

- 1:44 PM Hi there! I'm here from Atlanta, GA. I'm a library associate with the Fulton County. My current read is Stay With Me by Ayobami Adebayo.
- 1:48 PM Hi everybody! My name is Abigail and I work at a public library in Iowa. Currently reading Turtle Boy by M. Evan Wolkenstein and loving it
- 1:51 PM Hi Everyone, I'm in Smiths Falls, Ontario, Canada, looking out my window at a fresh layer of snow. A few days ago we were in shorts and t-shirts. I'm a retired teacher working a few hours a week for The Rideau Lakes Public Library.
- 1:51 PM Hello I am Gayla from the Natrona County Library in Casper WY right now I am reading a couple of Mangas Saint Young Men and The Way of the Househusband.
- 1:52 PM I am Laura from Joplin Public Library. (SW MO) I am currently listening to the audiobook of The Starless Sea by Erin Morgenstern.
- 1:52 PM Er, Gail xD
- 1:52 PM Lou Allison from the Prince Rupert Public Library, in sunny spring-like Prince Rupert BC
- 1:52 PM Hi folks! I'm Christine Sharbrough joining you from Dallas, TX, Dallas Public Library. I'm excited for all the new titles coming out. I used to write the CF Column for LJ, so a subject near and dear. :)
- 1:52 PM I'm reading A Little Devil in America by Hanif Abdurraqib, listening to Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri narr by author, and watching From Russia With Love. Yes the James Bond film. I'm doing a podcast on Bond this weekend!!
- 1:52 PM Hi there!
- 1:53 PM I'm in Orleans, Ontario, Canada.
- 1:53 PM Ooh what kind of songs are in the playlist? I will have to check it out after. Are they "gentle"?
- 1:53 PM I have THOTS on all those Bond 'girls'!
- 1:53 PM Hello! Llyr from Los Angeles Public Library. Currently enjoying The Ravens by Kass Morgan and Danielle Paige, A Universe of Wishes by Dhonielle Clayton and The Infinity Courts by Akemi Dawn Bowman.
- 1:54 PM I'm reading The Mystery of Mrs Christie by Marie Benedict to prepare for next week's Baker and Taylor book club.
- 1:54 PM Hi all, I am the director of the Lincoln Public Library in NH Currently reading the Missing Piece by John Lescroart. and listening to We begin at the end by Chris Whitaker.
- 1:54 PM I'm in Michigan. Lately I've been reading manga and the new Firefly book
- 1:54 PM Good afternoon, I am in Drayton Valley, Alberta. We had snow earlier this week and we are getting snow again this evening. Currently I am reading Beneath the Keep by Erika Johansen and I am listening to Just WorkL Get Sh\*t Done... by Kim Scott. Gentle Reads are probably not my go-to but I work in Collection Development.
- 1:55 PM I've heard very good things about We Begin at the End!
- 1:55 PM Lou again: I should add that Prince Rupert is on the North Coast of BC Canada and is renowned for rainfall. We are currently enjoying some fabulous weather. I just finished "My Dark Vanessa" and found it very disturbing. Reading "The Good Liar" by Catherine McKenzie for a book club I moderate.
- 1:55 PM Hello! In Columbia SC. Currently reading Sorrowland by Rivers Solomon. Gentle reads isn't my usual area
- 1:56 PM Make sure to click the drop down box and sent to All Attendees
- 1:56 PM Hi! Sarah here from the Bracebridge Public Library in Muskoka (Ontario). Just a smattering of snow here after being spoiled by a warm spring. I've been binge reading smut all pandemic :/
- 1:57 PM You can copy and paste your messages that went to me only :)

