

# Andover Public Library News

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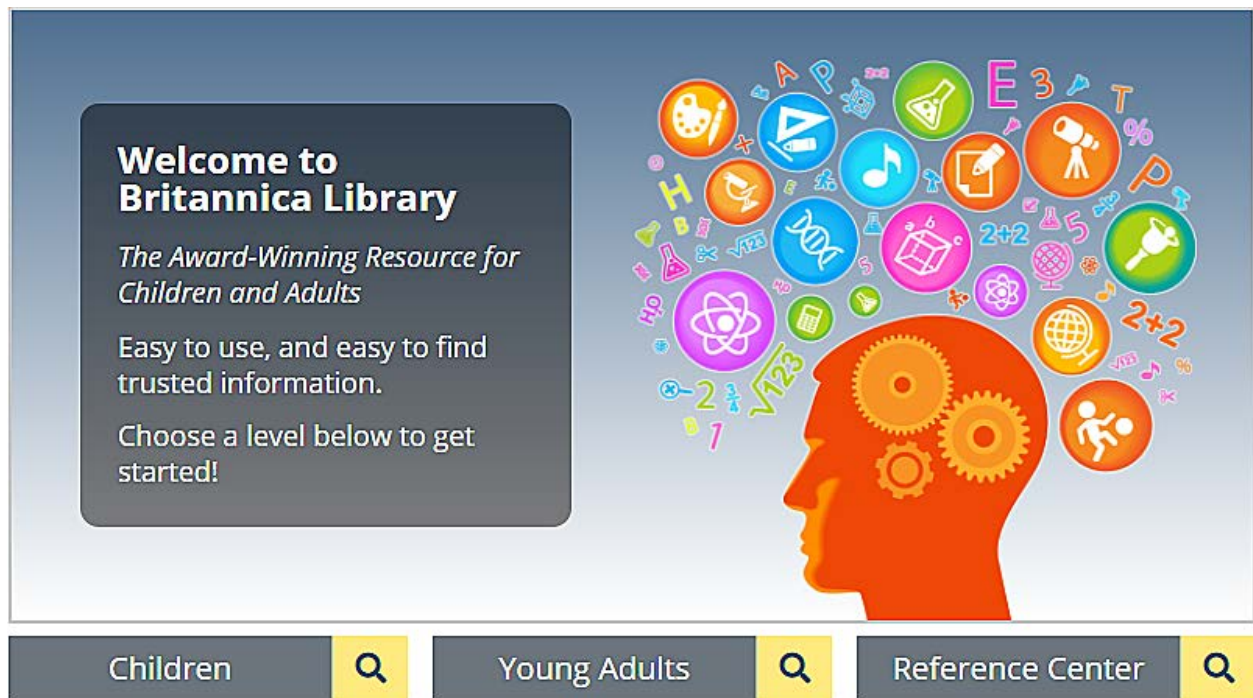
Coming soon to  
Andover's Central Park!

### READING CHALLENGES

Try out our new reading  
challenges for all ages.

### BOOK REVIEWS

A magic school and a YA  
international romance.






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# DISC GOLF COMING TO CENTRAL PARK

## COMING SOON

### TO

*Andover Central Park*



## 18 Hole Disc Golf Course



## In the coming weeks:

Tee pads will be poured

Posts & Baskets will be set

## Stay Tuned for future updates!

The City of Andover recently announced they are in the process of constructing an 18 hole Disc Golf course in Central Park, across the street from the Library.

The City's Parks Department will begin work on installing the disc golf components in the coming weeks, including pouring tee pads and installing poles and baskets. Keep an eye on the City of Andover's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for updates.

The Library is pleased to announce that thanks to a generous donation, we will soon be able to offer disc golf players Library activity packs that will include a selection of disc golf frisbees and instruction books for all ages.



# BEANSTACK CHALLENGES



Whether you're just entering the job market, coming back after time off, or starting over in a new field, this challenge will give you all the tools to find a new job. Complete activities like resume and interview tips, computer skills, and more.



Celebrate Black History by exploring cultural traditions and honoring the evolution of Black history in America. Complete activities and log your reading to earn badges.

