War, he doesn't realize this simple undertaking will become a perilous journey of 10 years. Beset at every turn, he encounters obstacles, detours, and temptations—both supernatural and human—while his wife Penelope fends off would-be suitors desperate to take the



<u>A Man of Two Faces</u>

are forced to flee his hometown of Ban Mê Thuôt and come to the USA as has stayed back in Vietnam and ultimately visits her. He grows to understand just how much his parents have left behind. As his parents age, he worries increasingly about their comfort and care and realizes that some of their older wounds

Prompt #22 - An Book About Self-Discovery

Why We Remember Chiran Ranganath

A new understanding of memory is emerging from the latest scientific research. In Why We Remember,



Ranganath radically reframes the way we think about the everyday act of remembering. He reveals the surprising ways our brains record the past and how we use that information to understand who we are in the present, and to imagine and plan for the future.

The Body Keeps the Score Bessel van der Kolk

Trauma is a fact of life. Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, one of the world's foremost experts on trauma, has spent more than three decades working with survivors. He uses recent scientific advances to show how trauma literally reshapes both body and brain, compromising sufferers' capacities for pleasure, engagement, self-control, and trust. The Body Keeps the Score exposes the tremendous power of our relationships both to hurt and to heal - and offers new hope for reclaiming lives.

Prompt #23 - An Adventure or Outdoor Book by a Bipoc Author

Sankofa Chibundu Onuzo

F/1111 Searching through her mother's belongings one day, Anna finds clues about the African father she never knew. His student diaries chronicle his involvement in radical politics in 1970s London. Anna discovers that he eventually became the president - some would say dictator - of a small nation in West Africa. And he is still alive....

Starry Messenger Neil de Grasse Tyson

After thinking deeply about how science Tyson sees the world and about Earth as a planet, the human brain has the capacity to reset and recalibrates life's priorities, shaping the actions we might take in response. No outlook on culture, society, or civilization remains untouched.

Prompt #24 - An Adventure or Outdoor About Your Local Area

The Women Who Made NY

Iulie Scelfo

were revolutionaries and activists,



women who led quieter private lives but were just when her husband became too ill to work.

Viet Thanh Nguyen

At the age of four, Nguyen and his family refugees. Nauven is homed with a family on his own. Years later, he learns about an adopted sister who are reopening.

Fire Island Jack Parlett

Jack Parlett tells

meaning and its cultural significance—told through the O. Harris tell the story of a queer space in constant evolution.

Hiking Long Island

Lee McAllister

Whether a resident flora, and fauna. Each hike includes a schematic map. Public information when available.

The Lost Boys of Montauk

Amanda Fairbanks

In March of 1984, the Wind Blown left Montauk offshore voyage. After a fight of their lives.



Long Island Discovery Seon Manley

whaling, Walt Whitman and other writers, Fire Island, legends, lore, and more.



<u>Life of Pi</u> Yann Martel

When Pi is 16, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. The



zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450 pound Bengal tiger. After 227 days lost at sea, the Japanese authorities who interrogate Pi refuse to believe his story and press him to tell them "the truth." Pi tells a second story, a story much less fantastical, much more conventional - but is it more true?

<u>Some People Need Killing</u> Patricia Evangelista

For six years, Evangelista documented the killings carried out by police and vigilantes in the name of Duterte's war on drugs—a crusade that has led



to the slaughter of thousands—immersing herself in the world of killers and survivors and capturing the atmosphere of terror created when an elected president decides that some lives are worth less than others.

The Alchemist Paulo Coehlo

Santiago travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of



treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets many individuals of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. What starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a meditation on the treasures found within. The story of Santiago is art eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

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SEEKING MORE ADVENTURE? JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT THE OL!

Tai Chi

Fridays in July & August | 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Join instructor Bob Klein for a class in Tai Chi form with slow, flowing movements intended to develop balance and coordination, and improve breathing and general health. Bob Klein is the author of three books on Tai Chi with over 55 years of experience in the art. \$10 per class.

