

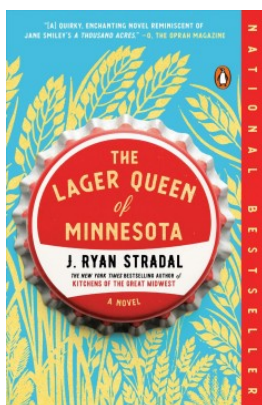


Fox River Valley Libraries

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Readalikes for *The Recipe Box* Dundee Library Book Club, July 2021

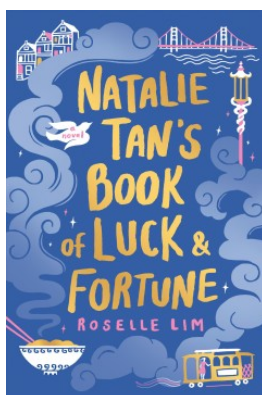
Books at the Dundee Library and/or Randall Oaks Library



The Lager Queen of Minnesota

by J. Ryan Stradal

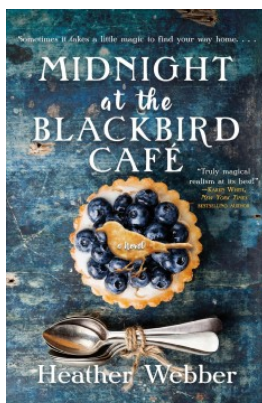
A talented baker running a business out of her nursing home reconnects with her master brewer sister at the same time that her pregnant granddaughter launches an IPA brewpub



Natalie Tan's Book of Luck & Fortune

by Roselle Lim

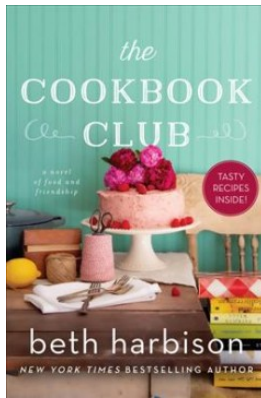
Inheriting her grandmother's restaurant in a crumbling San Francisco Chinatown neighborhood, Natalie receives some advice from the local seer that will help her struggling community, but she isn't sure she wants to help them try to turn things around



Midnight at the Blackbird Café

by Heather S. Webber

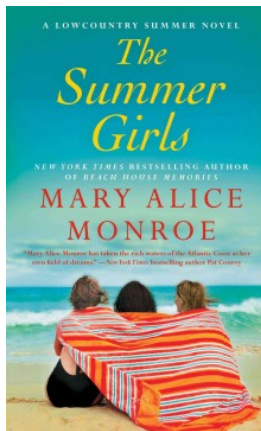
After the death of her beloved grandmother, Anna Kate travels to Wicklow, Alabama to settle her estate and sell the café she ran, but finds herself drawn to the quirky town and the mysterious blackbird pie everyone is talking about.



The Cookbook Club

by Elizabeth M. Harbison

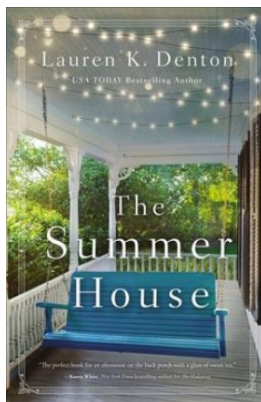
MUST LOVE BUTTER: The Cookbook Club is now open to members. Foodies come join us! No diets! No skipping dessert! Margo Everson sees the call out for the cookbook club and knows she's found her people. Recently dumped by her self-absorbed husband, who frankly isn't much of a loss, she has little to show for her marriage but his 'parting gift'-a dilapidated old farm house-and a collection of well-loved cookbooks. Aja Alexander just hopes her new-found friends won't notice that every time she looks at food, she gets queasy. It's hard hiding a pregnancy, especially one she can't bring herself to share with her wealthy boyfriend and his snooty mother. Trista Walker left the cutthroat world of the law behind and decided her fate was to open a restaurant... not the most secure choice ever. But there she could she indulge her passion for creating delectable meals and make money at the same time. The women bond immediately, but it's not all popovers with melted brie and blackberry jam. Margo's farm house is about to fall down around her ears; Trista's restaurant needs a makeover and rat-removal fast; and as for Aja, just how long can you hide a baby bump anyway? In this delightful novel, these women form bonds that go beyond a love grilled garlic and soy sauce shrimp. Because what is more important in life than friendship...and food?



