

WANDERLUST BOOK LOUNGE

September 2026



EVENTS AND NEWS

**Blowout Used Book Sale! –
9/12, 11am – 6pm**

Surprise! We are sneaking in one last used book sale before the weather turns to true autumn. All books \$2 each. Help us say farewell to summer and find your next read for the cozy fall ahead.

Back-to-School Happy Hour – 9/19, 5 – 7pm

Now that the kids are back to school, celebrate with a happy hour at Wanderlust! Snacks, drinks, a fun art project and book shopping. 21+ only event. Tickets will be available on our website for \$12/person. Reserve your spot early before spots fill up!

STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Check out our staff book recommendations for this month!

Erin: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson.

1930s Kentucky: Cussy Mary Carter is a packhorse librarian who brings books to the people of Troublesome Creek. She is also part of a family who has a unique shade of blue skin – a trait that causes suspicion and distrust within her own community. This historical fiction novel is as fascinating as it is educational, and honors those both from our past and current day who have worked hard to ensure education is available to all.

Debbie: *Daggermouth* by H. M. Wolfe.

This dystopian romance set in the corrupt city of New Found Haven follows Shadera Kael, a mercenary assassin forced to marry the president's son after she fails to complete her mission of killing him. In a society where love outside of your social circle is equivalent to a

death sentence, her marriage to Greyson Serel makes Shadera both a wife and a prisoner – and her survival is based on keeping their union alive. This spicy open-door enemies-to-lovers story had my face turning red on the bus – oh boy!

Kayleigh: *Etiquette & Espionage* by Gail Carriger.

After disassembling a dumbwaiter and falling into a dessert, Sophronia realizes she is being sent away to finishing school. But this school does more than teach manners and etiquette – they teach subterfuge and murder! And when mystery is afoot, it's Sophronia who has the gall to investigate.

Lisa: *God's Country* by William Kent Krueger.

In the newest installment of the Cork O'Connor mystery series, the eponymous former sheriff of Aurora, is troubled by concerning visions before leaving for a family trip into the Boundary Waters. The story that follows is a thrilling tale full of dangerous encounters as O'Connor searches for his missing friend, Cordell Bishop.

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUBS

Historical Fiction (Sun, 9/13 @ 5:00 pm) – *Shrines of Gaiety* by Kate Atkinson.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy (Thurs, 9/17 @ 6 pm) – *Of Masters and Mainframes* by V. E. Schwab.

Mystery/Thriller (Thurs, 9/17 @ 7:40 pm) – *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides.

Romance (Fri, 9/25 @ 6 pm) – *A Forbidden Alchemy* by Stacey McEwan.

Reading Liberally (Tues, 9/29 @ 6 pm) – *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN OCTOBER?

Banned Book Week 10/4 through 10/10

The Banned Book Week theme for 2026 is “Let Books Be: Protect the Freedom to Read.” WBL will be stocking up on banned books and have some fun games and prizes to celebrate!

Bothell Art Walk 10/8 from 5 – 8 pm

Wanderlust will be hosting an artist during the Bothell Art Walk. Free to attend. Come by to support local artists and shop for books from Bothell's own indie bookstore!

Spooky Happy Hour 10/17 from 5 – 7 pm

A Halloween-themed 21+ event with drinks, snacks, and a spooky art project. Tickets will be on sale starting in early October.