- 1:57 PM Hello everyone! I'm Jennifer Schultz from Warrenton, VA, with the Fauquier Public Library. I am currently listening to *The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs* by Stephen Brusatte. I haven't thought about dinosaurs since probably 3rd grade, and it is fascinating! Terrific narrative nonfiction--but definitely not a gentle read!
- 1:57 PM Hi! I'm Danielle & I'm a Circulation/Tech Services Assistant at the Tewksbury Public Library
- 1:57 PM Meagan from Bloomer WI
- 1:57 PM Hi all! Here from Shelburne, ON. I love thrillers so looking forward to broadening my horizons!
- 1:57 PM Hi my name is Lea Jensen. I work at the Strathmore Library in Strathmore, Alberta. I am the Visiting Library Coordinator.
- 1:57 PM Currently reading *Winning the Gentleman* by Kristi Ann Hunter
- 1:57 PM Currently I'm reading *400 Souls* by Ibrim Kendi. Mostly I enjoy YA mysteries, thrillers, and non-fiction of all subjects.
- 1:58 PM Mary Vacula Naperville Public Illinois *Storm Over Soho*
- 1:58 PM Brennan from Salt Lake City
- 1:58 PM Hello, my name is Anis, Youth Services Librarian, and I am with Sarasota County Libraries in Florida :)
- 1:58 PM \*Anisa :)
- 1:58 PM Hi! I am Melissa Wheelock from Kokomo-Howard Co. Public Library in Indiana. I am currently reading *Body in the Garden* by Katherine Schellman.
- 1:58 PM Kathy Eastman here--i work for Oxford County Library..I am enjoying being stuck in WW2 historical fiction--currently reading *The Rose Code* by Kate Quinn
- 1:58 PM Hello, everyone! Gregg Winsor from the Johnson County Library in Overland Park, KS.
- 1:58 PM Adult Services Librarian at Long Beach Public Library on Long Island. I read a lot of Romance, Romantic Suspense, and Fantasy. Currently re-reading the Meg Langslow series of *Cozy Mysteries* (by Donna Andrews). In the middle of *Some Like it Hawk*.
- 1:58 PM Jade, thanks for being brave and stepping outside your box!
- 1:59 PM I just finished reading "The Third Daughter" by Talia Carner
- 1:59 PM Tiffany from the Garland County Library in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Currently reading *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man* by Emmanuel Acho, and *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.
- 1:59 PM Hi from Johnson County Library in Gardner KS. I am currently reading *The Personal Librarian* courtesy of NetGalley!
- 1:59 PM Katrina Yarrington from Salt Lake City area
- 1:59 PM Hello from Canmore, AB!
- 1:59 PM Hi! Jason Pannone, from East Hartford (CT) Public Library. Finishing up *Monkey: A Folk Novel of China* at the moment.
- 1:59 PM Hello from the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson, MS! I am reading "Felix Ever After" by Kacen Callender right now. I enjoy fantasy, non-fiction autobiography and bio, and historical fiction
- 1:59 PM Good afternoon from New York, NY. I'm a Youth Services / Branch Assistant Manager in Brooklyn. Currently listening to *Beach Read* by Emily Henry, *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson for staff book club & *Crying in H Mart* on kindle.
- 1:59 PM Loved *Magpie Murders*
- 1:59 PM @Laura Horn, my grandmother lived in Monett! I love that area of the country.
- 1:59 PM Hi there! I'm Ellen, from Woodstock ON, and I'm a Public Services Librarian working in Adult Services.

- 1:59 PM Erica from Michigan. I just previewed "The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America." About to start "Citizen Soldier: A Life of Harry S. Truman." I am normally 90% fiction, but not this month!
- 2:00 PM I just finished Burning Bright by Melissa McShane.
- 2:00 PM Hi, I'm Cynthia, Supervisor for cataloging, receiving and processing for Jefferson County Public Library in Colorado. I'm currently reading Murder in the Oval library by Colleen Gleason.
- 2:00 PM Hi Everyone! Patrick Muldoon here from the snowy wilds of Warkworth, Ontario Canada
- 2:00 PM Hi, I'm Jayme from the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library. Currently listening to the Will Trent series by Karin Slaughter, which is definitely not gentle!
- 2:00 PM Hi! I'm an adult services librarian at Prospect Heights Public Library in IL.
- 2:00 PM Hi! I'm a branch manager in Canton, OH. I'm finishing up A Brief History of Earth by Andrew H. Knoll.
- 2:00 PM Hello, my name is Ahmet Can Karapınar. I am an undergraduate senior History - Political Science and International Relations (Double Major) student in Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey and currently reading Anne of Green Gables.
- 2:00 PM Rebecca Cowley does H Mart have to do with the giant Asian supermarket?
- 2:00 PM LaDonna from Kentucky
- 2:00 PM Hi, I'm Bobbi from Johnson County Library, Gardner, KS. I just finished reading Cathy Ruchti's Facing the Dawn. Excellent fiction book on grief & grieving.
- 2:00 PM Hello! Beth from Milwaukee, WI
- 2:00 PM Hello from Maryland!
- 2:00 PM Hi from VA
- 2:00 PM Heather here from Rochester, Minnesota. Kindred by Octavia Butler - for a book club
- 2:00 PM I cannot hear anything...
- 2:00 PM Marizel Estevez from the New York Public Library
- 2:00 PM Hi all! I'm a Reference Librarian from Clark County, Ohio. I just took over purchasing Gentle Reads and hope to get some tips!
- 2:00 PM Hi from Jan in Oregon
- 2:00 PM Greetings from Orlando!
- 2:00 PM Just realized I sent my first message just to the host. I'm Wendy Ramsey from the Columbus Metropolitan Library in Columbus, OH. Currently reading the latest Preston/Childs book and listening to Sarah Waters - The Paying Guests.
- 2:00 PM Joining from Woodstock Ontario Canada
- 2:00 PM I'm Susan from Wells County Public Library in northeast Indiana. I'm reading "Killers of the Flower Moon"-- definitely not a gentle read. :) I'm listening to a children's audiobook when I'm driving called "The
- 2:00 PM I'm Susan from Wake Forest, NC.
- 2:00 PM Hello from Salt Lake City, Utah!
- 2:00 PM Hello from Burbank, WA!
- 2:01 PM Hello - from Quinte West, Ontario, Canada
- 2:01 PM My three year old son, Nicholas, and I both say hi. We're in Overland Park, Kansas with the Johnson County Library.
- 2:01 PM Hello from Buffalo!
- 2:01 PM Diana in Oregon, Library at the Edge of the World, set in Ireland. I support branches in a 7-branch district and do adult-collection weeding.
- 2:01 PM Amber B. Weinrich, an Adult Information Services Librarian at Mentor Public Library. I am currently reading The Reservation by Ted C. Williams.