January 1 to January 30



One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books together each day. As you read together, your child will gain skills that will prepare them for lifelong learning. Reading together is fun and will create life-long memories for both of you.

Visit the Library's Beanstack page to sign up or register for a challenge here: <https://andoverlibrary.beanstack.org/>



# 2021 Year-Long Reading Challenges



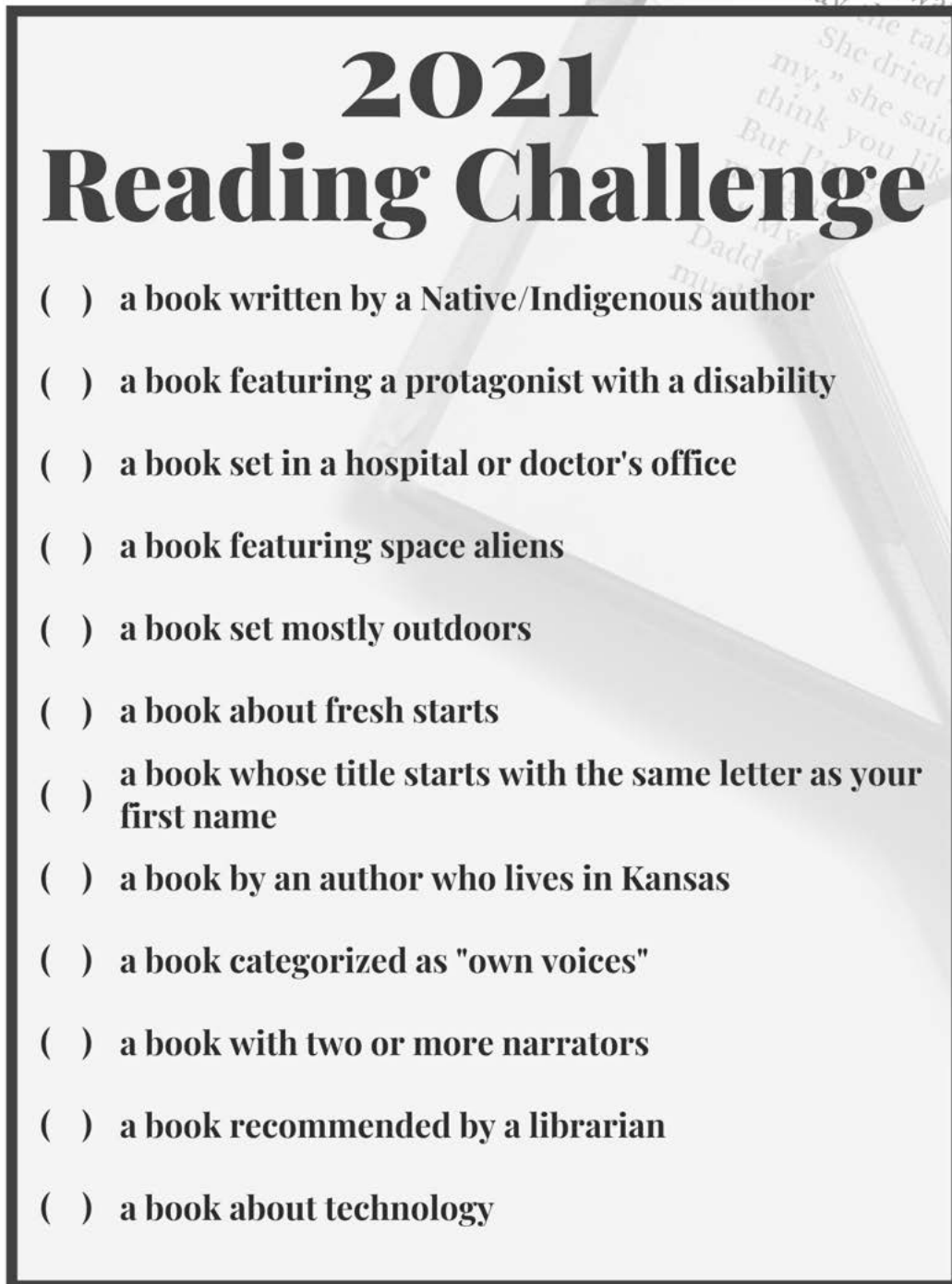
**EACH MONTH HAS A THEME. CHOOSE TO READ A BOOK THAT FITS WITHIN THE THEME.**

<b>JANUARY - SCI-FI</b> 1. Want by Cindy Pon 2. Heart of Iron by Ashley Poston 3. An Absolutely Remarkable Thing by Hank Green	<b>FEBRUARY - HISTORICAL FANTASY</b> 1. My Lady Jane by Cynthia Hand 2. The Kingdom of Back by Marie Lu 3. Flame in the Mist by Renee Ahdieh
<b>MARCH - DYSTOPIA</b> 1. Rebelwing by Andrea Tang 2. Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir 3. The Grace Year by Kim Liggett	<b>APRIL - ROM-COM</b> 1. I Love You So Mochi by Sarah Kuhn 2. Save the Date by Morgan Matson 3. Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds
<b>MAY - MYSTERY</b> 1. A Good Girl's Guide to Murder by Holly Jackson 2. They Wish They Were Us by Jessica Goodman 3. I Killed Zoe Spanos by Kit Frick	<b>JUNE - COMING OF AGE</b> 1. With The Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo 2. Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu 3. Love From A to Z by S.K. Ali
