

WANDERLUST BOOK LOUNGE

January 2025



EVENTS AND NEWS

Hot Cocoa Bar – 1/17, 12-2pm

If you missed our free hot cocoa bar last month, don't fret! We will be serving up more sweetness for the new year! Stop by for a beverage and a new book to celebrate the start of a new year!

Inventory at WBL – 1/18

Wanderlust will be closed on Sunday, January 18th for inventory. Thank you for your support and understanding!

Poetry Night with UW Bothell

Gamut Club – 1/24, 6-8pm

WBL is partnering with UW Bothell's Gamut Club to host a cozy and welcoming poetry night. Feel free to stop in and listen and/or share your work. The first half of the evening will give Gamut Club members a chance to share their work, followed by an open mic.

A NEW YEAR AT WANDERLUST BOOK LOUNGE

Welcome to another year at WBL! We appreciate all of our customers and are looking forward to another wonderful year in Bothell thanks to you all.

STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Check out our staff recommendations for this month!

Blue: *They Bloom at Night* by Trang Thanh Tran.

I've been on a huge horror kick recently, I guess. *They Bloom at Night* is great horror because you, as the reader, know a lot more about what's going on with Nhung and the town of Mercy than she's willing to reckon with. As the world falls apart and she discovers what she does have in abundance, it gets truly touching at times. I'm a big fan of 'young adult that reads like it's for adults' and this is certainly that.

Lisa: *Booked for Murder* by P. J. Nelson.

After leaving Georgia to pursue a career on the stage with little success, Madeline Brimley receives news that her beloved Aunt Rose has died. Madeline, who is now the owner of her aunt's unique bookshop, returns home to take over the business, but things take a turn when she begins to receive threats from an anonymous caller. When she fails to heed these warnings and a murder occurs in the bookshop, Madeline must find the killer in order to save the shop and her own future.

Christina: *Paw Patrol: Rescue Wings*.

I love this book because the pups were parachuting and rescuing. I also like it because it reminds me of some teacher characters that I like.

Erin: *Wandering Stars* by Tommy Orange.

An honest and eye-opening historical fiction novel focused on the impacts of genocide and violence upon Native peoples in the U.S., both historically and in current-day society. The stories of father-and-son Jude and Charles Star and their descendants highlight the duality of hardship and resilience, as well as the importance of community and cultural identity for Indigenous Americans.

Debbie: *The Lucky Ride* by Yasushi Kitagawa.

Shuichi is down on his luck. Not only is he in debt to the company he works for, forcing him to cancel the vacation to Paris he and his wife have been planning for a year, but his daughter has also stopped going to school and won't leave her room. Just when he is feeling like he is the unluckiest man in Japan, he comes across a mysterious taxi that promises to take him to his next opportunity. What follows is a magical experience that will teach him about the true nature of life and luck.

JANUARY BOOK CLUBS

Historical Fiction (Sun, 1/11 @ 5:00pm) – *The Jackal's Mistress* by Chris Bohjalian.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy (Thurs, 1/15 @ 6pm) – *Acceptance* by Jeff VanderMeer.

Mystery/Thriller (Thurs, 1/15 @ 7:15pm) – *Exiles* by Mason Coile.

Reading Liberally (Tues, 1/27 @ 6pm) – *Migrant Crossings* by Annie Isabel Fukushima.

Romance (Fri, 1/30 @ 6:15pm) – *If Not for My Baby* by Kate Golden.