2:01 PM Daniel Jones; a librarian in Alachua County, Florida.

2:01 PM I'm from Evansville, IN and am currently reading Fat Chance, Charlie Vega, My Brother's Husband, Illuminae, and Ali's Pretty Little Lies

2:01 PM Hi from Grand Rapids, MI

2:01 PM Hello from Shawnee County, Kansas!

2:01 PM Hi Dandria from Maryland

2:01 PM Reading The Thursday Murder Club in snowy Western New York State

2:01 PM Hi. I am Mary Dushel from Anne Arundel County Public Library in Maryland. I am reading Lilac Girls, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, the Bible in a Year (I'm up to 1 Samuel), and some other books at the moment.

2:01 PM Greetings from Greenbelt, MD! Reading The City We Became by N. K. Jemison and Harrow the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir. NOT gentle reads, those two :)

2:01 PM Hi from Rochester, NY

2:01 PM Hello from Troy, NC

2:01 PM Hello from North Vancouver BC

2:01 PM Hello from Stratham NH!

2:01 PM Kathy from the IFLS Library System in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Just finished reading Finding Elodie by Susan Stoker, starting The Devil Comes Courting by Courtney Milan and re-listening to the Psy/Changeling series by Nalini Singh in preparation for her new book coming soon.

2:01 PM Bridget Wilson, Nantahala Regional Library in Murphy, NC. Currently reading Sense & Sensibility by Jane Austen and listening to Beach Read by Emily Henry

2:01 PM Hello from Lexington, IN

2:01 PM I'm also here from Grand Rapids, MI :)

2:01 PM #NoveListConversations

2:01 PM oops typo

2:01 PM Hi! Anna from Tampa, FL. Currently rereading Gone Too Deep by Katie Ruggle and Written in Red by Anne Bishop. And about to start a pregnancy book, but I can't recall the title

2:01 PM Hi from Niagara Falls ON

2:01 PM #NoveListConversations

2:02 PM Hi I

2:02 PM Hello from Syosset NY

2:02 PM Aggie, Carmel, Indiana

2:02 PM I'm Cecilia from Niles-Maine Library and Skokie Library, both outside Chicago. I just started reading Home Stretch by Graham Norton - an ARC copy. And I'm listening to Little Cruelties by Liz Nugent on audio.

2:02 PM Sioux Center, Iowa

2:02 PM East Tennessee

2:02 PM If you can't hear anything make sure you've connected to audio

2:02 PM Hello from Pittsburgh!

2:02 PM Hi! I'm Joni and I work for the Louisville Free Public Library in Kentucky, & we did have a bit of snow today. I am reading

2:02 PM Hello from Columbus, Ohio!

2:02 PM Hello! This is Amy from Forsyth County PL north of Atlanta, GA. I just finished reading the latest mystery by Charles Finch--one of my favorite authors!

2:02 PM I'm Carolyn Mendoza from St. John the Baptist Parish in Louisiana.

2:02 PM Just read "You're Leaving When?" by Annabelle Gurwich. Loved it

2:02 PM Hello from the Southern Pines Public Library in North Carolina!