<b>JULY - CONTEMPORARY</b> 1. Slay by Brittney Morris 2. Frankly In Love by David Yoon 3. The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie	<b>AUGUST - GRAPHIC NOVEL</b> 1. Almost American Girl by Robin Ha 2. The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen 3. Teen Titan: Raven by Kami Garcia
<b>SEPTEMBER - STEAMPUNK</b> 1. Leviathan by Scott Westerfeld 2. A Winter's Promise by Christelle Dabos 3. Of Metal and Wishes by Sarah Fine	<b>OCTOBER - SUPERNATURAL</b> 1. Wicked Fox by Kat Cho 2. The Shadows Between Us by Tricia Levenseller 3. Ghost Wood Song by Erica Walters
<b>NOVEMBER - HISTORICAL FICTION</b> 1. Rebel Spy by Veronica Rossi 2. Inventing Victoria by Tonya Bolden 3. Butterfly Yellow by Thanhha Lai	<b>DECEMBER - FAIRY TALE RETELLING</b> 1. A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer 2. Stepsister by Jennifer Donnelly 3. House of Salt and Sorrows by Erin A. Craig

Click on the image to download a PDF of the challenge.

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Log your reading for this challenge on [Beanstack](#) and those who complete the challenge will be entered into a prize drawing at the end of 2021.



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## Everyone Has Read It Except Me!

