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This Summer at Shain Library

It's been quite a year for all of us, and we are hoping that everyone is getting some serious downtime. As librarians, we are assuming that your downtime *might* include some reading. So this special email is dedicated entirely to summer reading!



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Lists to pick books from



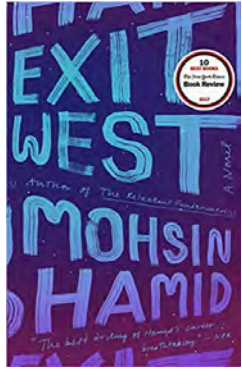
- This summer, the staff of the New York Public Libraries created a wonderful list that combines a book title with music to read it by. The list is called [Books and Music that Jam Together](#). Take a look!

Book Marks

- [Book Marks](#) is a subsection of the website Literary Hub. It is a review aggregator; that is to say, it pulls together published reviews of thousands of books. The books are categorized, so you can browse many, many titles. But **WARNING WARNING WARNING!!** Like YouTube, this can be a true wormhole, and if you don't exert self-control, you may not emerge until the fall semester....

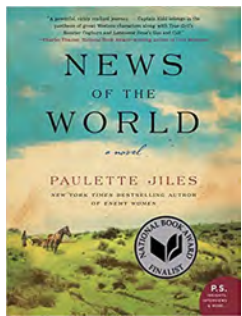


- Nancy Pearl, Readers' Advisory Librarian Emeritus from the Seattle Public Library, is every reading librarian's favorite librarian (she even has her own [action figure](#).) Here is her summer reading list from [NPR](#).

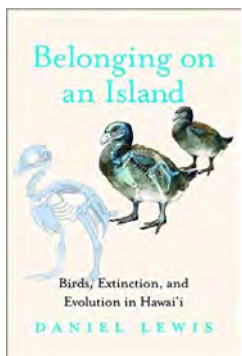


- **Exit West** by Mohsin Hamid, is the book selected for our incoming first years to read. It is also Southeastern Connecticut's One Book, One Region selection this year. Andrew Lopez of Shain Library has done a wonderful [Guide to Resources](#) for this title. Here's an interview with author, Mohsin Hamid "[With a book in your hands, you can get close to all sorts of things.](#)"

What Are We Reading? Some Staff Recommendations:

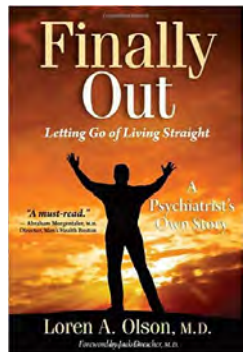


- **News of the World: a Novel**, by Paulette Jiles. Two people explore issues of identity and belonging in the post-Civil War West. (Lee Hisle, Information Services) [New York Times review here](#). Shain Library PR9199.3.J54 N49 2016

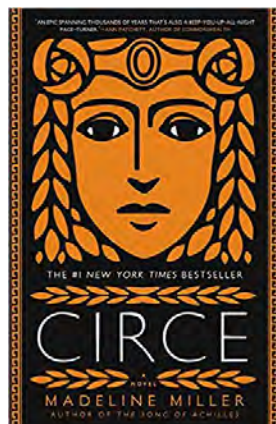


- **Belonging On an Island: Birds, Extinction, and Evolution in Hawai'i**, by Daniel Lewis. Through an exploration of four bird species (the

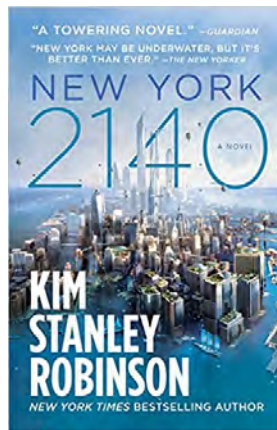
Stumbling Moa-Nalo, the Kaua'i 'O'o, the Palila, and the Japanese White-Eye), Lewis gives an interesting take on what it means to "belong" to a place - how this concept is influenced by evolution, time, and relationships, and how it can be applied to people, as well as birds. (Becky Parmer, Information Services) [Open Letters Review here](#) Shain Library, New Book Area QL684.H3 L49 2018



- **Finally Out: Letting Go of Living Straight**, by Loren A Olson. "... I just wish to thank you from the depths of my heart...I thoroughly enjoyed every page." (from a letter to the author from Noel Garrett, Academic Resource Center.) [Link to an NPR interview with author here.](#)



- **Circe, a Novel**, by Madeline Miller. The story of the daughter of a god finding her place between the worlds of mortals and immortals. (Emily Aylward, Information Services) [New York Times profile of the author and her book here.](#) Shain Library PS3613.I5445 C57 2018



- ***New York, 2140***, by Kim Stanley Robinson. Global warming has achieved its worst and sea levels have risen to the point that Manhattan is the new Venice. (Carrie Kent, Information Services) A review from [The New Yorker](#).

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