2:02 PM Hello from Southwest Florida

2:03 PM Hello from Istanbul, Turkey!

2:03 PM Currently reading When the Stars Go Dark, by Paula McLain.

2:03 PM WHOA, ISTANBUL? We're going international, y'all!

2:03 PM Brenda from Chicago suburbs, reading hilarious and poignant Under the Whispering Door by TJ Klune

2:03 PM If you are having trouble with audio please exit and come back in. When you come back in select to do an audio test.

2:03 PM Hi, I'm Kristi Frederickson, a library asst. from Jefferson County Public Library in Colorado. I'm currently reading Amish Barn Raising

2:03 PM Jess from Long Island NY. reading An Unkindness of Ravens and Macbeth

2:04 PM I'll have to leave around 2:40, is there anywhere I can access this webinar afterwards?

2:04 PM Jenna - they'll email a link afterwards.

2:04 PM Oops...I am reading A Witch In Time by Constance Sayers

2:04 PM Thank you!

2:04 PM Hello from Ontario, Canada...just finished "The Antogonist" by Lynn Coady - loved it! classicGen X CanLit

2:04 PM Hi from Pittsburg, KS. Just finished Four Winds, starting Consequences of Fear by Winspear tonight after work.

2:04 PM Hello from the Carolinas

2:05 PM Greetings from Santa Barbara

2:05 PM Hello from northern New Hampshire!

2:05 PM Hello all from Los Angeles!

2:05 PM Greetings from Lincoln, Nebraska out on the prairie

2:05 PM Andrew Smith, Williamsburg Regional Library. Currently reading The Hole, by Hye-Young Pyun, Deacon King Kong, by James McBride, and Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley, just finished The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

2:05 PM Learn more about LibraryReads: <http://libraryreads.org>

2:05 PM Hello from Ligonier PA

2:06 PM Hi from NM

2:06 PM Hello from Bruce County, Ontario, Canada

2:06 PM Hello from Mt Pleasant SC!

2:06 PM Anyone in Canada?

2:06 PM Hello from Springfield, MO!

2:06 PM Hello from Markham, Ontario

2:06 PM Hi from snowy Colorado.

2:06 PM Check out the LibraryReads archive - searchable and sortable spreadsheet, too: <https://libraryreads.org/archive>

2:07 PM LibraryReads.org

2:07 PM Currently reading the Vish Puri mystery series and "Hitler's First One Hundred Days" by Peter Fritzsche

2:07 PM Yes; from Brighton, Ontario here..

2:07 PM Hello from Collingwood Ontario

2:07 PM Hello from Chicago, IL!

2:08 PM Can Canadians participate in LibraryReads?

2:08 PM Hello from Cranston, Rhode Island.

2:08 PM Hello from Richmond, Virginia!

2:08 PM Hello from snowy Syracuse, NY!

2:09 PM I grew up about 15 miles from Big Stone Gap!

2:09 PM For you Canadians check out Loan Stars: <https://www.loanstars.ca/>

2:10 PM Hello from Atlanta, GA - starting The French Paradox tonight.

2:11 PM I had to transfer viewing from PC to iPad and the sound came on.

2:11 PM Hello from rainy Concord, NH!

2:14 PM A SF reader friend was looking for "good people doing the best they can" awhile ago. That seems like Gentle Reads to me, even though science fiction/fantasy.

2:14 PM The Goblin Emperor is a good one for that, Mary

2:16 PM Definitely! The Goblin Emperor was one of her examples of things she wanted more of.

2:16 PM Hello from Vancouver BC!

2:17 PM Agreed: Goblin Emperor is probably the best example of 'gentle reads' for SF

2:17 PM The Long Way to a Small Angry Planet and The House in the Cerulean Sea are other examples of SFF that might fall into this genre

2:18 PM Reading All That We Carried by Erin Bartels

2:18 PM Hello, Im here in St Louis Public Library

2:18 PM Will we have access to the chat afterwards? There are some good recommendations I would like to note.

2:18 PM Agreed with The House on the Cerulean Sea as a SF gentle read. Accidentally sent that to Presenter. Sorry!

2:19 PM Hello from Oklahoma! I'm a Business Outreach Specialist with the Pioneer Library System. I've learned gentle reads comfort me like a hot cup of coffee, which means a requirement to my life! I inhale these books as if it was a natural intake of breath one takes.

2:19 PM Hahaha

2:19 PM we ask our patrons if they want "bedroom door open" or "bedroom door closed" when they request romances :-D

2:19 PM hi there is some feedback or echo

2:19 PM I'm getting echo now..

