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## Tis the season for book lists

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Read any good books lately? Maybe you heard that old conversation starter over the holidays and didn't know how to answer because, to be frank, you haven't finished a book since you were in school.

Let 2015 be your year to fix that situation. Resolve to read. Catawba County Library can help. You don't have to invest any money to be well-read. The free public library lets you keep up with your reading at no cost. Checkouts are free. If you've made a New Year's Resolution to read more books, suggested reading lists can be a jumpstart.

Every New Year brings a barrage of lists in the book world. If you surf the web maybe you've seen some of the "best of" lists such as the best books made into movies, best-sellers of 2014, best new books for 2015.

Businesses and literary organizations such as Target, Amazon and Barnes & Noble have their own book lists, keeping future sales in mind of course. Many publications and news organizations tout the "best books" of 2014 according to their own editorial standards: *Huffington Post*, CNN, *New York Times*, Time Inc., National Public Radio, American Library Association.

The library also has a great new resource called "Books & Authors" to help you get started. This website is available to you free through the library at [www.catawbacountync.gov/library](http://www.catawbacountync.gov/library), click on e-resources from the top menu bar and then select the Books & Authors link on the right. If you want to be better read? Want to bone up on the classics or social issues? Maybe you just want to know which books are most popular. This is a fabulous site to help you find the right book to get you back into reading.

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