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- Strange Gods by Annamaria Alfieri (TPL)
- The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende (TPL)
- The Alehouse at the End of the World by Stevan Allred (King's Books)
- What It Means When a Man Falls from the Sky by Lesley Nneka Arimah (King's Books)
- Scaredy Cat by Mark Billingham (TPL)
- Red Rising by Pierce Brown (TPL)
- The Best Bad Things by Katrina Carrasco (King's Books)
- Soulless by Gail Carriger (TPL)
- To Capture What We Cannot Keep by Beatrice Colin (TPL)
- Star-Crossed by Minnie Darke (TPL)
- Freshwater by Akwaeke Emezi (King's Books)
- River of Teeth by Sarah Gailey (King's Books)
- The Girl He Used to Know by Tracey Garvis Graves (TPL)
- Shadows Fall by Simon R. Green (TPL)
- The Red Garden by Alice Hoffman (TPL)
- Mr. Splitfoot by Samantha Hunt (TPL)
- The Buried Giant by Kazuo Ishiguro (King's Books)
- How Long 'til Black Future Month? By N.K. Jemisin (King's Books)
- Breathless by Beverly Jenkins (King's Books)
- Stray City by Chelsey Johnson (King's Books)
- The Gunslinger by Stephen King (TPL)
- White Tears by Hari Kunzru (King's Books)
- Dear Cyborgs by Eugene Lim (King's Books)
- The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch (TPL)
- Polaris Rising by Jessie Mihalik (TPL)
- Convenience Store Woman by Sayaka Murata (King's Books)
- Romeo and/or Juliet: A Chooseable-Path Adventure by Ryan North (King's Books)
- Behind Closed Doors by B. A. Paris (TPL)
- Crocodile on the Sandbank by Elizabeth Peters (TPL)
- Nine Women, One Dress by Jane L. Rosen (TPL)
- The Last Time I Lied by Riley Sager (TPL)
- The Break by Katherena Vermette (King's Books)
- Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate (TPL)

Non-Fiction

- They Can't Kill Us Until They Kill Us: Essays by Hanif Abdurraqib (King's Books)
- High Voltage Women: Breaking Barriers at Seattle City Light by Ellie Belew (King's Books)
- The Gift of Fear: Survival Signals That Protect Us from Violence by Gavin de Becker (TPL)
- I Know What I Saw: Modern-Day Encounters with Monsters of New Urban Legend and Ancient Lore by Linda S. Godfrey (King's Books)
- Medallion Status: True Stories from Secret Rooms by John Hodgman (TPL)
- The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson (TPL)
- The Lives and Times of Archy and Mehitabel by Don Marquis (TPL)
- Becoming by Michelle Obama (TPL)
- The Language Instinct by Steven Pinker (TPL)
- Escape from Sobibor by Richard Rashke (TPL)
- Calypso by David Sedaris (TPL)
- Call Them by Their True Names: American Crises (and Essays) by Rebecca Solnit (King's Books)
- Fences: A Play by August Wilson (TPL)

Teen

- Swing by Kwame Alexander with Mary Rand Hess (King's Books)
- The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot (TPL)
- Emergency Contact by Mary H. K. Choi (King's Books)
- Earth Girl by Janet Edwards (TPL)
- Girl Mans Up by M-E Girard (King's Books)
- Looking for Alaska by John Green (TPL)
- Infinity by Sherrilyn Kenyon (TPL)
- Sawkill Girls by Claire Legrand (King's Books)
- Cinder by Marissa Meyer (TPL)
- A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (TPL)
- The Stars and the Blackness Between Them by Junauda Petrus (TPL)
- Tales from the Inner City by Shaun Tan (King's Books)
- American Street by Ibi Zoboi (King's Books)