2:19 PM It's older, but Stardust by Neil Gaiman was a great gentle fantasy

2:20 PM Oh, Samantha, that's really good !

Me as well

2:20 PM Samantha Basile that's a good way to phrase it! stealing that now!

2:20 PM Samantha, I love that phrasing and I'm going to share it with our RA team!

2:20 PM We're aware of the audio issues. Apologies.

2:20 PM Sine she counts the bad words, she sure go ahead and read the book

2:20 PM What is "uplit" title?

2:20 PM should

2:20 PM Oh haha! there we go

2:20 PM geting an echo also

2:20 PM Erica I really liked Stardust!

2:20 PM Love a beautiful book cover!

2:21 PM If I remember right, though, Stardust does have at least one f-bomb right near the beginning

2:21 PM I loved "Stardust". So memorable and unique

2:21 PM Also for gentle SF, there's the YA series by Garth Nix that starts with "Sabriel"

2:22 PM There are really good suggests for RA, would the slides or the list of books be shared with us after the

2:22 PM presentation

2:22 PM I love the grace we give during virtual events.

2:24 PM LOOOOOOVE Lorna Landvik!!! Very funny.

2:24 PM Hello, from Cincinnati, Ohio

2:24 PM Sounds very good now!

2:25 PM I love Chiavarinni

2:25 PM I love the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series.

2:26 PM OH I've not heard of Michele Andrea Bowen. Excited to try this author.

2:26 PM YEAH YOU DID

2:26 PM will this event be emailed to us later to review again?

2:26 PM It's a good one!

2:26 PM I am on hold for this one.

2:27 PM Glad to know

2:27 PM tons of holds on this one at Denver Public Library!

2:27 PM V excited for these new cozy mysteries like Arsenic & Adobo!!!

2:28 PM I am working on a list of mysteries with Asian protagonists for my April newsletter-really appreciate that last suggeston.

2:28 PM Yes, Ivan Doig. A great author to share with readers.

2:28 PM how are Doig and Martin diverse?

2:28 PM Ah, there's Klune :)

2:28 PM LOVE THIS ONE

2:28 PM WOOOOOOOOO TJ KLUNE

2:28 PM Yay!! One of my favorites of last year!!!

2:28 PM loooooove this book

2:28 PM Just finished it

2:28 PM Everyone loves this book!

2:28 PM I loved House in the Cerulean Sea!

2:28 PM We're doing this book for discussion in May! Love House in the Cerulean Sea!

2:28 PM Just had a teen that requested this book!

2:28 PM Doig is not diverse. Yay, Klune! A warm hug.

2:29 PM House in the Cerulean Sea is SO GOOD

2:29 PM SUCH a great book (Klune)

2:29 PM Ivan Doig should not be missed. Whistling Season is a funny family story on the prairie, while Dancing at the Rascal Fair is almost Greek in its tragedy.

2:29 PM CHarles Martin's books are powerful. I've recommended this title to men and women both

2:29 PM Christine are you seeing the slides now?

2:30 PM I have some SEROUS Doig fans at my library, but I've never read him

2:30 PM Lisa, start with Whistling Season!

2:30 PM Never knew Doig would be Gentle Read...good to know

2:30 PM I will

2:30 PM If you have questions for Kaite and Lindsey please send them in chat to Everyone! We have time for QA later.

2:30 PM Ayesha at Last is one of my favorites!

2:30 PM I have one patron who loves the qualities that you find in gentle reads, but hates enough of the other things that makes it VERY difficult to find some for her which she hasn't already read

2:30 PM I am currently listening to Ayesha at Last. :)

2:31 PM The Supreme's At Earl's All You Can Eat is a great African American gentle read.

2:31 PM Last slide made me laugh. I had a patron ask for a book, "I don't know the title or author, but there are two words in the title, and the first word is "The". She was looking for The Shack when it was popular. I wouldn't have figured it out if I hadn't seen it on the hold shelf.

2:31 PM ayesha at last is a great parallel to Pride and prejudice, a Markham author locat for us here at Markham public library

2:31 PM Hana Khan Carries On by Jalaluddin is terrific!

2:32 PM :)

2:32 PM Most likely the parent is asking for the parent, :-)

2:32 PM so true Llyr!

2:33 PM good advice

2:33 PM Hi Krista :)

2:34 PM Hi Anthea!!!

2:34 PM Such excellent RA advice... looking for "code words"

2:34 PM We had one patron (in her 80s) who would ask for a book with spice in it unless her daughter was with her then she didn't want any spice.

