

Kathleen's Recent Reads October 2024

Non-Fiction

Atomic Habits by James Clear (available from our Chickadee Library Consortium partners)

Outlines how to build sustainable habits by breaking the elements of the habit down to their smallest parts, and building onto other habits.

Fiction

An Unwilling Spy by Loraine Sievers

A young woman working at the United Nations in the 1970s runs afoul of a smuggling operation, leaving her struggling to know who to trust. An unusual debut novel, written by a former U.N. employee and filled with insider knowledge. A Book Club Selection.

The Librarian Spy by Madeline Martin

Ava, an American librarian working with U.S and British intelligence services in Lisbon during World War II, and Elaine, a Frenchwoman who is a member of the Resistance, have never met, but both are committed to getting a Jewish woman and her son out of occupied France, into neutral Portugal, and on to America, where the family's husband and father await them. Well-researched historical fiction with an unusual setting. A Book Club selection.

Audiobooks (available on cloudLibrary)

Good Material by Dolly Alderton

After an unexpected breakup, a stand-up comedian comes to terms with the failure of his relationship and slowly learns to move on; his partner's point of view is shared in the last part of the book, wrapping up the story and reminding us that there are always two sides to a story. A charming and wistful account of the unraveling of a romance.

Winter Solstice by Elin Hilderbrand

A bittersweet ending to the series about the Kelly family of Nantucket's Winter Street Inn. This heartwarming series about a blended family is recommended binge reading for the festive season!

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

A community of Black and Jewish people, existing on the fringes of a small Pennsylvania town in the early part of the last century, are brought together by the kindness of the young Jewish woman who owns the local grocery store. McBride's characters will remain with you long after reading this winsome story.