The Summer Girls

by Mary Alice Monroe

Summoned by their grandmother to a historic family home on Sullivan's Island, estranged sisters Carson, Eudora, and Harper share a summer of healing and forgiveness while exploring the tenacious complexities of sisterhood and friendship.



The Summer House

by Lauren K. Denton

After her husband leaves her, hair stylist Lily Bishop accepts a position at the local retirement community where she, while contemplating her next steps, forms an unlikely friendship with Rose, the community's owner ,that brings about new beginnings and unexpected romance.

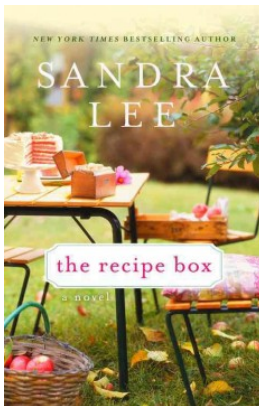


The Bitter and Sweet of Cherry Season

by Molly Fader

Three generations of women who come together at the family orchard to face secrets from the past and learn to believe in the power of hope and forgiveness.

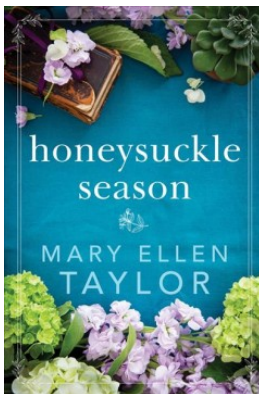
Books at other libraries in our consortium:



The Recipe Box

by Sandra Lee

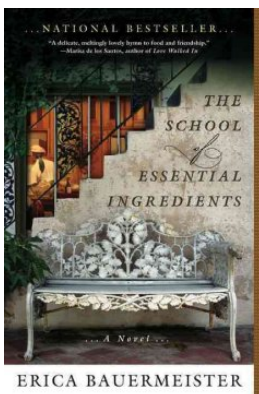
After her lifelong best friend Leeza loses her battle with cancer, Grace D'Angelo, along with her rebellious teenage daughter, moves back home to New London, Wisconsin where she reconnects with friends and family and re-discovers the healing power of cooking.



Honeysuckle Season

by Mary Ellen Taylor

Adrift in the wake of a parent's death, a divorce and multiple miscarriages, a wedding photographer accepts a job documenting the restoration of a historic estate while investigating long-buried family secrets.

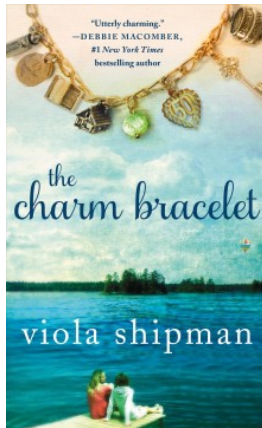


The School of Essential Ingredients

by Erica Bauermeister

Gathering at Lillian's Restaurant for a weekly cooking class, a young mother struggles with the growing demands of her family, an Italian kitchen designer works to adapt to life in America and a widower mourns the loss of his wife to breast cancer.

Other books by Viola Shipman:



The Charm Bracelet

by Viola Shipman

Through an heirloom charm bracelet, three women will rediscover the importance of family, love, faith, friends, fun, and a passion for living as the magic of each charm changes their lives

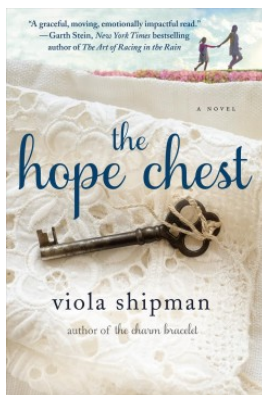


Christmas Angels

by Viola Shipman

Kate, a single woman in her 30s, works as a designer/decorator for a large interior landscaping company bedecking and bedazzling St. Louis for the holidays. Her work keeps her from spending the holidays with her family and masks the loneliness and pain after a nasty breakup just before Christmas.

