

Book Selections for Adelante 2022-2023

September 21

Jane Crow: The Life of Pauli Murray by Rosalind Rosenberg

This biography illuminates the life of Pauli Murray, who played pivotal roles in both the modern civil rights and women's movements, overcoming racism and sexism. She had an impact in many other areas besides and deserves to be better known.

C-1, U-1 and via Hoopla

October 19

The Great Stewardess Rebellion: How Women Launched a Workplace Revolution at 30,000 Feet by Neil McShane Wulfhart

The true story of the sexism and gender discrimination practiced by airlines in the 1960's and 70's and the women flight attendants who fought the airlines and won.

C-1, U-1

December 7

The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried to Make Her Disappear by Kate Moore (author of Radium Girls)

The story of Elizabeth Packard, an Illinois woman committed to an insane asylum in Jacksonville in 1860. She found that she was not the only sane woman committed there. This book tells of her fight for her freedom and ultimately changes that freed many more.

C-2, U-1 and via Hoopla and OverDrive e books

January 17

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Dunbar-Ortiz exposes the genocidal policies of the United States that sought to eliminate the 15 million Native people who first occupied its land. She covers more than 400 years of history that has been covered up to form the popular telling of our national origin story. There is also a Young People's version of this book.

U-1; Young People's version: C-5, U-1

February 15

Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival, and Hope in an American City by Andrea Elliott

In this Pulitzer Prize winning best seller, Elliott explores the life of a girl and her family living in the projects in New York City. She portrays poverty, homelessness, and drug addiction and exposes the role that society has played in causing and perpetuating these life conditions.

C-3, U-1

March 15

Three Ordinary Girls: The Remarkable Story of Three Dutch Teenagers Who Became Spies, Saboteurs, Nazi Assassins and WWII Heroes by Tim Brady

The extraordinary story of three brave girls who joined the Dutch resistance during the German occupation of the Netherlands in WWII.

C-1, U-1 and via Hoopla

April 19

This is All I Got: A New Mother's Search for Home by Lauren Sandler

Sandler is an award-winning journalist telling the story of a young mother's search for stability and shelter in NYC during the first year of her child's life. This was a New York Times Notable Book for 2020.

C-2, U-1

May 17

Walk with Me: A Biography of Fannie Lou Hamer by Kate Clifford Larson

Fannie Lou Hamer, most famous for her speech on the floor of the 1964 Democratic Convention, began working with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee to help register voters in the early 1960's. She became a community organizer, women's rights activist, and co-founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party.

C-2, U-1

June 21

Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir by Marie Yovanovitch

This New York Times bestseller is from the former U.S ambassador to Ukraine who was recalled from her post by President Trump. She first came to the popular consciousness because of her congressional testimony during his impeachment hearing. Here she tells the story of her career before and during the Trump years.

C-5 and audiobook, U-2 plus book on disc

July 19

The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

This bestselling historical fiction novel is inspired by the blue-skinned people of Kentucky and Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project of the 1930's. This was a CPL Book Club selection.

C-15+

August 16

Crying in H Mart: A Memoir by Michelle Zauner

Another NY Times best seller, Zauner's memoir is about family, food, grief, love, and growing up Korean American.

C-5 (1 is LP), U-3 (1 is LP)