

UMRA Reads Book Choices 2025-2026

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Important Note: "Nominated by" indicates the name of the person who nominated the title, however all books were chosen by all current active readers who chose to participate in voting.

Meeting	Genre & Title	Author	Pages
May 28, 2025	HISTORY Autocracy, Inc.: The Dictators Who Want to Run the World <i>Nominated by Stephanie Minerath</i>	Anne Applebaum	224
June 25, 2025	MYSTERY/THRILLER We Solve Murders <i>Nominated by Sharon Grayden</i>	Richard Osman	400
July 23, 2025	THE CLASSICS A Tree Grows in Brooklyn <i>Nominated by Sally Eder & Richard Robinson</i>	Betty Smith	496
August 27, 2025	HUMOR An Elephant in My Kitchen <i>Nominated by Al Hermesen</i>	Francoise Malby-Anthony	320
September 24, 2025	BIOGRAPHY Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race <i>Nominated by Corrine Serrell</i>	Walter Isaacs	536
October 22, 2025	NON-FICTION The Message <i>Nominated by Sharon Grayden</i>	Ta-Nehisi Coates	232
November 19, 2025	AUTOBIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR The Tennis Partner <i>Nominated by Monica Starkman</i>	Abraham Verghese	345
December 17, 2025	"OTHER" Abridged Classics: Brief Summaries of Books You Were Supposed to Read But Probably Didn't <i>Nominated by Richard Robinson</i>	John Atkinson	160
January 28, 2026	SCIENCE FICTION In Ascension <i>Nominated by Sharon Grayden</i>	Martin MacInnes	496
February 25, 2026	HISTORICAL FICTION James <i>Nominated by Mary Clark, Beth Venier, Sharon Grayden, and Stephanie Minerath,</i>	James Perceval-Everett	303
March 25, 2026	MAGICAL REALISM/FANTASY The Song of Achilles <i>Nominated by Stephanie Minerath</i>	Madeline Miller	408
April 22, 2026	CONTEMPORARY FICTION North Woods <i>Nominated by Mary Clark and Monica Starkman</i>	Daniel Mason	372