2:34 PM lol

2:34 PM My friend Jane asks for "no books that will want me to put my head in an oven" she is a hospital administrator and gets enough drama and stress at work!

2:34 PM lol that's funny

2:34 PM I call those "Jump off a bridge books". I undertand why people just don't want to read those sometimes !

2:34 PM Parents have the last say! They should read/skim first. We just came out of a situation with that very problem.

2:35 PM That's a good one, Erica!

2:36 PM good idea!

2:36 PM Honestly, I find most patrons don't mind the backlist. I don't know why we're always so focused on brand new titles with RA.

2:37 PM Lisa Voss will you be posting your list of books with Asian protagonists anywhere? Would love to see it!

2:37 PM I'm noticing a trend of Harrison Ford gifs...lol!

2:37 PM Harrison Ford never goes out of style.

2:37 PM I'm not complaining, lol

2:38 PM Agreed @ Gregg!

2:38 PM Yep, no complaints here!

2:38 PM Loved the Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe!

2:38 PM oh me too Sarah!

2:39 PM I'm enjoying some of Jenny Colgan's books too.

2:39 PM Yes, you can sign up for my newsletter here, by choosing "Lisa V's BookCrave"

2:39 PM <http://library.booksite.com/7142/signup/?list=NLSGN>

2:39 PM Yes to the Phaedra Patrick one that flashed by. So cute.

2:39 PM Awesome! Thanks!

2:41 PM Thanks for asking !!!

2:41 PM Gentle reads that would appeal to male readers?

2:41 PM Books like a Hallmark movie is something that is asked often

2:41 PM Gentle reads for YA?

2:42 PM good question...I loved the 100 year old man...

2:42 PM The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett is a lovely story



2:42 PM @Erica, I've gotten that one too

2:42 PM I was thinking that this is what the gentle reads genre reminds me of. A Hallmark Channel movie/tv show

2:42 PM LOL

2:42 PM HA

2:42 PM HAHAAHAHAH!

2:42 PM lol

2:42 PM HA!

2:42 PM We made a clean read YA, if you'd like to peruse: <https://www.lapl.org/teens/books/clean-book-list>

2:42 PM Thank you!

2:42 PM The Secret, Book, and Scone Society books fit here! Love those cozy mysteries.

2:42 PM Thanks for the link

2:43 PM Ah, what a good dream "nothing happens" is, lol

2:43 PM I feel as if all of us here should begin a book club or a closed FB group.

2:43 PM Who loves Laure Levine?! I laugh out loud every time.

2:43 PM Thanks for sharing the YA list.

2:43 PM LOL

2:43 PM Love Cat in the Stacks series!

2:43 PM I always ask patron do you like Hallmark romance movies and if they say yes I know what books to recommend when they come in and ask I don't what to read what would you suggest? I don't want anything too much.

2:43 PM Yes, we could all discuss House in the Cerulean Sea or similar titles.

2:43 PM Would "Good dogs don't make it to the south pole" be a gentle read? (I keep meaning to read it)

2:44 PM Yes, I love using the Hallmark test !

2:44 PM Melanie Dickerson YA is pretty clean/christian

2:44 PM neat burrito!

2:45 PM Patrick, PG Wodehouse is a great writer for men.

2:45 PM D.E. Stevenson is a great gentle reads author.

2:45 PM I love D. E. Stevenson!

2:46 PM SANDRA KITT IS BACK! Can't wait.

2:46 PM @Julia. thanks!

2:46 PM The Forest of Wool and Steel

2:46 PM I'm stealing the term "Janiacs."

2:47 PM lol

2:47 PM Janiacs must be more intense than Janeites

2:48 PM Like that too! and rabid!

2:48 PM So many of these cross over Relationship...but like them, many do not seem aimed at men. Ideas for some light reads for men in particular?

2:48 PM Thank you, that was great

2:48 PM I've seen a myriad of lists, but can you list good LGBTQ gentle reads?

2:48 PM Llyr, House in the Cerulean Sea is in that category

2:48 PM FYI...the Library Reads logo is super cute. Reminds me of a container of movie popcorn.

2:48 PM Yes we are recording!

2:49 PM I like all the new titles I can share, and add to my list.

2:49 PM The recording, certificate, and slides will be emailed to everyone tomorrow.

2:49 PM Do any of your library patrons who prefer gentle reads like Betty Neels?

2:49 PM I would love good LGBTQ gentle reads

2:49 PM DEWEY!! Such a sweet story!

