

## American Tales



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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# December

## America of Tomorrow

### Fiction of Tomorrow

- [\*A Psalm for the Wild-Built\* by Becky Chambers](#)
- [\*A people's future of the United States : speculative fiction from 25 extraordinary writers\* edited by Victor LaValle](#)
- [\*Station Eleven\* by Emily St. John Mandel](#)
- [\*A Canticle for Leibowitz\* by Walter Miller](#)
- [\*Cloud Atlas\* by David Miller](#)

### Nonfiction of Tomorrow

- [\*Autocracy, Inc: the dictators who want to run the world\* by Anne Applebaum](#)
- [\*What if we got it right? Visions of Climate Futures\* by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson](#)
- [\*The future of humanity: terraforming Mars, interstellar travel, immortality, and our destiny beyond Earth\* by Michio Kaku](#)
- [\*The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History\* by Elizabeth Kolbert](#)
- [\*A city on Mars: can we settle space, should we settle space, and have we really thought this through?\* By Kelly Weinersmith](#)
- [\*Giving Up Is Unforgivable\* by Joyce Vance](#)