

WANDERLUST BOOK LOUNGE

February 2026



EVENTS AND NEWS

Valentine's Wine and Books – 2/6 from 5-7pm

Need a fun night out with your friends or partner? Wanderlust will be hosting a Valentine's event with wine, snacks, and books! Tickets are \$7/person, available for purchase on our website. 21+ event, space is limited so buy your tickets early to guarantee your spot!

FEBRUARY AT WANDERLUST BOOK LOUNGE

Love is in the air! Wanderlust is here to help you find your next love – in the form of a new favorite book. From romance novels that will sweep you off your feet, to cookbooks that will have your tastebuds swooning, let us help you find what you're looking for this month.

STAFF BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Check out our staff recommendations for this month!

Blue: *A Half-Built Garden* by Ruthanna Emrys.

A first contact book that's not what you're expecting. Full of people trying in earnest to understand each other and find out how to best cooperate on a generation-defining problem. And, maybe, a few human political enemies with their own goals.

Lisa: *A Murder Most French* by Colleen Cambridge.

American ex-pat Tabitha Knight lives in Paris with her best friend Julia Childs. Tabitha loves to taste the food at *Le Cordon Bleu* where Julia is a chef-in-training, but while observing a cooking demonstration open to the public, a master chef drops dead after drinking from a vintage bottle of wine that turns out to be laced with cyanide. Now Tabitha must solve the mystery of who is poisoning those around her and why.

Christina: *La Jornada Escolar de Peppa/Peppa's School Day*.

This book has a lot of animals, such as a lamb, bunny, horse, zebra and a pig as the main character – so many! This book has a gazelle teacher named Madame Gazelle. The book has school and muddy puddles at the end. I liked reading it in both Spanish and English.

Kayleigh: *Thornhedge* by T. Kingfisher.

A phenomenal, short stand-alone fantasy. My first five-star read of 2026.

Erin: *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller.

Not a fan of modern-day romance novels, but still want to read about love this Valentine's day? This beautifully written Greek retelling features war, love, and heartbreak amongst the gods and mortals, through battle and strife. A wonderful modern classic.

FEBRUARY BOOK CLUBS

Historical Fiction (Sun, 2/8 @ 5:00pm) – *There Are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak.

Sci-Fi/Fantasy (Thurs, 2/19 @ 6pm) – *Dreadful* by Caitlyn Rozakis.

Mystery/Thriller (Thurs, 2/19 @ 7:15pm) – *Picks and Shovels* by Cory Doctorow.

Reading Liberally (Tues, 2/24 @ 6pm) – *On Censorship* by James LaRue.

Romance (Fri, 2/27 @ 6:15pm) – *Before I Let Go* by Kennedy Ryan.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN MARCH?

Art Walk on 3/12, 5-8pm – WBL will be participating and hosting an artist. Free to attend, but lots of great art and books to be purchased! More information can be found through the Arts Alive Bothell website, artsalivebothell.square.site.

Wine Walk on 3/14, 4-7pm – WBL will be participating, so be sure to get your tickets early! Tickets are available through the Bothell and Kenmore Chamber website, bothellkenmorechamber.org/event/the-lucky-pour-wine-beer-spirits-walk/.

Women's History Month Tea on 3/22, 3-5pm – Celebrate Women's History Month with us! We will be hosting a Sunday afternoon tea party and featuring historical fiction written by and about women. There may even be a special guest... Stay tuned for more information coming soon! Tickets will be on sale through our website starting March 1st.