2:49 PM The Prize-Winner of Defiance Ohio

2:49 PM I don't really like it if the death of the animal is included.

2:49 PM or Chicken Soup

2:49 PM I'd love to see your novelist list, Kaite!

2:49 PM The everyone option is further down the list.

2:49 PM The books and authors will be part of the slides

2:49 PM Burnt Toast Makes you Sing Good

2:49 PM Betty Neels yes for our nursing home outreach

2:49 PM Echoing Patrick's question: gentle reads for men?

2:49 PM We will also include the chat

2:49 PM I named my kitty Dewey after reading that book. Then a few months later I adopted him a little sister and named her Decimal :)

2:49 PM Ho to find comedy like Hamlisch Macbeth series

2:49 PM Looking for literary and gentle at the same time. Any ideas?

2:50 PM Both good NF gentle reads

2:50 PM Man called Ove is good 4 guys

2:50 PM The chat will be a separate document Donna.

2:50 PM Wonderful webinar! Thank you!

2:50 PM my dad really liked the story of arthur truluv

2:50 PM @ lori Thanks!

2:50 PM Recommend Southernmost by Silas House as a gentle read with LGBTQ themes

2:50 PM I'm sticking questions in Teams chat, too

2:51 PM My book group is serious, interested books that are challenging, but would like a more satisfactory ending than the usual mournful one often found in

2:51 PM Jerry Apps has a couple great NF gentle reads.

2:51 PM My spouse likes Nicholas sparks, though he (spouse) is not romantic. |He always says he likes the people.

2:51 PM For men Gilbert Morris (1990s),

2:51 PM Southernmost was very good

2:51 PM Some guys will read about women characters if you suggest them!

2:51 PM Did I miss a mention of Fannie Flagg? Love her. Gentle humor.

2:51 PM Cathy yes chat will be included in the list of resources!

2:51 PM How would you label a gentle read on the shelf? Give them their own area or provide a descriptive sticker?

2:51 PM I would suggest Terry Fallis books for men

2:52 PM Passing on the "all attendees" ones

2:52 PM Personally, I say stop labeling books

2:52 PM Be careful with Backman. Some of his titles are definitely NOT gentle (Beartown, Us against you).

2:52 PM \*Terry Fallis\* of course!

2:52 PM yes his writing is hilarious

2:52 PM Major Pettigrew, that's the one I was trying to remember!!!

2:52 PM Daniel, I would say if you are in a smaller library perhaps the stickers would be best. Or, do a display for gentle reads with the stickers on them so that patrons can learn how to find them in the stacks.

2:52 PM We only label in the kids section to help them with genre -themed book report needs.

2:53 PM Gentle relationship novel for me - The Throwback Special by Chris Bachelder  
2:53 PM for MEN - not me!  
2:53 PM On labeling: DON'T  
2:53 PM I agree, A Man Called Ove wasn't a gentle read for me.  
2:53 PM Instead of stickers, how about a handout that includes call numbers?  
2:53 PM We have two clean reads displays going right now, one in adult and one in YA  
2:53 PM I think Gentle Reads are good for book clubs.  
2:53 PM Sorry Hamish Macbeth reads likes for the comedy  
2:54 PM Yeah most libraries have stopped labeling books  
2:54 PM I'd recommend Patrick Taylor or even James Herriot to a male reader looking for a gentle, nostalgic read?

2:54 PM I talked about keeping a list of Gentle Reads because there's no separate section in my library for them.

2:54 PM Viola Shipman is an author I haven't seen mentioned yet.  
2:54 PM James Herriot has been super popular here lately  
2:54 PM And I'd put Dick Francis in mysteries. :)  
2:54 PM We have booklists in our system  
2:54 PM I love James Herriot  
2:54 PM We have bookmarks with author lists for Inspirational Fiction, Gentle Reads, Cozy Mysteries, etc.  
2:54 PM How does women's fiction/relationship fiction compare to gentle reads?  
2:55 PM @Montoya Megerle Barker, I recommend "A Man called Ove" with a trigger warning  
2:55 PM yes Herriot is very popular these days.  
2:55 PM Anne Tyler is literary for sure  
2:55 PM Why do literary and gentle have to be distinguished?  
2:55 PM I love the PBS show.  
2:55 PM Literary pretty much means depressing hah  
2:55 PM I'm looking for books that are well written before they are "gentle"? I'm not getting any answers here!!