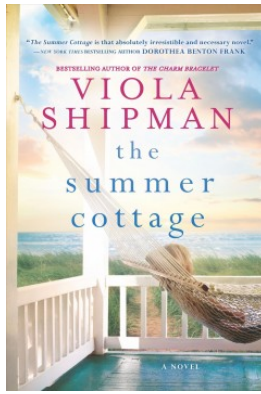
Known as "The Christmas Angel" for providing holiday beauty to the city's offices, homes, and malls, Kate's world changes when she decorates the home of a widowed single dad. Both soon realize that life (and love) must go on somehow and that perhaps Christmas (and guardian) angels are all around, if we only choose to see them.



The Hope Chest

by Viola Shipman

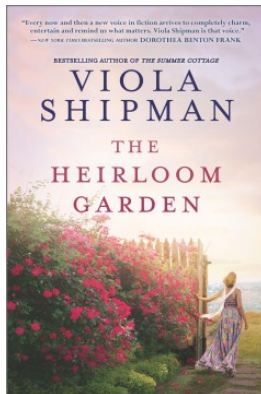
Three individuals—including fiercely independent ALS patient Mattie, her devoted but in-denial husband and her caretaker—unlock a parent's hope chest, in which they discover long-ago treasures that trigger inspirational memories.



The Summer Cottage

by Viola Shipman

Adie Lou Kruger's ex never understood her affection for what her parents called their Cozy Cottage, the charming, ramshackle summer home--complete with its own set of rules for relaxing--that she's inherited on Lake Michigan. But despite the fact she's facing a broken marriage and empty nest, and middle age is looming in the distance, memories of happy childhoods on the beach give her reason for hope. She's determined not to let her husband's affair with a grad student reduce her to a cliché or to waste one more minute in a career she doesn't love, so it becomes clear what Adie Lou must do: rebuild her life and restore her cottage shingle by shingle, on her terms. But converting the beloved, weather-beaten structure into a bed-and-breakfast isn't quite the efficient home-reno experience she's seen on TV. Pushback from Saugatuck's contentious preservation society, costly surprises and demanding guests were not part of the plan. But as the cottage comes back to life, Adie Lou does, too, finding support in unexpected places and a new love story on the horizon.

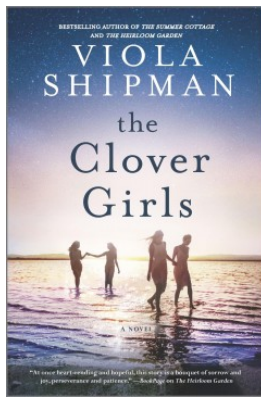


The Heirloom Garden

by Viola Shipman

Iris Maynard lost her husband in World War II, her daughter to loneliness and, finally, her reason to live. Walled off from the world for decades behind a towering fence surrounding her home and gardens, Iris has built a new family...of flowers. Iris propagates her own daylilies and roses while tending to an heirloom garden filled with starts—and memories of her own mother, grandmother, husband and daughter.

When Abby Peterson moves to Grand Haven, Michigan, with her family—a husband traumatized during his service in the Iraq War and a young daughter searching for stability—they find themselves next door to Iris, and are slowly drawn into their reclusive neighbor's life where, united by loss and a love of flowers, Iris and Abby slowly unearth their secrets.

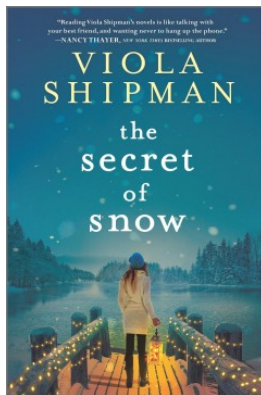


The Clover Girls

by Viola Shipman

Elizabeth, Veronica, Rachel and Emily met at Camp Birchwood as girls in 1985, where over four summers they were the Clover Girls—inseparable for those magical few weeks of freedom—until the last summer that pulled them apart. Now approaching middle age, the women are facing challenges they never imagined as teens, struggles with their marriages, their children, their careers, and wondering who it is they see when they look in the mirror.

Then Liz, V and Rachel each receive a letter from Emily with devastating news. She implores the girls who were once her best friends to reunite at Camp Birchwood one last time, to spend a week together revisiting the dreams they'd put aside and repair the relationships they'd allowed to sour. But the women are not the same idealistic, confident girls who once ruled Camp Birchwood, and perhaps some friendships aren't meant to last forever...



The Secret of Snow

by Viola Shipman

Coming in October 2021