Digital Exhibits

Thursday, July 11th | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

View some of the world's greatest collections of artworks and artifacts from museums and archives right from your web browser. This presentation is an overview of the process of building a digital exhibit with examples of notable exhibits and where to find them.

Adult Fiction Book Club: A Council of Dolls Sunday, July 14th | 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

A Council of Dolls is a historical fiction novel by PEN Award-winning Native American author Mona Susan Power, spanning three generations of Yanktonai Dakota women from the 19th century to the present day grappling with the effects of settler colonialism, told partially through the point of view of their dolls.

Donatello Due: Master Of The Renaissance, In Our Era Saturday, July 20th | 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

In interpreting the spirit of the changing environment where he lived, Donatello left a legacy of timeless, eloquent inspiration. Future artists learned from, then incorporated, the epic and pathos in the Florentine Master's body of work with their own interpretation of humanistic motives. Giuliana Koch will highlight the art of selected sculptors who benefited from Donatello's legacy and credited the master for their own inspiration, technical skills and passion for details.

ChatGPT: Talking About the Future of Al Tuesday, July 23rd | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Al chat bots are here and their potential to change the way we interact with technology can't be understated. But what are they, how do they work and what are their uses for the average person right now? This presentation will give an overview of the technology behind ChatGPT and other Al generative text tools.

"A Five & Dime Story" Documentary Screening with Earl Potter Saturday, July 27th | 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Join Earl Potter in his enchanting documentary, "A Five & Dime Story." This cinematic journey transcends time and place, tracing the rich history of beloved retail institutions while illuminating their profound influence on a contemporary community's spirit. Experience the humble beginnings of the five and dime stores that captured the imagination of an entire nation, offering a treasure trove of affordable goods and a space for dreams to flourish.

Adult Fiction Book Club: Lessons Sunday, August 11th | 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

From the best-selling author of *Atonement* and *Saturday* comes the epic and intimate story of one man's life across generations and historical upheavals. From the Suez Crisis to the Cuban Missile Crisis, the fall of the Berlin Wall to the current pandemic, Roland Baines sometimes rides with the tide of history, but more often struggles against it.

"Renee Fleming's Cities That Sing: Paris" Screening with Tripp Hornick Sunday, August 11th | 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Step onto the stage of the Théâtre du Châtelet alongside superstar soprano Renée Fleming in *Renée Fleming's Cities That Sing - Paris*. Presented by IMAX and Stage Access, the *Renée Fleming's Cities That Sing* series features exclusive performances showcasing great cities as never before seen through the eyes of one of the world's greatest opera stars. Stroll along with Fleming and her contemporaries as they explore unique art, history, cuisine, and music. The producer of the film and series, Tripp Hornick, will be discussing the process of creating these films from concept through release.

Annabel Monaghan in Conversation with Susie Orman Schnall Monday, August 12th | 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Annabel Monaghan returns this August with her third novel, **SUMMER ROMANCE**, another heart-tugging and hilarious love story for readers of Carley Fortune, Emily Henry, and Beth O'Leary. She is also the author of LibraryReads pick *Same Time Next Summer* and Indie Next and LibraryReads pick *Nora Goes Off Script*, as well as two young adult novels and *Does This Volvo Make My Butt Look Big?*

Exploring Historic Maps Online Thursday, August 15th | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Explore the history of the East End through historic maps available online and see how 21st century technology can bring them to life in interactive ways.

Paramount's Mafia Spies with Author Tomas Maier Saturday, August 17th | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Mafia Spies is a new docuseries from Paramount+ about America's greatest spy mystery. Mafia Spies tells the Cold War story of two top gangsters hired by the CIA to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro and what ultimately happens to them. Join Thomas Maier--author, producer and on-air commentator--throughout the six-part Paramount series, as he discusses the newly-updated TV tie-in book, the series and the history behind it all.

What is Augmented Reality (AR)? Tuesday, August 27th | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

What is Augmented Reality (AR) and how is it different from Virtual Reality (VR)? Learn about the current state of this emerging technology, where it could go in the future and how you might already be using it without even knowing it.