



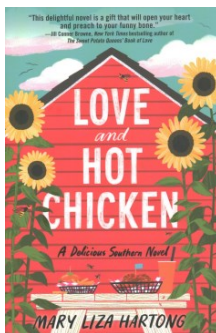
# Fox River Valley Libraries

Dundee Library • Randall Oaks Library

## Readalikes for *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books*

Dundee Library Book Club, May 2025

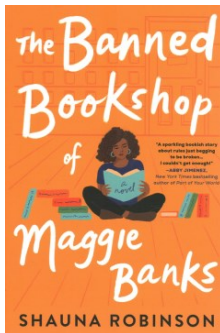
### Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



#### *Love and hot chicken : a delicious Southern novel*

by Mary Liza Hartong

Returning home to Pennywhistle, Tennessee, for her beloved daddy's funeral, PJ Spoon, abandoning her PhD program at Vanderbilt, impulsively takes a job as a fry cook at the Chickie Shak, where she meets and falls for Boof, a talented singer-songwriter searching for her birth mother.



#### *The banned bookshop of Maggie Banks : a novel*

by Shauna Robinson

Banned from selling anything written this century, bookstore manager Maggie Banks, to keep the business afloat, starts an underground book club that unexpectedly unearths a town secret that could upend everything, forcing her to choose between the books that formed a small town's history or the stories poised to change it all.



#### *The book charmer*

by Karen Hawkins

A New York Times best-selling author offers a story about a sleepy Southern town, two fiercely independent women and a truly magical friendship.



### *The last chance library*

by Freya Sampson

When her library is threatened with closure, June Hones, to save the place and the books that mean so much to her, must make some changes to her solitary life by opening her heart to the world around her and fighting for what she believes in.

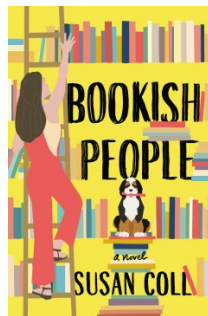


### *The reading list : a novel*

by Sara Nisha Adams

Working at the local library, Aleisha reads every book on a secret list she found, which transports her from the painful realities she's facing at home, and decides to pass the list on to a lonely widower desperate to connect with his bookworm granddaughter.

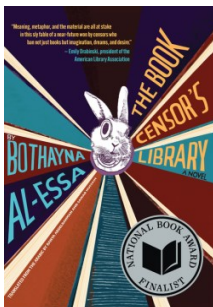
## Books at other libraries in our consortium



### *Bookish people : a novel*

by Susan Coll

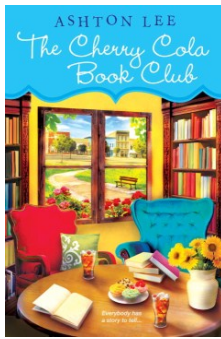
An independent bookstore owner tries to cancel an appearance by a renowned poet who has gotten into some hot water, but her events coordinator can't pass up the opportunity to find out if he is her biological father.



### *The book censor's library*

by Buthaynah °ālsāa

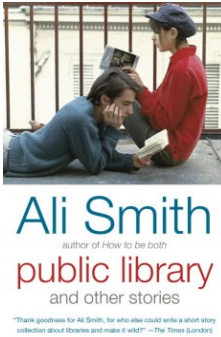
A censor working to remove all mentions of queerness, unapproved religions and any mentions of life before the Revolution from books is haunted at night by the characters of literary classics enticing him to read the forbidden tomes.



## ***The Cherry Cola Book Club***

by Ashton Lee

To save the library and her job, young librarian Maura Beth Mayhew starts the Cherry Cola Book Club and soon the booklovers of Cherico, Mississippi gather together to talk about literary classics, secrets, romance and dreams over potluck dinners featuring treasured family recipes.

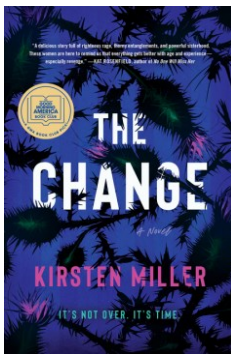


## ***Public library and other stories***

by Ali Smith

A new collection by the author of *The Accidental* celebrates the power of books and the libraries they live in, tracing the stories of such protagonists as a scholar who debates Wilfred Owen with her deceased father, a girl who discovers books bound with sheet music and a woman whose dreams seem to be set in a 1960s novel.

## **Also by Kirsten Miller**



## ***The change : a novel***

by Kirsten Miller

When midlife changes give three different women special powers, they come together to solve the murder of a teenage girl whom the police have written off as a drug- addicted sex worker—an investigation leading to a world of stupendous wealth where rules don't apply.