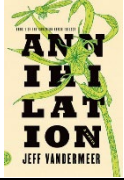



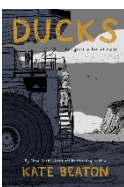
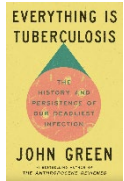
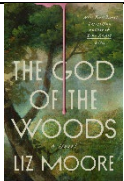
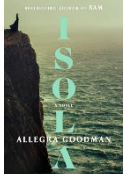
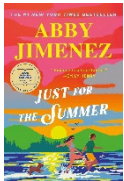

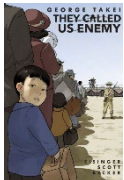
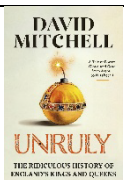



UB Libraries Summer Reading Stampede Recommendation List

Cover	Title	Recommended by	Description	Find it at UB Libraries or Request via Delivery+
	<i>Annihilation</i> by Jeff VanderMeer	Ally Wood, Engineering Librarian	<i>Annihilation</i> follows a team of four scientists on a dangerous expedition into the uncharted Area X. Previous expeditions have been mired in mystery, illness, and betrayal. Blending science-fiction, horror, and environmental themes, <i>Annihilation</i> is for anyone interested in thought-provoking, chilling stories.	Link
	<i>Apple: Skin to the Core</i> by Eric Gansworth	Mary Kamela, Student Support & Engagement Librarian	This memoir in verse sheds light on the Native American experience, discussing the author's own life growing up on Western New York's Tuscarora Reservation as well as the experiences of his ancestors, particularly in regard to residential schools. Reading this book educated me on aspects of American history, both local and national, that I had not had the opportunity to read about before. I also really enjoyed the unique format of this memoir and the visual art that Gansworth includes in the book. In addition to his work as a writer, artist, and speaker, Gansworth is a Professor of English at Canisius College.	Link
	<i>Atomic Habits</i> by James Clear	Dameeni Lagad, Student Assistant	<i>Atomic Habits</i> is one of the most transformative self-help books I've ever read. James Clear doesn't just tell you to "try harder" or "stay motivated"—he shows you how lasting change comes from small, consistent actions that align with the person you want to become. What makes this book so impactful is its practicality. It's grounded in behavioral science, yet the strategies feel personal and relatable. I especially appreciated how it emphasized identity-based habits—focusing on who you want to be, not just what you want to do. Whether you're trying to study more effectively, improve your health, or break unproductive cycles, this book gives you the tools to do it. Everyone should read this book not just to improve their habits, but to understand how much power we truly have to reshape our lives, one small step at a time.	Link
	<i>Butter</i> by Asako Yuzuki	Sarah Patton, Lead User Services Librarian	Loosely based on a real series of murders in Japan, <i>Butter</i> follows Rika, a young journalist who investigates Manako Kajii, a woman accused of using elaborate home cooked meals to manipulate and murder wealthy men. The novel focuses on the complex relationship that unfolds between Rika and Kanjii, using food as a metaphor to explore	Link

			feminism, diet culture, and society's policing of women's appetites - both literally and figuratively.	
	<i>Daisy Jones and the Six</i> by Taylor Jenkins Reid	Sophia Finger, Student Assistant	All of Reid's work is a blast, but this in particular is fantastic, especially as an audiobook, since the book is written as a series of interviews. There are multiple narrators, and it really brings this Fleetwood Mac-esque story of love and rock and roll to life!	Link
	<i>Diavola</i> by Jennifer Marie Thorne	Laurel Mueller, Medical and Biomedical Sciences Liaison Librarian	Not ready to wait until fall for spooky season? This book is a summer beach read with a horror twist! The Pace family reunites in Italy for a gothic villa vacation, but past resentments aren't the only thing haunting them on the trip. If you like <i>The Haunting of Hill House</i> , <i>Diavola</i> is for you.	Link
	<i>Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands</i> by Kate Beaton	Tommy Buttaccio, User Services Evening Supervisor	This fascinating graphic novel chronicles Beaton's experiences working in Canada's Athabasca oil sands. She offers a unique perspective on being a woman in a male-dominated industry, candidly depicting the challenges and misogyny she faced while simultaneously empathizing with her fellow workers and reflecting on the complex nature of their shared environment.	Link
	<i>Everything is Tuberculosis</i> , John Green	Mary Kamela, Student Support & Engagement Librarian	You may know John Green from his young adult novels like <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> or <i>Turtles All the Way Down</i> , but his most recent book is a nonfiction exploration of one of the most deadly (yet curable) diseases--tuberculosis--throughout history and in our current world. Green's frank writing style and frequent asides allow his unique voice to come through in a book that explores the serious topic of public health inequity and possible solutions. I especially enjoyed the audiobook, narrated by Green himself.	Link
	<i>The God of the Woods</i> by Liz Moore	Teresa Vadakin, User Services Daytime Supervisor	Mystery and suspense perfectly done with the Adirondacks as the setting. When a teenager vanishes from her summer camp, two worlds collide. This page turner is perfect for the longer nights in summer.	Link
	<i>Isola</i> by Allegra Goodman	Deborah Chiarella, Liaison, Departments of Music, Theatre, and Dance	Historical fiction with a strong female lead. A story inspired by the life of Marguerite de la Rocque. Marooned on a remote island in the St. Lawrence River in the 16th century with her maidservant and lover, she fights to survive in the harsh conditions of this remote and unforgiving climate in the early days of Canadian settlers.	Link

	<i>Just for the Summer</i> by Abby Jimenez	Emily Gelsinger, Visiting Assistant Librarian	Abby Jimenez has a particular talent for writing romance novels that wonderfully balance romance with real-life issues. At the forefront are complex characters who are dealing with various struggles and find love along the way. In <i>Just for the Summer</i> , Emma and Justin are individuals who have been forced to take on responsibilities in their family due to neglect or poor choices. In what initially is just a means to an end, they end up connecting on a much deeper level and learn the importance of found family and healing from traumas.	Link
	<i>Seven Days in June</i> by Tia Williams	Beth Carpenter, Undergraduate Engineering & Instruction Librarian	<i>Seven Days in June</i> is a perfect summer romance novel about two writers who had a whirlwind week of romance in their teenage years and reconnect twenty years later. Author Tia Williams writes this second-chance-at-love story with realistic characters and emotional depth.	Link
	<i>They Called Us Enemy</i> by George Takei, et al.	Jessica Hollister, Dental Liaison Librarian	This graphic novel memoir is centered around actor George Takei's childhood experiences in an American concentration camp during World War II. Through its beautiful illustrations by Harmony Becker, this memoir reveals insight into both the terrors of the camps along with the small joys of childhood, creating a moving and memorable reading experience.	Link
	<i>Unruly: The Ridiculous History of England's Kings and Queens</i> by David Mitchell	Sarah Patton, Lead User Services Librarian	<i>Unruly</i> is a hilarious dive into England's royal history, where kings and queens were anything but dignified. David Mitchell delivers a witty and wild retelling of the past, proving that history is messy, absurd, and incredibly entertaining.	Link
	<i>Yellowface</i> by R. F. Kuang	Laurel Mueller, Medical and Biomedical Sciences Liaison Librarian	R. F. Kuang is, to me, one of the best writers of our time. Her writing is not only incredibly detailed, but she also finds a way to build a narrative that leaves you on the edge of your seat until the very last page. In this literacy fiction novel, a white writer finds fame after stealing an unpublished manuscript from a recently deceased and successful Asian American author. Kuang weaves in a broader critique of current practices in the United States publishing industry.	Link

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