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**Off the Shelf:**

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The dog days of August are upon us...what to do? For starters, crank up the A-C, close the blinds, turn on the best light you have, and read. There is no cooler activity for this kind of weather. But what to read? Try these sites for guidance and a path to some great entertainment and enlightenment:

<http://www.nancypearl.com/>

You've heard her on NPR, you've seen the Nancy Pearl Librarian Action Figure for sale, now check out her Book Lust blog for some great reading suggestions

<http://www.pulitzer.org/bycat>

Should you want to raise the bar in terms of the quality of your reading this summer, check out these lists of past Pulitzer Prize for Literature winners

<http://www.shelf-awareness.com/>

Sign up for twice-weekly updates about the book business, new authors, and bestsellers, not to mention coverage about the latest book-to-film smash hit

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/boost-your-skills/23628.html>

You may be long past college, but you could not do better than this list of 100 books, a sort of "core curriculum" for literature

And don't forget two of our outstanding electronic resources – NoveList and Books and Authors. Both are accessible 24 hours a day via our Electronic Resources site on the library's webpage -- <http://www.pwcgov.org/library/electronicresources/index.htm>

### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

Fall is coming – while that cool Fall air is not yet here, the calendar says it will indeed arrive. When it does, new titles from bestselling authors will debut along with the fall colors. Due out in September and October are new novels by Terry Pratchett (Discworld); J. D. Robb (Eve Dallas); Richard Evans; James Patterson; Stuart Woods (Stone Barrington); Clive Cussler (Isaac Bell); Terry Brooks (Shannara); Alexander McCall Smith (Isabel Dalhousie), and Jacqueline Mitchard – to name just a few of the highlights. As the autumn leaves turn, you'll be sure to find yourself turning the pages of some new and exciting reading.

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