2021: Choose one book each month to read to make your own reading challenge

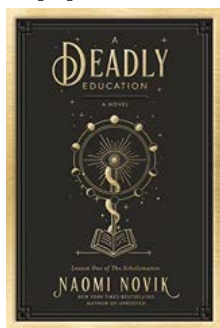
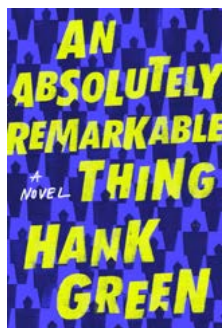
	JUVENILE	YA	CLASSIC	FICTION	NON-FICTION
<b>Jan.</b>	The Book of Three Lloyd Alexander	Ruby Red Kerstin Gier	The Phantom of the Opera Gaston Leroux	Kindred Octavia E. Butler	Endurance Alfred Lansing
<b>Feb.</b>	Mary Poppins P.L. Travers	The Throne of Glass Sarah J Maas	I Capture the Castle Dodie Smith	Jurassic Park Michael Crichton	I'll Be Gone in the Dark Michelle McNamara
<b>March</b>	The Dragonet Prophecy Tui T. Sutherland	Eleanor and Park Rainbow Rowell	Whose Body? Dorothy Sayers	One For the Money Janet Evanovich	The Federalist Papers Hamilton, Madison, and Jay
<b>April</b>	Where the Red Fern Grows Wilson Rawls	Truly Devious Maureen Johnson	The Scarlet Letter Nathaniel Hawthorne	Hunt for Red October Tom Clancy	The Library Book Susan Orlean
<b>May</b>	Howl's Moving Castle Diana Wynne Jones	Eragon Christopher Paolini	Dune Frank Herbert	Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine Gail Honeyman	On Writing Stephen King
<b>June</b>	The Secret of the Old Clock Caroline Keene	Renegades Marissa Meyer	Watership Down Richard Adams	The Tattooist of Auschwitz Heather Morris	The Power of Habit Charles Duhigg
<b>July</b>	Stuart Little E.B. White	City of Bones Cassandra Cass	A Tale of Two Cities Charles Dickens	The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell Robert Dugoni	Common Sense Thomas Paine
<b>Aug.</b>	Dinosaurs Before Dark Mary Pope Osborne	Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants Ann Brashares	Brave New World Aldous Huxley	The Furies of Calderon Jim Butcher	Rich Dad, Poor Dad Robert T. Kiyosaki
<b>Sept.</b>	Bud, Not Buddy Christopher Paul Curtis	The Children of Blood and Bone Tomi Adeyemi	The Grand Sophy Georgette Heyer	The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry Gabrielle Zevin	Diary of a Young Girl Anne Frank
<b>Oct.</b>	The Wishing Spell Chris Colfer	Illuminae Amie Kaufman, Jay Kristoff	Dracula Bram Stoker	North and South John Jakes	Thinking, Fast and Slow Daniel Kahneman
<b>Nov.</b>	The Black Stallion Walter Farley	Ruins of Gorlan John Flanagan	The Count of Monte Cristo Alexandre Dumas	The Martian Andy Weir	Angela's Ashes Frank McCourt
<b>Dec.</b>	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Barbara Robinson	Let It Snow Green, Johnson, and Myracle	Letters From Father Christmas J.R.R. Tolkien	Skippping Christmas John Grisham	The Man Who Invented Christmas Les Standiford

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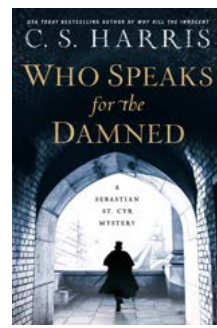
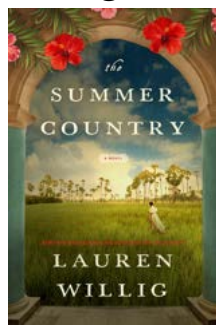


## STAFF'S FAVORITE BOOKS OF 2020

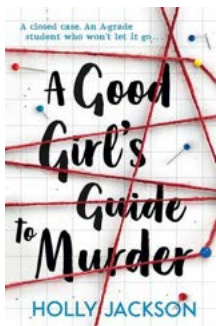
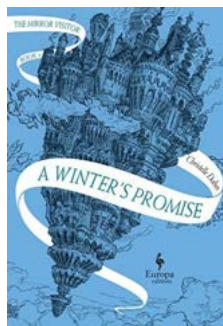
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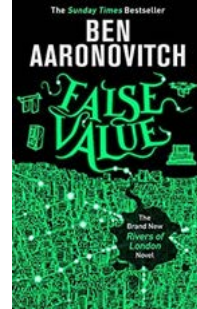
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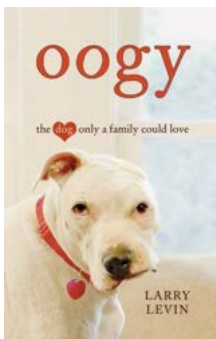
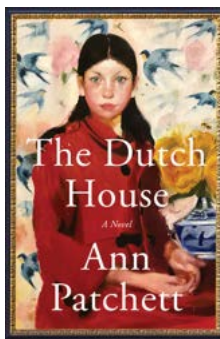
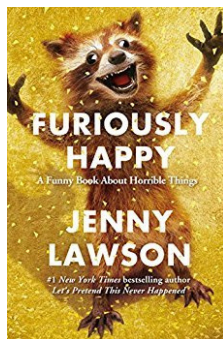
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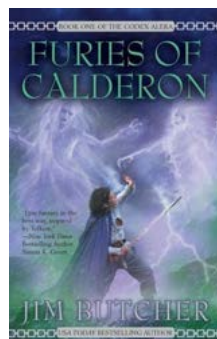
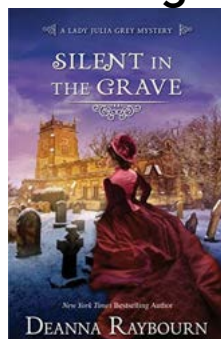
Tom, Library Director