2:55 PM I love the bookmark idea!  
2:55 PM All Creatures Great and Small :)  
2:55 PM can you explain the difference between literary and others  
2:55 PM yeah, I do reading guides or lists with new releases and I'll include a variety of genres, including gentle reads or inspirational fiction, but I don't label them in my collection

2:56 PM Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katrina Bivald - gentle and literary  
2:56 PM Aret  
2:56 PM Check out family fiction.com  
2:56 PM Goodreads shelves are a great way to track books you read that fit this genre  
2:56 PM Virgil Wander well written and gentle.  
2:56 PM Are the slides available after the webinar?  
2:56 PM This is Happiness by Williams is a literary gentle read  
2:56 PM Will the chat be saved so we can go back and write down all the titles??  
2:57 PM Personally would suggest Forest of Wool and Steel as literary GR  
2:57 PM I love the bookmark idea.  
2:57 PM I think this will be on YouTube, right?  
2:57 PM Yes, bookmarks!  
2:57 PM the good old days weren't so good

2:57 PM Dick Francis is one of my favorites but he is not a Gentle Read. Often violent, sometimes unhappy endings

2:57 PM Yes, this'll get posted to YouTube like the other Crash Course sessions.

2:57 PM NF - When Harry Met Minnie

2:57 PM This was informative, especially, for someone who doesn't gravitate towards gentle reads. I always find it difficult to help patrons with choosing books like this. At least now I can give them authors to look into. I will also try to read more of them over time.

2:58 PM The recording, certificate, slides, and chat will be emailed to everyone tomorrow.

2:58 PM Another lit/gentle - Little Paris Bistro by Nina George (most of her books are like this); also, anything by Antoine Laurain

2:58 PM Sign up for NoveList News to be notified of upcoming events: <https://www.elsevier.com/author/antoinelaurain>

2:58 PM I've noticed lots of people looking for "hopeful" reads, especially right now

2:59 PM Yeah, it feels like the end of a christmas movie on Hallmark

2:59 PM I'm sorry if she has already been covered, as I have been in and out of this webinar, since I am at work, but one of my go-to authors for gentle reads is Miss Read.

2:59 PM I like Marie Bostwick for a gentle reads, too

2:59 PM I love Miss Read

2:59 PM This was really interesting and helpful, thank you!

2:59 PM THANKS GANG

2:59 PM Thanks so much, This was valuable to me!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Miss Read is wonderful!

2:59 PM Very good, thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you :)

2:59 PM Thank you. very helpful.

2:59 PM Appreciate your time! This has been great. Thank you. :)

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Yes, thank you for having this!

2:59 PM Thank you

2:59 PM This was awesome!!!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Was very informative! Thank you!!

2:59 PM Thank you

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM thank you!

2:59 PM As always, excellent! Thank you!

2:59 PM hanks

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you!

2:59 PM thank youuuuuu!!!!

2:59 PM great stuff!!

2:59 PM Thanks!

2:59 PM Thank you so much! This was so well done and very informative.

2:59 PM Elizabeth Goudge

2:59 PM thank you so much for this

2:59 PM Thank you.

2:59 PM Thank you; that was very informative and well presented!

2:59 PM Thanks!

2:59 PM Thank you, very informative and great recommendations!

2:59 PM The Crash Courses are the best, thank you!!

2:59 PM Thank you! loved this presentation:)

2:59 PM thanks!

2:59 PM Great webinar! Thank you!

2:59 PM so helpful!!!

2:59 PM Definitely a happy webinar! Thank you!

2:59 PM Thank you

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Lots to think about. Thanks!

3:00 PM thank you so much good information

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Very helpful

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Excellent! My fingers couldn't keep up...

3:00 PM Thank you

3:00 PM Thanks

3:00 PM Great Webinar...Thanks!!

3:00 PM thanks so much! I really enjoyed this!

3:00 PM Thanks, very informative!

3:00 PM Thank you for all the great ideas!

3:00 PM Thank you!!

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you

3:00 PM Awesome!

3:00 PM Thanks for informative lists!

3:00 PM you as well

3:00 PM Thank you

3:00 PM enjoyable and instructional

3:00 PM thank you...so helpful

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you!

3:00 PM Thank you.

3:00 PM Thank yoy

3:01 PM thank you

3:01 PM Thank you so helpful

3:01 PM yes indeed it is there

3:04 PM yes

3:08 PM off the subject, but our "Non-fiction that Reads Like Fiction" display has been up for months and is SO popular. Thanks for that.

3:09 PM Check out our tutorials on searching in NovelList by genre, appeal, themes and more:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjhobLoaOYU&list=PLmB3tN1AGPihV3YdtJCGcXufIhC1tovoB>