



A 2026 Reading Challenge
From the Eldredge Public Library

In honor of America's 250th birthday, we'll be looking back at some of the defining moments in our nation's story.

From the sophisticated societies of Pre-Columbian America to the struggles of the Revolution, from the heartbreaks of the Civil War to the excesses of the Gilded Age, from the cracking of the atom to our journey to the stars—**American Tales** invites us to revisit eras we know well and explore those we've never investigated.

Each month offers a chance to dive into fiction and nonfiction from, about, or set in twelve distinct periods of American history. Pick up a map and reading suggestions at the Library or click the links on the reading list here.

Stop by each month to tell us what you read and have your map stamped, as you make your way across the country!



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August

WW1 & the Jazz Age (1917-1929)

WWI/Jazz Age Fiction

- [*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald](#)
- [*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemmingway](#)
- [*Jazz* by Toni Morrison](#)
- [*Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear](#)
- [*Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf](#)

WWI/Jazz Age Non-Fiction

- [*The great influenza: the epic story of the deadliest plague in history* by John M. Barry](#)
- [*Testament of youth: an autobiographical study of the years 1900-1925* by Vera Brittain](#)
- [*Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI* by David Grann](#)
- [*Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson](#)
- [*The radium girls: the dark story of America's shining women* by Kate Moore](#)
- [*Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition* by Daniel Okrent](#)

WWI/Jazz Age Cape Cod

- [*Attack on Orleans: the World War I submarine raid on Cape Cod* by Jake Klim](#)
- [*Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson](#)
- [*Chatham in the Jazz Age* by Debra Lawless](#)