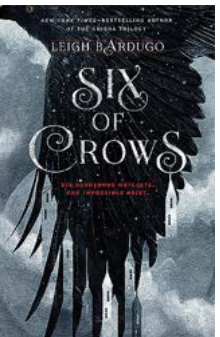
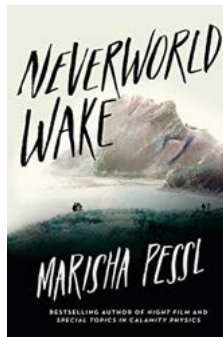
Kathy, ILL Librarian



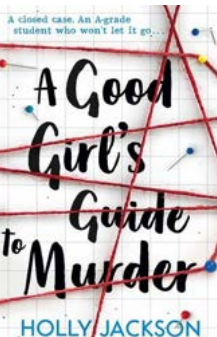
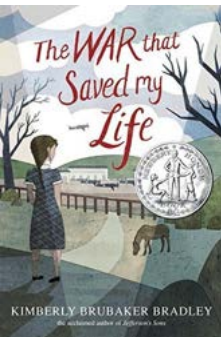
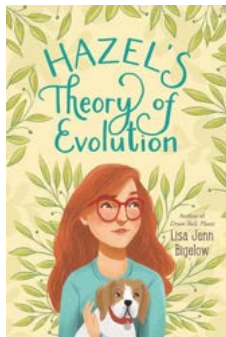
Jackie, Circulation Librarian &amp; Programming Specialist



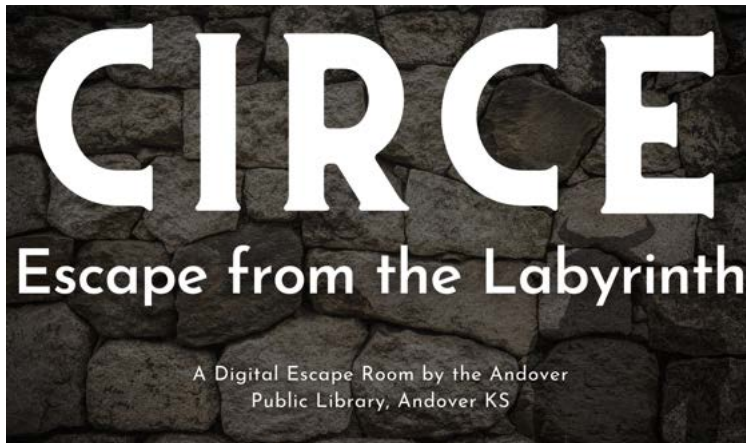
Sydney, Page



Jessica, Page



# CIRCE DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM AND BOOK DISCUSSION



Can you help Circe?

[Click here](#) to play our new digital escape room. Play games to help Circe travel through the Labyrinth. This digital escape room is perfect for older kids (5th-grade skill level and up) or as a family!

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## PERSONALIZED BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

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AT ANDOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



With the Library closed, finding new books to read can be difficult. We understand that and we're here to help!

Fill out our [Book Concierge form](#) online for personalized young adult (YA) and adult book recommendations.

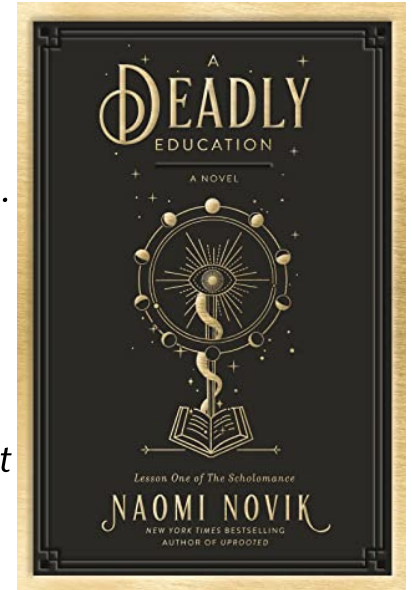
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# STAFF BOOK REVIEW

*Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered: there are no teachers, no holidays, and no friendships save strategic ones. Survival is more important than any letter grade, for the school won't allow its students to leave until they graduate. . . or die. The rules are deceptively simple: Don't walk the halls alone. And beware of the monsters who lurk everywhere. El is uniquely prepared for the school's dangers. She may be without allies, but she possesses a dark power strong enough to level mountains and wipe out untold millions. So El is trying her hardest not to use her power . . . at least not until she has no other option.*

- Publisher synopsis



[A Deadly Education](#) was such a surprise! At first, I had a hard time getting into the flow of the book and I was confused with the way the author just drops you into the story with so little information, but once I realized what she was doing, I Was. Hooked.

Novik starts [A Deadly Education](#) with no introduction and no explanation. She uses invented words and terms you're unfamiliar with and begins the story in the middle. You, as the reader, are left flailing and stressed and unsure of what's happening - much like many of the students who attend. It's such a powerful technique that really brings you right into the world and minds of the characters and creates an emotionally charged atmosphere that has you looking over your shoulder, scrutinizing the dark for nightmares hidden in the shadows.

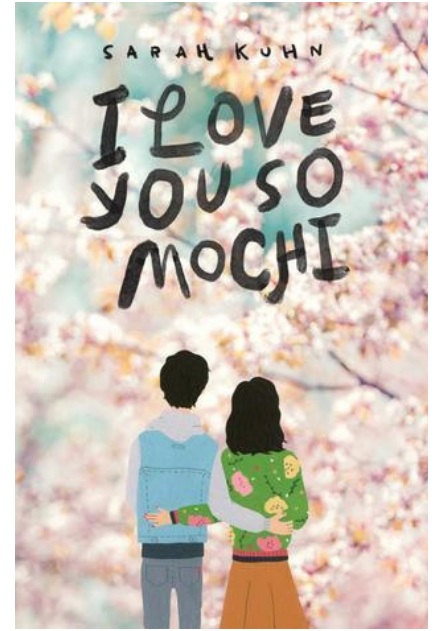
This book was everything I was hoping for and more. The characters were whole and complex, with little of the stereotypical broodiness and cheese that I often find in YA books. I can't wait for the follow-up to see what fresh, new horrors await senior year. This would be perfect for readers 14 and older and contains a lot of monsters that eat students, discussions of students and magicians who do dark deeds or kill others for magical powers, and a little language.

Review by Sara, Support Librarian

# STAFF BOOK REVIEW

[I Love You So Mochi](#) by Sarah Kuhn is an underrated coming-of-age young adult book that has a hint of a sweet romantic comedy. I'll admit seeing the word "mochi" in the title caught my interest because it is one of my favorite desserts to have. Who can turn down a book title that mentions one of your favorite things!

Kimi Nakamura loves fashion so much that she creates original designs for friends and for herself but her mother disapproves of her love for fashion. Kimi's mother expects her to become a well-known painter. Kimi does not feel the same way about painting as her mother. Her mother questions what Kimi wants



to do with her future. A question that Kimi could not answer herself. A letter arrives unexpectedly from her estranged grandparents who live in Kyoto, Japan. They invite Kimi to visit them for spring break. She decides to embrace the opportunity to escape the pressure she faces from her mom. When she arrives in Kyoto for the first time she experiences different parts of Japan's culture that is both familiar and unfamiliar to her. As she absorbs the beauty and joy of this city, she meets Akira. Akira is an aspiring med student who is helping his uncle to promote his business by being a mochi mascot. Little did they know that both of them would inspire each other.

This trip for Kimi turns into so much more than an escape. She begins to discover more about herself through her mom's past and what her mom left behind in Japan. Everything that she discovers in Kyoto, meeting Akira and spending time with her grandparents. She will soon understand what lies within her heart.

I recommend this book to anyone who likes reading a romantic comedy or is a fan of self-discovery. It is a kind of book that could be finished within a day. The pace does move quickly. However, I took my time reading this book because I wanted to enjoy every minute.

Review by Kendra, Lead Circulation Librarian and Young Adult Consultant