What’s New?

NCC Library’s

Grab a cup of hot cocoa and curl up with these books!

What the Dog Saw and Other Adventures
by Malcolm Gladwell
The author of the popular non-fiction book *Outliers* offers this collection of non-fiction essays originally published in *The New Yorker*. The subjects of these essays range from the everyday—Wall Street, ketchup, and hair dye—to the not-so-everyday—the secrets of a ‘dog whisperer’, the Enron disaster, and the Challenger explosion. You can listen to these essays in your car or read them at home—we have print and audio copies.

Driftless
by David Rhodes
A small-town community and its resident’s relationships with one another are the topic of this intriguing novel. Through skillfully wrought prose, Rhodes immerses the reader in this community that has its share of secrets and vices. *Booklist* describes this novel as “comedic and profound” and calls it “a radiant novel of community and courage.”

by Azar Nafisi
Nafisi tells the story of a small reading group she created amidst the political turmoil in Iran during the 1980s. This group of eight women met weekly for two years, reading and discussing books that were banned by the Ayatollah. As she tells her story, Nafisi analyzes classic novels such as *Lolita*, *The Great Gatsby*, and *Pride and Prejudice*, presenting parallels between each book and the lives of the women in the reading group.

A Thousand Splendid Suns
by Khaled Hosseini
The author of the bestselling novel, *The Kite Runner*, Returns with a novel that follows two Afghani women, Mariam and Laila, whose lives are connected through their young marriages to the same abusive man. Known for his rich storytelling, Hosseini uses the story of Mariam and Laila to explore themes of family, home, acceptance and hope for the future.

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