

WANDERLUST BOOK LOUNGE

July 2026



EVENTS AND NEWS

Summer Book Bingo – June to August

Come by the store to pick up a bingo sheet! Fun for all ages. Submit your bingo sheet by August 15 to be entered to win a prize!

Closing Early – 7/3 and 7/4, 11am – 4pm

Happy Independence Day! We will be closing early July 3rd & 4th so staff can celebrate with friends and family. Stay safe and have fun!

Author Meet and Greet with Ken Wilcox – 7/11 from 12 – 2pm

Ken Wilcox, author of *Hiking Snohomish County*, will be signing copies of his books at WBL. Come by to chat and get a jump on planning your hiking excursions this summer!

Bothell Wine Walk – 7/18 from 4 – 7pm

WBL will be hosting Naches Heights Vineyard. Tickets are available through the Bothell and Kenmore Chamber website.

Used Book Sales – 7/11 & 7/25, 11am – 6pm

We will be having two used book sales in July! Come by to check out our selection of used books! All used books \$2 each.

STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Check out our staff book recommendations for this month!

Lisa: *A Star from Calcutta* by Sujata Massey.

Set in 1920s India, the newest installment of the Perveen Mistry historical mystery series focuses on the glamour and intrigue of early Bollywood. A murder, a disappearance, and the dark web of lies that emerges as Perveen, the only female lawyer in Bombay, investigates and tries to solve the mystery that emerges.

Kayleigh: *The Chaos of Stars* by Kiersten White.

This Egyptian mythology romantasy tells the timeless Heroine's Journey away from and back to herself, her family, and her heritage. I've read this book at least 10 times and loved it every time. It's fantastical, heart-wrenching, and romantic.

Erin: *Upon a Starlit Tide* by Kell Woods.

An enchanting fairytale set in 1700s France that combines elements of *The Little Mermaid* and *Cinderella*. Lucinde "Luce" Léon comes from a well-to-do ship-owning family, but dreams of breaking traditional gender norms to have her own adventures at sea. After saving the youngest son of another

wealthy local family from drowning after a shipwreck, Luce's life is thrown into chaos as new relationships and difficulties change her future before her eyes. Full of beautiful prose and classic storylines with a new twist, this story will sweep you into a magical world that feels both familiar and fresh at the same time.

Debbie: *Samantha Spük: Paranormal Wedding Planner* by Aleese Lin.

Samantha has been trying to escape the magical legacy of her family her entire life. Her attempt at a normal life is interrupted, however, when the passing of her grandmother Rose draws her back to her hometown of Salem, Massachusetts. As the executor of her grandmother's (magically binding) will, Samantha is stuck doing odd jobs around town, like planning paranormal weddings, until she can get Rose's affairs in order. A fun debut romance with entertaining paranormal elements, this story is a great summer read.

JULY BOOK CLUBS

Historical Fiction (Sun, 7/12 @ 5:00pm) – *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Mohar.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy (Thurs, 7/16 @ 6pm) – *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by P. K. Dick.

Mystery/Thriller (Thurs, 6/18 @ 7:40pm) – *Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane.

Reading Liberally (Tues, 6/30 @ 6pm) – *The AI Con* by Emily M. Bender and Alex Hanna.

Romance (Fri, 6/26 @ 6pm) – *Tourist Season* by Brynne Weaver.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN AUGUST?

More Used Book Sales to Come!

Dates still to be determined, but we have lots of used books! More details to come in August's newsletter.

Happy Hour and Live Music on the Deck

Wanderlust will be hosting a happy hour out on the deck with live music in August, date still to be determined. Tickets will be on sale starting in early August, more details to come soon!